



# Camp Overbrook: In Sign 2023

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have exciting news! Again, this year we will host **CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2023**, an in-person summer day camp for Deaf/Hard of Hearing children at Saint Joseph's University. The Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is the host of the camp.

**CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2023** will take place on weekdays from Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 9AM to 2PM at Saint Joseph's University, University City Campus, 600 S 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. We will not be using the City Avenue (Maguire Campus) this year due to construction. The fee for this 8-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, professionals and other role models will be part of the afternoon cultural event each day. Camp also gives us an opportunity to have 8 days of Bible story lessons each morning. This summer we will have a very creative and skilled staff who planning some new exciting activities on the theme: *"Loving God and others"*

**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. PLEASE request transportation from your district. Consider car-pooling with others. We will have limited van transportation from designated pick-up locations. The School District of Philadelphia will provide door to door transportation for those from PSD and district schools. Students from Phila. District must register by March 25, 2023 to be included in transportation. There are no exceptions.

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 2023**. We encourage you to register online at our website, [www.CampInSign.org](http://www.CampInSign.org) or if you cannot register on line you can use the form in the brochure to register. The deadline to register is **Thursday June 1, 2023.**

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

Sincerely,

*Sr. Kathleen Schipani*  
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Director

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