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Info Bulletin

ASSINIBOINE, BRANDON and CENTRAL RHAs ORGANIZE CAMP BRIDGESa camp for bereaved children and teens

Southport – April 22, 2009: The Regional Health Authorities of Assiniboine, Brandon and Central are organizing the fourth annual Camp Bridges weekend, a weekend camp for bereaved children and teens. Camp Bridges will be held at Camp Wannakumbac Clear Lake on May 29, 30 and 31, 2009. One of the main goals of the Camp is to help address the gap in bereavement services for children and teens. This is achieved through activities designed to help share grief and honor memories in a caring community environment.

The Camp will provide a safe, supportive and fun environment where grieving children and teens learn that they are not alone in their grief and are free to share their thoughts and feelings with peers who are going through a similar experience. This camp is intended to complement existing bereavement services for children and teens by providing a weekend of “caring and sharing”.

The cost for holding the camp totals \$15,000. A special joint committee is working hard to help raise funds so that all campers may attend at no cost. Donations are being accepted to help cover the camp rental, meals, and activities, such as arts and crafts, archery, campfires, and canoeing. Anyone wishing to donate can contact/forward a donation to their respective Regional Health Authority.

Camp Bridges 2008 was held last June at the Pembina Valley Bible Camp Site and hosted 30 children and teens between the ages of 7 and 17.

“Love builds bridges where there are none.”