



Camp Jon

WILLIAM O'BRIEN STATE PARK
MARINE, MINNESOTA
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

Named in honor of Jon Francis, Camp Jon is a **FREE**, full day, fun and hands-on wilderness health and safety training camp that will provide an opportunity for families, children, and adults of all ages in our community to come together, **learn how to go safely into the wilderness and find health and enjoyment in nature.**

- + Alone or with others, learn how to enjoy the beautiful and inspiring outdoors safely
- + Discover the health benefits of outdoor activities
- + Learn wilderness safety and survival planning. *"Never Go Unprepared or Unaware."*
- + Increase knowledge, skills, problem solving and empowerment. Then venture into and enjoy the wilderness. *"Be Safe, Be Smart and Be in Charge of Your Destiny."*
- + Prevent backcountry loss, accidents and injuries

For more information and to register, visit:

→ jonfrancisfoundation.org



Jon Francis

The Jon Francis Foundation is dedicated to saving lives through wilderness health and safety education, empowering families who have suffered the loss of an adult loved one in the wilderness and advocating for legal protection for missing adults.

We cannot perform our mission without you. Your support helps us to honor Jon's life and memory and to bring some good from his loss. Thank you.

Donate

Please consider making a gift so we can continue to achieve our mission!

Tax deductible gifts may be donated through our website:

jonfrancisfoundation.org

Contact us for Wilderness Safety Training, assistance with missing adults, or information about passing laws for missing persons in your state.

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Lake Jon, Sawtooth Range, Idaho

"It's not what we gather, but rather what we scatter that defines our life."

— Jon Francis

Dear Friends,

Every day we are reminded that the Jon Francis Foundation is an heir to Jacob Wetterling's legacy. Patty Wetterling called us in July 2006 when our son, Jon, went missing in Idaho. She offered her sympathy and the help of the Jacob Wetterling Foundation (JWF). Jerry and Patty have become our friends and mentors and we modeled the Jon Francis Foundation after JWF.

The Jacob Wetterling Foundation was a lifeline to us. We were determined that we would pay it forward and become a lifeline to others. We have done that:

40 family engagements

Guidance, grief support, missing person searches in 18 states + Ontario, CA

6 families

have reached out to JFF in the last year for help in their missing person search

5,000 people

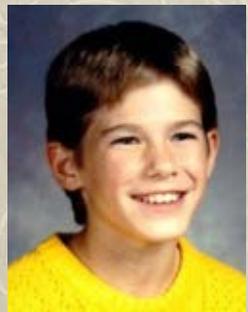
have received free life-saving information and devices

70 presentations

on preventing wilderness accidents given to over 3,000 people

61 campers

attended the first annual Camp Jon in June 2016



Jacob Wetterling

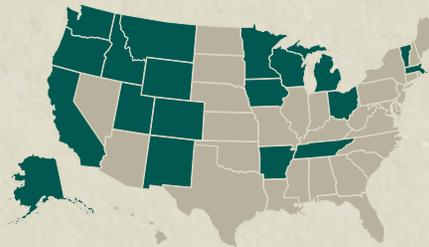
Jacob Erwin Wetterling (February 17, 1978 – October 22, 1989) was raised in St. Joseph, Minnesota. Jacob was kidnapped from his hometown at the age of 11 on October 22, 1989. His disappearance remained a mystery for nearly 27 years. On September 6, 2016, a man confessed to kidnapping and murdering Jacob.

Four months after Jacob Wetterling's abduction, his parents, Jerry and Patty Wetterling, formed the **Jacob Wetterling Foundation**, an advocacy group for children's safety. In 1994, the federal

Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act was passed, which established guidelines for states to track sex offenders and required states to track sex offenders by confirming their place of residence annually for ten years after their release into the community.

In 2008, the foundation started by Jacob's parents became the **Jacob Wetterling Resource Center**. It carries on the work started by the Wetterling family—"to educate the public about who takes children, how they do it and what each of us can do to stop it".

The Jon Francis Foundation (JFF) is an heir to Jacob's legacy. We are determined to pay it forward and become a lifeline to others. With your help, we can do that.



Joe Keller

You may recall that Joe Keller, 18, went missing in July 2015. His parents, Neal and Zoe Keller from Cleveland, Tennessee, called the Jon Francis Foundation (JFF) for help. JFF organized and managed a large scale, privately funded search for Joe.

His remains were located a year after his disappearance at 10,000 feet, on the northern cliffs in the Conejos River Canyon in southwestern Colorado. **The cost of the search was over \$10,000.**

Because of your commitment and generosity, we were able to resolve the unresolved loss of a grieving family. And without the persistence and skill of many dedicated search and rescue professionals we might not have been able to join together for a celebration of Joe's brief life.

I (David Francis) had the privilege to be present with Neal and Zoe at Joe's Celebration of Life Service at the Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee on August 27, 2016. Zoe, Neal and I spent many hours together talking about our common journey through the valley of the shadow of grief.

Also, Neal and I examined maps and search documents in an attempt to reconstruct Joe's path. Trying to figure out "what happened" is important for two reasons: 1) it is one of the early steps that survivors take to understand and cope with loss. And 2) it helps our search and rescue volunteers to get smarter.

Your generosity helps us to resolve agonizing unresolved loss.



Recognizing Jerry and Patty Wetterling for their invaluable support to JFF

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