



Gift for the Next 100 Years

Grief Camp Project for victims of The Touhoku Region Pacific Coast Earthquake

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Ready for the visit to El Tesoro de la Vida - Grief Camp by Camp Fire USA First Texas Council-

Camp Fire USA First Texas Council has been kind enough to invite four representatives of NCAJ to their Grief Camp, "El Tesoro de la Vida", to learn about the Grief Camp. This week-long camp for bereaved children has a history of more than twenty years. There are many things for us to learn, such as counselor training, programming of the camp week, activities for grief work, cooperation with professionals, fund raising, public relations, etc. We are certain that we will be able to learn much. We also think that it is very important for us to witness how camp is a good place for grieving children. After returning to Japan, we will complete our plan for our Grief Camp and its training curriculum for the camp counselors. There are many cultural differences between the US and Japan (the languages also!), so we will need to make many adjustments for the children of Japan. However, this visit will be very useful for us to have a good example and to document the evidence that camp is a good place for them.



Learn more about El Tesoro de la Vida

<http://www.campfirew.org/CampFire/Families/CampElTesoro/GriefCampElTesoroDeLaVida/tabid/188/Default.aspx>

Name the World – the edge of sharing a new idea-

A Brazilian educator, Paulo Freire told about the importance of "Name the World". It means, when an object is named, it becomes an exchangeable idea. Here in Japan, the same as other parts of the world, camp has been used as a way to approach societal challenges. And there were singly some camps for bereaved children. Now we have the term "Grief Camp", and we can exchange the idea more easily. In the near future, we may call this camp by another name, but now we are on the edge of sharing a new idea of camp for the children by receiving the named idea, "Grief Camp".

Presentation at the ICC / AOCC in Hong Kong

Have you registered for the International Camping congress in Hong Kong?

In a breakout session, NCAJ will have a presentation on our preparations for Grief Camp. Although the content of the presentation is "blank" at this moment, we hope this will be an opportunity for exchanging ideas for this type of camp.

Please come to Hong Kong and join us!

Visit the website : <http://www.icc2011.org.hk/>



We ask you to...

- Provide information about previous grief camps
Research about the camps, articles about the camps, staff training materials, etc., are welcome.
- Donate to support the project
Donations are being accepted through the ICF website: <http://www.campingfellowship.org>

Contact : National Camping Association of Japan
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The full project plan is available at http://www.camping.or.jp/grief_camp_ncaj.pdf

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It's a miracle that we have you in the camping community. ARIGATOU !**