



**CAMP GOOD HOPE AND TEEN ENCOUNTER  
“A RIVER ADVENTURE”**

PALATKA — The Hospice of the Nature Coast Wings Grief Support Team presented Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Federal Point in East Palatka. At these grief support camps, hospice grief support professionals and trained volunteers helped guide campers through the experience of grief and loss

through therapy sessions and discussions designed to expose feelings and to help the children cope.. It was also an opportunity for kids and family members to gather together for a day of fun on the St. Johns River.

With “A River Adventure” as this year’s theme, Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter began in downtown Palatka at the dock of the Quality Inn. There, campers started their river adventure by boarding a variety of exotic speed boats and cruisers which delivered them to the campsite at Federal Point. The river adventure continued as campers enjoyed kayaking and fishing on the St. Johns River. Plenty of excitement was had on land as well, including arts & crafts, volleyball, bounce house, inflatable slide and other field games. Throughout the day, participants enjoyed refreshing snacks and drinks as well as a tasty lunch.

In age-appropriate group sessions led by hospice grief specialists, campers were provided with tools to help them better cope with the loss of a loved one. Hospice of the Nature Coast Medical Director Bobby Lafferty, DO, and Eric Jump, DO, of Kids Care Pediatrics, hosted “Ask the Doctors,” a question-and-answer session about how grief and loss affect the body. Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter closed with a ceremonial wreath release on the St. Johns River.

As a community service, the *Wings* Grief Support Team of Hospice of the Nature Coast provides grief support services at no charge to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Hospice of the Nature Coast is a program of Hospice of Citrus County, Inc., licensed in 1985. To learn more about hospice services, visit [www.hospiceofthenaturecoast.org](http://www.hospiceofthenaturecoast.org) or call 386-530-4600.

CUTLINE FOR PHOTO: The Hospice of the Nature Coast Wings Grief Support Team presented Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Federal Point in East Palatka. Campers enjoyed kayaking on the St. Johns River in addition to other fun activities and grief counseling group sessions.