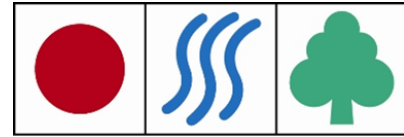


## A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN



AND

# NCAJ

National Camping Association of Japan

**The Disaster:** The international camp community was deeply saddened by the impact of the March 11, 2011, Pacific Coast earthquake and tsunami in the Tohoku Region of Japan. The International Camping Fellowship (ICF) made immediate contact with the staff of the National Camp Association of Japan (NCAJ). After discussion between the leadership of NCAJ and ICF, the idea of providing support to establish grief recovery camps for the children who lost a family member in the disaster was born.

**The Response:** There was an unprecedented and generous response from the international community of financial contributions, offers of spaces for Japanese children in camps, and ideas and knowledge from countries with experience in grief recovery programs. NCAJ assembled a working committee to design a culturally appropriate program for Japanese children. The full plan is posted at the website of the International Camping Fellowship [www.campingfellowship.org](http://www.campingfellowship.org). The program is expected to begin providing camp sessions as early as the spring of 2012 in cooperation with YMCA Japan and Asahi Shinbun Social Welfare Organization.

**The Resources:** Subsequently, the Campfire USA First Texas Council which has provided a grief recovery camp, El Tesoro de la Vida for the past twenty-five years, volunteered their assistance in development of the program. Four NCAJ representatives participated in an August session of the camp, including the staff training and consultation with El Tesoro psychologists. Regular updates of progress in planning the program are posted on the ICF website.

**The National Camp Association of Japan is profoundly grateful to the camp community for their support and acknowledges the generous donations listed on the reverse of this page. In addition, they would like to thank the following organizations:**

- **Campfire USA First Texas Council, El Tesoro de la Vida staff (US)** - Hosting of NCAJ representatives during their 2011 summer camp session
- **Nairamdaal International Youth Center (Mongolia)** - offer to host Japanese children
- **Camp Wenonah and Camp Tawingo (Canada)** - offer to host Japanese children
- **Youth Bridge (China)** - offer to host Japanese children
- **The Camp Group (US)** - offer to host Japanese children
- **Camp Erin (US)** - information on grief recovery programs

