Kesem at Chestnut Hill

What is Kesem?

Kesem is a nationwide community, driven by passionate college student leaders, that supports children through and beyond a parent's cancer. Kesem's flagship program, Camp Kesem, operates over 130 free summer camps across the country for children ages 6 to 18 who have been impacted by a parent's cancer. Kesem programs have a lasting impact on children by providing them a peer-support network that understands their unique needs, builds confidence, and strengthens their communication skills. In 2019, Kesem served more than 10.200 children in 44 states – all funded by generous donations from individuals and corporate support.



A child's friend through and beyond a parent's cancer.

Who are we?

Our chapter, Kesem at Chestnut Hill was founded in 2014 and is operated by 50 dedicated student volunteers! Our group meets throughout the year to plan and provide the best support we can for our campers. All of our coordinators and counselors complete extensive training and commit to further the Kesem mission in our community.



Kesem at Chestnut Hill supports children in the New England area and beyond by providing a free week-long summer camp experience and year-round peer support. Kesem at Chestnut Hill currently serves around 60 campers ages 6-18 and hopes to grow in the future!



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Camp Kesem

Every August, Camp Kesem at Chestnut Hill holds a sleep-away camp in New Hampshire. Our trained volunteers, nurses, and campers partake in a week of singing, screaming, dancing, and other fun activities. We kayak, paint, learn archery and play a lot of messy games! Our goal is to give each child an escape from the hardships they are facing and allow them to be a kid again.

Other Programming
When we are not together at camp, our chapter plans two
Friends & Family Days, which are programs to bring together our
Kesem families in between Camp
Kesem sessions.





Kesem is back for in-person camp!

August 21- 26, 2022 Camp William Lawrence in Center Tuftonboro, NH



How to Register

Go to Kesem.Force.com/Login and use your username and password to log on! Then go to "Pick a Camp," select Camp Kesem at Chestnut Hill, and press "Register. This will allow you to fill out applications for your camper(s). Be sure to update any new information to your account. You will be able to review your application status in the "My Applications" tab.

