



CAMP OVERBROOK: *IN SIGN* 2021

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March 16, 2021

Dear Director, Principal, Deaf Educators, Teachers and Guidance Counselors,

We are thrilled to once again host **CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2021**, a 10-day in person summer day camp for children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing who use sign language. The dates are June 21 to July 2, 2020. **CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2021**, will be held at the same site as last year, Saint Joseph's University, Maguire Campus on City Avenue. We are appreciative of the Maguire Foundation, Saint Joseph's University as well as other local foundations for supporting this camp. The Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is the host of the camp.

We will be following all the Covid-19 protocols required by the CDC, state, county and St. Joseph's University. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>) The detailed procedures will be posted and kept updated at www.CampInSign.org. Mask wearing, distancing, enhanced cleaning/disinfecting, cohort planning and increasing the amount of outside programming will be put in place to reduce risk.

CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2021 provides a learning environment that includes language and character development, arts & crafts, sports, swimming, drama, a field trip to the Franklin Institute and cultural enrichment. Deaf story tellers, performers, athletes and other role models will be part of the afternoon cultural events each day. Most often these activities will be outside or in a space where we can follow the guidelines mentioned above.

The camp brochure will be sent to families with children who previously attended camp. Camp brochures are included in this mailing. Please, pass them on to interested parents/guardians. All children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing are welcome to attend this camp. Our camp leaders are willing to focus on IEP goals related to socialization, learning strategies and other specific goals related to language development during these two weeks. Children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and may have additional disabilities or behavior needs have been successful at camp with one-to-one support, Therapeutic Staff Support (TSS) or Personal Care Assistant (PCA) provided by the Local Educational Agency (LEA) or Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP).

If you send home announcements of summer opportunities please include **CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2020**. Contact us at: 215-587-3913 (phone), 267-507-1215 (video phone), CampInSign@archphila.org (email) if you have any questions, or would like additional information about the camp.

For this brochure and more about camp go to: www.CampInSign.org. Parents/Guardians can use the form within the brochure to register or the online registration. Also a brief announcement about the camp in English and Spanish is provided on the back of this letter.

We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sr. Kathleen Schipani
Sister Kathleen M. Schipani, Director

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS

CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2021 is a two-week in person summer day camp for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Camp is held on weekdays, June 21-July 2, 2021 at Saint Joseph's University, Maguire Campus. All participants will be required to follow all camp rules related to covid-19 protocols including mask wearing and distancing. Swimming, art, field activities and daily bible classes are offered in sign language. Some counties provide transportation if parents request it at their IEP meeting. To Register online or see the brochure, go to: www.CampInSign.org. Partial scholarships are available. For more information call the Deaf Apostolate at 215-587-3913 (phone) or 267-507-1215 (video phone) or email CampInSign@archphila.org. For Spanish Language users call Darlene at 215-667-2820 for information and assistance with registration.

CAMPAMENTO OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2021 es un campamento de dos semanas para niños sordos o con dificultades auditivas. El campamento se lleva a cabo durante el día desde el 21 de junio hasta el 2 de julio en el Maguire Campus de Saint Joseph's University. Todos los participantes deberán seguir todas las reglas del campamento relacionadas con los protocolos de covid-19, incluido el uso de máscaras y el distanciamiento. Natación, arte, actividades de campo y clases de Biblia diaria son ofrecidas en lenguaje de señas. Algunos condados puede que proporcionen transporte si los padres lo solicitan en su IEP meeting. Para registrarse en línea o ver el folleto, vaya a: www.CampInSign.org. Hay becas parciales disponibles. Para obtener más información, llame al Apostolado de Sordos al 215-587-3913 (teléfono) o 267-507-1215 (teléfono de video) o envíe un correo electrónico a CampInSign@archphila.org. Para usuarios de idioma español, llame a Darlene al 215-667-2820 para obtener información y asistencia con el registro.