

DEAF & ASL CAMPS

Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center
Knoxville, MD



Residential camps ~ Aug 3-8, 2014

Deaf Camp—ages 7-19 ~ ASL Camp—ages 7-18

Cost: \$440 per camper ~ Scholarships available!

To register, visit www.deafcampsinc.org

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All Baltimore-Washington Conference programs and facilities are open to all persons regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnic background, or national origin. All programs at our sites have a Christian education focus.

Tell me more about Deaf Camp!

How do I register?

Visit www.deafcampsinc.org or call the Office of Retreat and Camping Ministries at 800-922-6795.

What activities will there be at camp?

Campers swim, hike, go rafting, do arts and crafts, play games, and make new friends! Campers will be grouped by age based on enrollment. All of the groups get together for meals and special evening activities.

Can my child get a scholarship to help with the cost of camp?

We provide full and partial scholarships to about 60% of our campers each year. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need. Please visit <http://www.deafcampsinc.org> for a scholarship application.

How will sign language lessons be conducted in the ASL camp?

Research shows that language learning happens best in an immersion environment. While ASL Camp occasionally features formal lessons, the majority of learning takes place through informal, hands-on lessons (for example, learning the signs for the items on the table during a silent meal) and through interactions with counselors and peers. Older ASL Campers will share lodging and all activities with Deaf campers, giving them a true immersion experience.

We're not Methodist/We're not Christian. Can my child attend camp?

YES! We welcome campers of all backgrounds. Parents can request for campers to be excused from morning Bible Study and/or Evening Chapel. If you are concerned about this issue, please contact deafcampsinc@gmail.com to discuss options.

My child has special needs. Can he/she come to camp?

We welcome all types of children to camp! Most campers can be successfully included in camp activities, but it is important that you communicate with us about your child's needs. Our counselors have experience working with children with special needs such as autism, cerebral palsy, and developmental delays. Manidokan has a registered nurse on site to take care of medical needs. In a few cases, the physical layout of the camp may be too demanding, or a child may not be ready to spend a full week away from home. If you have a child with special needs, please contact deafcampsinc@gmail.com so that we can discuss your child and make sure he or she can be successful during camp.

My child is Deaf/hard of hearing but not fluent in ASL. Can he/she attend camp?

Yes! Please contact deafcampsinc@gmail.com to discuss the best placement for your child. In our Deaf Camps, all activities are conducted in American Sign Language. For a child who is still learning ASL, our ASL Camp may be a better fit.

Will my child fit in at camp if he/she ... is hard of hearing? ... uses a cochlear implant? ... attends a public school?

Absolutely! In our Deaf Camps, all activities are conducted in American Sign Language, so everyone has equal access to communication. We always have campers from a variety of educational backgrounds, some who use hearing aids or cochlear implants and some who do not, so campers learn to respect diversity and have a chance to make new friends.

My child has a cochlear implant (CI). Will he/she have a place to recharge the batteries?

Yes. Most of our facilities have electricity. The Older Deaf/ASL Camp will be staying in the shelters, which have no electricity. Campers who need to recharge batteries will be able to use one of the lodges or the nurse's office.

Can my family receive a discount for registering multiple children?

Unfortunately, there is no discount for multiple registrations. (This is the campsite's policy, not Deaf Camps, Inc.'s.) However, if you are registering multiple children and facing financial difficulty, please apply for a scholarship from Deaf Camps, Inc or consider volunteering to receive a 25% discount off of one registration.