

# Summer Camp 2019

*Hope's Haven holds overnight summer camps for children in grades 4 to 12 who are current or former wards of the court.*

Our goal is to make each child's stay at camp one of their most precious memories. The Hope's Haven program is designed especially for children who have spent time in foster care or group homes, and they make up 100% of our campers. There will be one mentor (camp counselor) for every two campers, so each child will have a great deal of individual attention and supervision. Our activities are designed to be non-competitive and non-threatening but to be challenging and character building. We are a Christian camp with the goal of helping children find purpose and meaning in their lives and to build convictions that will last.



## The Hope's Haven Motto:

*What has happened in your life  
is important, but not as  
important as how you react to it  
and learn from it.*



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## CAMP LOCATION:

**Camp Swatara (Grades 4-12)**  
**2905 Camp Swatara Road**  
**Bethel, PA 19507**



*A place where children who have been  
abused and neglected  
have fun, find acceptance,  
feel loved, make friends, and enjoy  
God's creation.*

# 2019 Program Dates

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>DAYS</u>
4th-6th	June 5-8	Wed-Sat
7th-9th	June 9-12	Sun-Wed
10th-12th	June 13-16	Thurs-Sun

**Grade:** Use the grade that the child is going into fall 2019. Newly graduated 2019 high school seniors (returning campers only) also accepted.

## Christian Camp

Hope's Haven is a Christian camp that teaches biblical principles. It is not affiliated with any denomination or church.

## Location

Hope's Haven holds its overnight camps at beautiful Camp Swatara in Bethel, PA.

## Transportation

**Option 1:** The child's agency or caseworker may provide or arrange the child's transportation to and from camp.

**Option 2:** Hope's Haven will provide transportation from Harrisburg, Lancaster, York and surrounding areas. Hope's Haven staff will confirm the pick-up/drop-off location with the child's parent/guardian a few weeks before camp.

**Option 3:** Child's parent/guardian provides transportation to and from camp.

## OUR MISSION

*The purpose of Hope's Haven is to introduce abused and neglected children to the life-changing and healing reality of Jesus Christ and to help equip them to have meaningful, productive lives. We do this through a back-to-nature, fun-filled camping experience.*

### Requirements

We accept kids, aged 8 and up, who are current or former wards of the court. They may live in foster homes, group homes, or with their adopted or biological parents. We will accept a limited number of new campers for our grade 10-12 camp.

**GRADE:** Please register campers for programs based on the grade they will be going into in the fall of 2019. We use grade rather than age so that the child will be in the group with which he/she is used to functioning. We also accept newly graduated 2019 high school seniors (return campers only) for the grade 10-12 camp.

**PHYSICAL HANDICAPS:** We can take children with physical handicaps if they are able to function in a normal camp setting with no special facilities. They will need to be able to hike and walk up hills during activities. **Please call before registering to discuss on an individual basis.**

**MENTAL HANDICAPS:** We can take these children if they can function in one of our grade groups. We prefer that the child come to the camp with the age group with which they can best function. **Please call before registering to discuss on an individual basis.**

### Returning Campers

Our goal is to have a long-term mentoring relationship with our campers. Once kids have been to a summer camp, they are automatically invited back every year until they graduate from high school. They are invited back even if they have been adopted or return to live with a parent or relative.



### Camp Mentors

All of our mentors (camp counselors) are volunteers. The minimum age is 21. All have been through our staff training, and they have the necessary Criminal History and Child Abuse background clearances.

### Camp Activities and Insurance

All of the Hope's Haven camps are overnight. Activities include swimming, hiking, crafts, team sports, singing, skits, boating, campfires, and Bible studies. The camp is covered by liability insurance. Information regarding the policy is available upon request.

### Cost and Sponsorship

**The only cost is the \$5.00 registration fee**, which can be waived in cases of need. Hope's Haven is a nonprofit organization that is supported by churches, businesses, and individuals that want to give abused and neglected children an opportunity to experience a Christian camp. If you would like to financially support this ministry, please visit our website for various ways to give.

### Registration

The camper registration deadline is **April 30, 2019** for all three camps. You may print a registration form from our website at [www.hopeshavencamp.org](http://www.hopeshavencamp.org), or contact us at [info@hopeshavencamp.org](mailto:info@hopeshavencamp.org) or 570-850-9443 to have one mailed to you. Confirmations are mailed to the parent/guardian within two weeks of receiving a completed and signed registration form. Please note that there may be a waiting list.