



DATES: September 25-27, 2009

Host Camp: Fowler Camp and Retreat Center

Lake Sacandaga, NY

Here is a quick recap for you of the 2008 camp:

Camp Erin – Albany had 50 campers & 60 volunteers. Upon arriving at Camp Erin, each camper received a home-made quilt, a handmade teddy bear, a Camp Erin backpack with a journal and pen, flashlight, toothbrush, toothpaste and soap. During the weekend campers created Dream Catchers – it was explained the meaning and significance of a Dream Catcher, the activity was facilitated by a grief counselor; participated in a Memory Hike – they made stones for each of their loved ones, the stones were placed at the end of the hike for the campers to find; campers created and decorated drums – a favorite activity with the campers, then played them as a group; and each camper participated in the Luminary Ceremony (most effective activity of weekend) – they decorated bags and placed them at lake's edge, lit the candles in the luminaries and placed on raft to float out in lake, each camper was given a star necklace to wear after lighting their candle. After the raft disappeared from sight and tears began to dry, the campers moved to the camp fire and made s'mores and told stories. The weekend was a huge success!