

February 23, 2024

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

We are thrilled to once again host **CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2024**, a 10 day in person summer day camp for children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing who use sign language. The dates are Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 28, 2024. **CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2024**, will be held at Saint Joseph's University, *University City Campus, 600 S 43rd Street*, Philadelphia, PA 19104. 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.

CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN 2024 provides a learning environment that includes language and character development, arts & crafts, sports, swimming, drama, and cultural enrichment. Deaf story tellers, performers, professionals and other role models will be part of the afternoon cultural events each day. The camp brochure will be sent to families with children who previously attended camp. Camp brochures are included in this mailing and can be accessed online. Please, pass them on to interested parents/guardians. All children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing are welcome to attend this camp. The language of camp is American Sign Language. Children just acquiring ASL are accommodated and seem to thrive in this language rich environment. Our camp leaders are willing to focus on IEP goals related to language, 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 Support Staff (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 2024.** If you have any questions, or would like additional information about the camp, contact us at: 215-587-3913 (phone), 267-579-3351 (video phone) or CampInSign@archphila.org (email). For this brochure and more about camp go to: <u>www.CampInSign.org</u>. 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,

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Deacon William Griffin Deaf Apostolate Coordinator





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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWSLETTERS

Camp Overbrook: In Sign 2024 is a 10 day summer day camp for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Camp is held on weekdays, Monday, June 17-Friday, June 28, 2024, at Saint Joseph's University, University City campus located at 600 S 43rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. The Maguire Campus of SJU is under continued construction. Art, field activities, daily bible classes and other fun and learning activities are offered in sign language. *Some counties may provide transportation if parents request it at their IEP meeting.* For Philadelphia School District students, door to door transportation will be provided for those who register by March 22, 2024 *(those who register late are responsible for their own transportation).* Partial scholarships are available. To Register online or see the brochure, go to: www.CampInSign.org. For more information call the Deaf Apostolate at 215-587-3913 (phone) or 267-579-3351 (video phone) or email CampInSign@archphila.org. For Spanish Language users call Natalie at 215-587-3913 for information and assistance with registration. <u>To register online click here.</u>

Campamento Overbrook: In Sign 2024 es un campamento de dos semanas para niños sordos o con dificultades auditivas. El campamento se lleva a cabo durante los dias de la semana, desde lunes el 17 de junio hasta viernes el 28 de junio del 2024 en el *University City Campus* de *Saint Joseph's University, ubicado en* 600 S 43rd Street, Filadelfia, PA 19104. El Maguire Campus de SJU todavía está en bajo construcción. Arte, actividades de campo, clases de biblia diaria y otras actividades divertidas y de aprendizaje son ofrecidas en el lenguaje de señas. *Algunos condados pueden proporcionar transporte si los padres lo solicitan en su reunión del IEP*. El Distrito Escolar de Filadelfia proporcionará transporte para los estudiantes del distrito que se registren antes del 22 de marzo del 2024 (*aquellos que se registren tarde son responsables de su propio transporte*). Hay becas parciales disponibles. Para registrarse en línea o ver el folleto, vaya a <u>www.CamplnSign.org</u>. Para obtener más información, llame al Apostolado de Sordos al 215-587-3913 (teléfono) o 267-579-3351 (videoteléfono) o envíe un correo electrónico a <u>CamplnSign@archphila.org</u>. Para español, llame a Natalie al 215-587-3913 para obtener información y asistencia con el registro. <u>Haga clic para registrarse</u>.