



Partner Agency Nomination Form

We're excited that you've chosen to nominate a child to attend Camp HOPE America 2019! Camp HOPE America is the first camping and mentoring initiative in the United States to focus on children exposed to domestic violence.

Please answer the questions below so that we can know a little bit more about the child that you're nominating. Due to limited space, please note that we are not able to guarantee attendance for any child. We will be conducting screening interviews with children and their parents/guardians before officially offering spots for camp. Thank you for your understanding!

1. What is your name? _____
2. What is your relationship to the child? _____
3. What is your phone number? _____
4. What is your email address? _____
5. What is the name of the child you are nominating? _____
6. What services is this child currently receiving (therapy, childcare, etc.)? _____

7. How long ago did this child experience/witness domestic violence or another form of abuse? _____
8. Is the child currently in a stable home environment (i.e. was not recently put into foster care, no longer lives with the abusive party, etc.)? Yes No Please describe. _____
9. Has this child had the opportunity to process their trauma with a mental health professional? If so, please describe. _____
10. How have you seen this child handle conflict or not getting his/her way? How does the child handle conflict? _____

11. Does the child have any known behavioral issues? If yes, please describe. _____

12. If this child has had behavioral difficulty in school recently, what has been the nature of that difficulty? _____

13. What are some potential challenges that might arise if this camper attends Camp HOPE America? _____

14. What do you believe that this child/family would gain from involvement in Camp HOPE America? _____

15. Is there anything else that would be helpful for us to know in advance? _____



Site Coordinator Meet and Greet Questionnaire

Due to limited space, please make clear to every child and his or her parent/legal guardian that you are unable to guarantee a spot at Camp HOPE America to every interested child. This purpose of this Meet and Greet is for you to gather the information necessary to accurately assess camper eligibility for campers that you may potentially invite to attend Camp HOPE America 2018. Camp HOPE America Best Practices require meeting with the parent/legal guardian and the child separately.

Interview with the Parent/Guardian

Date of Interview: ___/___/___

1. What is the name of the parent/guardian? _____
2. Has their child had any issues at school recently? How does their child interact with other kids their age? _____

3. How does their child react when they experience something new? _____
4. Does their child respond to conflict with violence (either at school or in the home)? _____

5. Would the parent/guardian be willing to describe any emotional or behavioral challenges that their child currently faces?

6. How would the child respond to spending an extended period of time away from the home? _____

7. What excites the parent/guardian most about the possibility of their child attending Camp HOPE America?

8. Is there any other information that we should know about? _____

Interview with the Child

Date of Interview: ___/___/___

1. What is the child's name? _____
2. What is the child's age? _____
3. What grade is the child currently in? _____
4. Does the child like their teacher? _____
5. Who do they hang out with at school? _____
6. Ask the child to explain a recent event that made them feel angry or frustrated. What did they do with their anger or frustration?

7. Has the child ever spent an extended period of time away from home? If so, how did the child respond? if not, how might the child respond? _____
8. Ask the child if they know what Camp HOPE America is. If they do not know, explain camp to them. Do they want to go to camp? Why? _____
9. Sometimes camp can involve challenging or even scary things, like climbing high and learning new things about yourself. Do they like experiencing new things? What do they do when they are pushed outside of their comfort zone? _____

Invite the Child to Take the Camp HOPE America Non-Violence Pledge

Sample Script Adapted from Camp HOPE America - Oklahoma, OKC

Site Coordinator: Camp can be really awesome and if you go to Camp HOPE America, we're going to get to do a lot of fun activities. We want to keep everyone safe, so we have some rules. How do you feel about rules?

(Child Responds)

Site Coordinator: Well, we don't have a lot of rules, but there is one really big rule that is really important. If this rule isn't followed, there is a really big, negative consequence. Do you want to guess what the rule is?

(Child Responds)

Site Coordinator: Camp HOPE America's big rule is that we never use our hands or our bodies to hurt other people. Why do you think we might have that rule?

(Child Responds)

Site Coordinator: Repeat after me: "I promise never use my hands or my bodies to hurt other people."

Child Repeats: "I promise never use my hands or my bodies to hurt other people."

Site Coordinator: Everyone at Camp HOPE America has experienced some kind of hurt or violence. We won't know every person's story, but we do know that everyone has been hurt at some point. At Camp HOPE America, we want everyone to feel safe and never have to worry about how they will be treated. If you choose to use your hands to hurt someone else, you will have to leave camp and will miss out on all of the fun. What do you think of that consequence? Does that seem fair to you?

(Child Responds)

Site Coordinator: If you get to go to camp, will you be able to follow this rule?

(Child Responds)

Site Coordinator: I'm so proud of you! You're making a really good choice—not just for camp, but for life. When two people make a promise or a deal, they shake hands to make it official. Will you shake my hand to seal the deal?