

## **2018 Summer Camp Options for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children**

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### **Clarke Summer Adventure (Easthampton, MA)**

This two-week, theme-based camp is for children ages 9 to 17 with hearing loss who utilize hearing technology (such as hearing aids or cochlear implants) and communicate using listening and spoken language. Activities offered include swimming, classes, weekend trips, arts and crafts. For more info, email [info@clarkeschools.org](mailto:info@clarkeschools.org) or visit <https://www.clarkeschools.org/summeradventure>.

### **Camp Isola Bella (Taconic, CT)**

This camp's philosophy is "learning through experience," and they have activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, waterskiing, games, hiking, and a self discovery program. It puts an emphasis on total communication, welcomes deaf and hard of hearing campers, children of Deaf Adults, and those with deaf siblings. For more information, email [IBDirector@asd-1817.org](mailto:IBDirector@asd-1817.org) or visit <http://www.asd-1817.org/media>.

### **Camp Mark Seven (Old Forge, NY)**

Camp Mark Seven (CM7), a lakefront camp situated in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York, offers an array of recreational, educational, leadership and spiritual programs for deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing individuals of all ages. CM7 was founded as a Catholic-oriented Camp, and welcomes people of all faiths. For more information, visit [www.campmark7.org](http://www.campmark7.org).

### **Deaf Camps, Inc (Knoxville, MD)**

Deaf Camps, Inc. is a volunteer-run non-profit organization dedicated to providing fun, safe, communication-rich camps that promote the physical, spiritual, and social development of Deaf/hard of hearing children and children learning American Sign Language. Deaf Camps, Inc. runs camps for deaf children ages 7 to 19, alongside ASL camps for hearing children, who learn ASL through lessons and shared activities with deaf peers. For more information, email [manidokan@gmail.com](mailto:manidokan@gmail.com) or visit <https://deafcampsinc.wordpress.com/>.

### **Explore Your Future (Rochester, NY)**

Explore Your Future (EYF) is a six-day career exploration program at Rochester Institute of Technology for college-bound deaf and hard-of-hearing high school students who are entering their junior or senior year. This program focuses on personal growth and career awareness for students as they begin to think about college. Students are given a chance to learn about different careers and to participate in social activities such as dances, bowling, and amusement park outings. For more info, call 585-475-6700 (voice) or visit <https://www.rit.edu/ntid/eyf/>.

**Aspen Camp of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** (*Snowmass, CO*)

Make new friends, explore the wilderness, get wet while rafting, see the world when backpacking or on our high ropes course, and more at this camp for Deaf\* kids 8-17 years old! Winter camp with activities such as skiing and snowboarding also available. For more info, email [office@aspencamp.org](mailto:office@aspencamp.org) or visit [www.aspencamp.org](http://www.aspencamp.org).

**Camp Taloali** (*Stayton, OR*)

Taloali has activities to provide every camper with challenge and achievement. Sports include soccer, softball, disc golf, volleyball, basketball, and archery. Also included in the program are arts and crafts, theater and visual arts, survival skills, horseback riding program (extreme adventure package only), S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) projects, rope and challenge courses, outdoor education, campfire activities and the totem pole built yearly by the older campers and leaders in training. Visit <http://www.taloali.org/>.

**CNI Cochlear Kids Camp** (*Estes Park, CO*)

This camp offers arts & crafts, team-building activities, nature walks, ropes course, climbing areas, swimming, archery, a barbeque cookout, games, mini-gold, roller skating, and more. An added bonus for the older teens is a camp-out in June led by YMCA counselors! For more information, contact [cochlearcamp@thecni.org](mailto:cochlearcamp@thecni.org) or call 303-448-1616 or visit <http://www.thecni.org/cochlear-kids-camp/>.

**LOFT** (*Arlington, VA*)

LOFT is for high school and college-bound students who are deaf and hard of hearing and use listening and spoken language and their primary mode of communication. This four-day sleep-away program is designed for participants to develop or strengthen skills in individual leadership, teamwork, public speaking, and self-advocacy. The program provides a supportive and structured environment in which participants increase their self-confidence and understanding of their own strengths and abilities through activities designed to challenge them. For more information, email [LOFT@agbell.org](mailto:LOFT@agbell.org) or visit <https://agbellloft.com/>.

For a more comprehensive guide, visit <http://www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center/info-to-go/national-resources-and-directories/summer-camps.html>. Note: some camps on the list may be defunct or web sites are out of date.

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