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Special Love is excited to announce that this year's BRASS Camp theme is We Are Family! BRASS Camp will start on July 23rd and come to a close July 29th at Camp Maria in Leonardtown, Maryland. We have a solid week of fun in store for all siblings – everything from swimming and crafts to canoeing and crabbing on Breton Bay. The vast majority of our counselors are siblings of pediatric cancer patients which enhances the supportive community that surrounds your child(ren) at camp.

BRASS Camp gives **BR**others **And Si**sters of pediatric cancer patients a spotlight of their own. All children between the ages of 7 and 16 who are bereaved or have a sibling who has had cancer-specific treatment (surgery to remove a tumor, radiation, or chemotherapy) since July 2014, or a bone marrow transplant since July 2012, are eligible for BRASS Camp 2017. Campers ages 15 and 16 will participate in BRASS Camp as counselors-in-training (CITs).

Cost for the week of camp is only \$25 per child, which includes all expenses (or check the "Scholarship Requested" box on the registration form and we will waive the fee). Bus transportation will be provided from Norfolk, Richmond, and Fredericksburg, VA and from Bethesda, MD. Indicate on your application if your child(ren) will be riding on one of these buses. Space is limited, so please return your application(s) as **soon as possible**. Correct and complete information on your child(ren)'s camp application will ensure rapid processing and registration. Please pay particular attention to the sections that request information about what may be currently going on with your BRASS camper(s) or the cancer patient in your family, such as recent treatments, pending surgeries, bone marrow transplants or other procedures, emotional issues or the recent death of a sibling. Please make sure to thoroughly read the application before filling it out.

The full completion and return of all of the enclosed forms, and a **photo** of your child (4x6, school photo, Polaroid, etc) are very important in processing your application. **A copy of their health form with a copy of insurance card is necessary and your application is incomplete without it.** There is space on Form 1 to list all siblings who are applying for camp, but there is only one copy of all other forms. If you have more than one child who will be applying to camp, you must fill out a complete set of forms for each child. You may feel free to make copies of all appropriate forms or visit www.speciallove.org to download extra copies. Please provide complete information and answer all questions so that we can best care for your child(ren) while at camp. This year we will mail out a confirmation post card saying we have received your child(ren) camp application and will let you know if something is NOT completed properly.

In order for your child(ren) to be considered for camp, the completed forms and photo should be mailed to BRASS Camp, Special Love, Inc., 117 Youth Development Court, Winchester, VA 22602, as soon as possible, but no later than May 15, 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at our toll free number 1.888.930.2707 or email me at aashman@speciallove.org. We are all excited about this year's BRASS Camp program and look forward to having your child(ren) participate.

Sincerely,

Angela

Angela Ashman
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