



CAMP OVERBROOK: *IN SIGN* 2021

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have exciting news that we will host **CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2021**, an in-person summer day camp for Deaf/Hard of Hearing children at Saint Joseph's University, Maguire campus. 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.

To ensure that our campers and staff are in a safe environment, we will follow the Covid-19 protocols required by the CDC, county and St. Joseph's University. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/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 will take place on weekdays from June 21 – July 2, 2021, from 9AM to 2PM at Saint Joseph's University, Maguire Campus on City Ave. The fee for this 10-day camp is **\$85.00**. Children ages 6 to 15 in elementary or middle school are eligible to attend camp. For families with more than one child, the registration fee is \$50.00 for each additional child. If any family needs assistance with payment, please contact us to request a partial scholarship. We receive grants and donations which enable us to keep the cost per family at a minimum.

Camp Overbrook provides a unique experience for children who are deaf and hard of hearing to be with peers, teen assistants and adults who are fluent in sign language. Deaf storytellers, performers, athletes and other role models will be part of the afternoon cultural event each day. Most often this will be outside or in a space where we can follow the guidelines mentioned above. Camp also gives us an opportunity to have 10 days of Bible story lessons each morning. This summer we will have a very creative and skilled staff and are planning some new exciting activities.

We encourage parents/guardians to ask your Local Education Agency (LEA)/school district to provide transportation to camp. You can request this during your child's IEP meeting or contact the LEA/district with this request. Also, note that 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. **Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will not be providing van transportation from designated locations as we have done in the past.** PLEASE request transportation from your district. Consider car-pooling with others.

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). **Please be sure to request these services from your LEA or OMAP.**

The maximum number of campers we accept is 60. We strongly encourage you to register early to ensure your child will be able to attend **CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2021**. We encourage you to register online at our website, www.CampInSign.org or if you cannot register online you can use the form in the brochure to register. The deadline to register is **Monday, May 31, 2021.**

For more information contact us at CampInSign@archphila.org. Phone: 215-587-3913, or Videophone: 267-507-1215.

Sincerely,

Sr. Kathleen Schipani

Sister Kathleen M. Schipani

Director

NB: Los usuarios de habla española, llamen a Darlene al 215-667-2820 para asistencia con la inscripción. El folleto/formulario de inscripción en español se encuentra disponible en: www.CampInSign.org