

Who can attend?

Camp Kesem serves children who have lost a parent to cancer, have a parent undergoing cancer treatment, or whose parent is a cancer survivor—an estimated population of over 5 million children in the United States.

What age children attend camp? Camp Kesem serves children ages 6 to 18.

How long are the camps? The camps are typically one week in length.

How much does camp cost? Camp Kesem is completely free of charge to all children who attend.

Who runs the camps? Our camps are staffed by highly trained college student leaders. These students are carefully screened through a competitive interview process, and undergo extensive training prior to camp. In addition, our student leaders work year-round to raise funds, conduct outreach in their communities, and plan the programming necessary to make camp a truly unique and unforgettable experience. Each camp is also staffed with nursing and mental health professionals.

Can children return to Camp Kesem more than once? Yes! Kesem campers are part of our family for life. Our campers love the bonds they form with friends who return year after year.

Does Camp Kesem provide therapy? No. Our student leaders provide a warm and loving environment where children are free to share their feelings with one another. Our model focuses on providing a strong peer-based support network where children can find strength, hope, compassion and fun.

Where do I find a local camp? Visit kesem.org/find-a-camp.

How do I apply? Applications open in January of each year, and are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. All applications are submitted online at kesem.org/camper-application.

CAMP KESEM FAQ

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Kesem's mission of supporting children through and beyond a parent's cancer, and our vision of ensuring that every child impacted by a parent's cancer is never alone, can only be realized through an ongoing, steadfast commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in every part of our organization.

ASL information is available.
Contact us to find out more at support@campkesem.org

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*A child's friend through and beyond
a parent's cancer*

Kesem is a nationwide community, driven by passionate college student leaders, that supports children through and beyond their parent's cancer.

Kesem's flagship program, Camp Kesem operates 125 free summer camps across the country for children ages 6 to 18 who have been impacted by a parent's cancer.



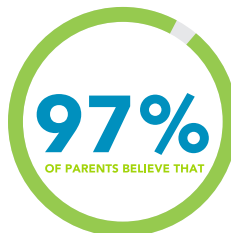
5,700+

COLLEGE STUDENT LEADERS INVOLVED WITH KESEM

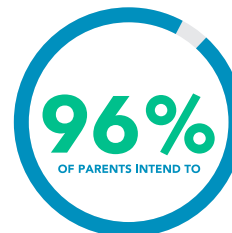
125 KESEM CHAPTERS

IN **44** STATES

100% of our student leaders undergo extensive training on how to create an environment where children feel safe, loved, and respected. Additionally, **80%** of our student leaders have been impacted by cancer—making them empathetic and relatable role models.



CAMP KESEM HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR FAMILY



SEND THEIR CHILD BACK TO KESEM EACH YEAR

when a child needs support the most
KESEM IS THERE

how does a parent's cancer
IMPACT A CHILD?

- ISOLATION from peers
- LOW academic performance
- LOSS OF social interest
- TAKING ON adult roles



there are **5 MILLION +** children IMPACTED BY A PARENT'S CANCER

A CHILD'S IMPROVEMENT AFTER KESEM

INCREASED COMMUNICATION SKILLS →

INCREASED CONFIDENCE & SELF-ESTEEM →

INCREASED COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT →

*As reported by parent surveys

“Camp Kesem is the only safe place where my child can share their experience of loss and grief with other kids who can relate to their feelings.”

—Camp Kesem Parent

