



A program of Joshua's Camp Corporation

To attend, please fill out the  
online application found at

[www.joshuascamp.org/guiding-star](http://www.joshuascamp.org/guiding-star)

Applications will be accepted  
on a first come basis.



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Perhaps the **stars** in the sky  
are loved ones letting us  
know they are nearby **guiding**  
us through the night





The Guiding Star camp takes place once a year at the luxurious Metropolis Resort in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. All lodging, meals and family activities are provided at NO COST to the families attending.

### **Who is eligible?**

Families who have lost a child (ages 0-17 years of age) to a life threatening illness within the last five years. A professional referral is required (healthcare professional, support group moderator, spiritual advisor, etc.).

### **Who should attend?**

This unique camp includes the whole family, parents and siblings.

### **What should be expected?**

The Guiding Star Camp is built around helping parents and siblings connect with each other and other families who have had a similar experience. These connections help to normalize and validate their experience, while offering the support needed for healthy healing. Some of the activities include:

- ★ Family Challenge activity
- ★ Group Discussions
- ★ Stepping Stones
- ★ Field trips to Trinity Equestrian Equine Center and The Children's Museum of Eau Claire
- ★ Outdoor Picnics
- ★ Therapy
- ★ Smores and outdoor campfire
- ★ Tribute Ceremony

A Bereavement Camp presented by Joshua's Camp Corporation

The Guiding Star Program is a holistic collaboration of Joshua's Camp Corporation, the Healing Place at Sacred Heart Hospital and Trinity Equestrian's Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. Each of the collaborating organizations brings to bear specialized capabilities and proven experience to create a truly unique professionally designed and conducted family retreat. The Guiding Star Program strives to focus on diminishing the isolating effects of grief by recovering the strength and wholeness of the family unit.

Being with families that have a common frame of reference brings them back into a supportive community. The program also creates a safe and comfortable place to share with others that are on (or have been on) the same path. Families are able to sense a genuine understanding and caring from other families, volunteers and staff.