

Camp Agape

Fall 2008 Newsletter



From the heart.....

Another summer has come and gone as we celebrate Camp Agape's eighth year as a non-profit organization. But the **healing and hope** that was experienced by all who attended our program this summer will be everlasting! Words cannot express my sincere gratefulness for each volunteer and donor who have helped to make our program so meaningful and supportive for the little hurting hearts we serve at our ministry for grieving children. To thank each of you would be like trying to count the stars in the sky, but be assured that you are making a difference in the lives of these children and they will forever remember their time at Camp Agape! As one child put it; "if there is a heaven, it must be just like Camp Agape!" May God bless each of you as you have blessed us with your time, talents and gifts.

Kim Turk
Camp Agape Founder



The Camp Agape board members, volunteers and kids would like to extend a special note of thanks to Jean Hamilton for her service as Director this past year. We wish her the best in her future career.

A special *Thank You* to the Camp Buckner and staff. Camp Buckner is a beautiful facility that has everything and more that we need for our campers. We look forward to returning next year.

Who we are:

Camp Agape is a non-denominational, faith-based program that supports children and families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The trained staff and counselors are committed to sharing the belief that there is HOPE beyond despair and will provide a safe and nurturing environment for the children to heal from the pain of grief.

What are we:

Camp Agape is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization operating in support of children between seven and twelve years of age who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Camp Agape offers the fun and activities of a summer camp along with a creative program focused on helping children work through their loss, learn from their grief and find new hope from their loss. The four-day program is offered at no cost to the children through sponsorships by private, community, and corporate giving. Camp sessions are held throughout the summer in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

Camp Agape Board Members:

Rev. Dr. Mark Tarrant, President
Larry Terrell, Vice President
Betty Will, Secretary
Dr. Elizabeth Defily
Dr. Julie Griffin
Kim Turk

Camp Agape Advisory Members:

Patti Fidler, Patricia Towal, Dodie Lemley,
Suzy Gayle, Larissa Grobe, Sharon Enderlin

Please visit our website: www.campagapetexas.org Learn more about Camp Agape. Download the volunteer application. Complete the "camper" application on-line. Donate money to send a child to camp. Find out how you can help!

Camper Grief Activities



Memory tables display pictures of lost loved ones



Therapy Activities

- Chalk Drawings
- Bop Bags
- Memory Lane Game
- Volcano Bottles
- Pinatas
- Feeling Cross
- Four Step Art
- Closing Circle
- Journaling



“Camp Agape was used in a mighty way to aid in the healing process of our grandson.”



A relative of a camper wrote:

“One activity that was especially life changing was “Four Step Art.”

Now he can draw to relieve tension in his life and he feels so good about his abilities.”

Camp Agape's creative program helps children work with their loss, learn from their grief, and find new hope from their loss.



Closing Circle

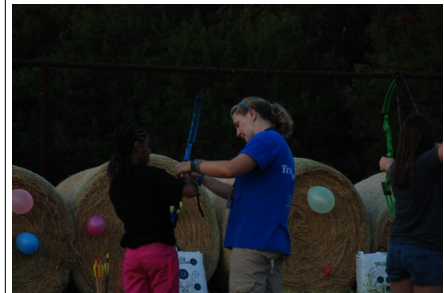


Memory Boxes

From a camper's Mom: “his memory box has become the repository for all REALLY special things.”

President of Camp Agape Board of Directors, Rev. Dr. Mark Tarrant, says “I think Camp Agape Ministry is a Grace filled ministry and one that can be grown to reach a national standing.....if not international.”

Campers, Buddies and Volunteers



The one-on-one buddy system is unique to Camp Agape.

A camper's relative wrote:

“The one-on-one buddy system is fantastic – how wonderful to have one special adult who gives you undivided attention for four days. I have never seen such a great response from volunteers.”



Camp Agape is able to operate each year due to the support of our many volunteers and many generous donations from folks like YOU.

Camp Agape 2008 Fall Newsletter

P.O. Box 1484
Marble Falls, Texas
78654



Camp Agape is a non-profit organization operating in support of children. Your tax deductible gifts are appreciated and needed to provide our service at no cost to the children. For more information, please visit our website www.campagapetexas.org, or email info@campagapetexas.org, or call 830-385-8916.