



Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
2018 Camper Application Information

Thank you for your interest in Camp SIGN, a communication barrier-free environment for boys and girls **ages 8 to 17** who are deaf or hard of hearing and can benefit from an outdoor training program.

The Camp SIGN mission is to have all deaf or hard of hearing students participate regardless of their communication mode. The philosophy of the camp is to provide an environment of acceptance and encouragement. This program is operated by the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services under Texas Health and Human Services.

Camp staff are chosen to accommodate a variety of camper communication needs. Most counselors are professionals working with people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Many counselors are deaf or hard of hearing themselves and serve as excellent role models for the campers. In addition, several counselors are former campers who return year after year.

Camp SIGN is held at Camp Misty Meadows in Conroe, Texas, which is owned and operated by the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Inc. This year's camp will be held from **Sunday, Aug. 5 to Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018.**

Registering your child:

Complete the Camp SIGN application for camper, and return it with **a check or money order made payable to DHHS for \$35.00** on or before the application deadline date of **June 1, 2018**. This will reserve a space for your child, as beds are limited. **The camper fee of \$200 is due on or before July 6, 2018.**

Applications and fees should be mailed to:

Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Camp SIGN
P.O. Box 12306
Austin, TX 78711

Once the application is processed, DHHS will send a pre-acceptance letter. The letter indicates the total balance owed for your child to attend.* You will also receive the required medical and release forms. A doctor must examine your child and sign the medical form.

No child will be admitted without the required paperwork. The cost of the medical examination and transportation of the child to and from Camp SIGN are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

We may accept applications after June 1, 2018, depending on availability of slots. We encourage you to send your child's application and fees as soon as possible. All slots are filled on a first-come first-served basis.

For more information, please contact Amanda Tuite at 512-410-0978 or by email at DHHS.Training@hsc.state.tx.us.

*Camp SIGN depends on donations to keep the program running. Fees do not cover the entire cost of the camp. Parents or guardians must fill out income information located on the application form to determine the cost for their child. There are two separate fees: *application fee and camp fee*. With both fees, the total cost ranges from \$35.00 to \$235.00 depending on the income of the parent(s) or guardian(s). Medical exams and transportation **are not included** in this price.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to:

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