

July 28-Aug 2, 2024

CAMP SERTOMA

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



at Millstone 4-H Center

Sponsored by North Carolina, Virginia
and Maryland Sertoma Clubs



**CAMP
SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE**

CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 5 2-4:00 pm

Want to see what camp is like? Check out
the cabins, the pool, the lake, the ropes
course and more—as you explore camp!

Staff will be on hand to answer
your questions.

held at

Millstone 4-H Center
1296 Mallard Drive
Ellerbe, NC 28338

Register online today!



www.campsertomaclub.org
www.millstone4hcamp.org
email: SertomaDeafCamp@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/sertomadeafcamp

What is CAMP SERTOMA for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children?

Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children is a coed camp for youth ages 8-16 who are Deaf, hard of hearing, use a cochlear implant or are signing CODA.

Camp week includes two age groups with special camp activities designed for fun and learning. In 2024, Camp Sertoma returns to Millstone 4-H Center in the heart of the Sandhills Gamelands, for our seventh year there.

Sertoma Clubs and Sertoma members in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland provide the volunteer leadership and support for the week of Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children each year.

Millstone 4-H Center is accredited by the American Camping Association. Regular summer staff members are responsible for Camp Sertoma's program content, in cooperation with extra signing staff during the week. Adult/Child Ratio for Camp Sertoma is 1:3.



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HOW TO REGISTER ...

STEP 1:

Return the application, along with a **required \$50 deposit** to reserve a spot at Camp Sertoma. We accept checks, credit cards and debit cards. **You may also apply online.**

****PLEASE NOTE:** Register **by April 15** for an **early bird discount** of \$50 off the regular camp tuition rate.

STEP 2:

Once we receive the application and \$50 deposit, we will evaluate your child's registration and notify you of his/her acceptance.

****PLEASE NOTE:** *Camp Sertoma uses a priority registration for Deaf/HH campers* — Deaf/HH camper applications will be reviewed upon receipt; hearing CODA applications will be placed on a waiting list and reviewed beginning May 1. Apply today, as space is limited!

Once acceptance is granted, a **set of forms** will be sent to you, preferably via email, for you to **complete and return by July 1**. You will also receive a packing list for camp.

STEP 3:

If any **tuition monies** are due, submit via regular mail or online **by July 1**.

****PLEASE NOTE:** Regular tuition is \$575 per camper. If you register by April 15, you will receive a \$50 discount, plus your \$50 deposit will be applied to that total; with the remaining \$475 due by July 1. If you apply for camp between May 1 and June 1, pay your \$50 deposit when you apply, and the remaining \$525 is due by July 1.



OUR MISSION ...

Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children gives Deaf and hard of hearing youth an opportunity to meet and associate with others like themselves, as well as interact with positive adult role models who are Deaf, hard of hearing or hearing in a fun, safe 4-H camp environment.

Camp Sertoma serves children ages 8-16 with any type of hearing loss, communication mode, or assistive listening technology. We also accept applications from CODA children (hearing Children Of a Deaf Adult, or Siblings of a Deaf Child), as long as the hearing CODA camper is able to fluently communicate using American Sign Language.

OUR THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS SPONSORS ...

This wonderful camping program is possible because of the generous support of Sertoma Clubs throughout North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland, and a dedicated committee of volunteers serving on the Camp Sertoma Committee and the Camp Sertoma Club of NC/VA/MD.

In addition to our many Sertoma sponsors, we have been blessed with generous donations from these fine organizations:



CAMP SERTOMA – COME JOIN THE FUN!



YOUR WEEK AT CAMP

Camp Sertoma is about trying new things, meeting new friends and having fun. Whether you're interested in horses, archery, swimming, canoeing, hiking, or all of the above, you can have a great week at Camp Sertoma!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb 1** Registration opens
- April 15** Last day for early bird discount
- June 1** Camp scholarship application deadline
Camp registration deadline
Transportation request deadline
- July 1** Tuition monies due
All camp forms due

Campers are assigned to groups based on age and gender. Children ages 8-14 are housed in cabins with other children their age. Older children, ages 15-16, experience higher outdoor adventure activities.

COME AND EXPLORE ...



Campers ages 8-14 stay in cabins with up to seven other campers their age and enjoy many activities at the main Millstone campus, including:

- ~ Swimming
- ~ Archery
- ~ Arts & crafts
- ~ Canoeing
- ~ Nature walks & hikes
- ~ Evening programs
- ~ And more!

We offer up to 80 spots for campers ages 8-14.

MOVE UP TO HIGH ADVENTURE ...

Campers ages 15-16 sleep under the stars and enjoy the next level of camping at a location near the main Millstone campus. They'll enjoy:

- ~ Canoeing
- ~ Team building
- ~ Backpacking/hiking
- ~ Swimming
- ~ Cooking over a campfire
- ~ Nature education
- ~ Survival training
- ~ And more!



We offer up to 16 spots for campers ages 15-16. Space is limited!

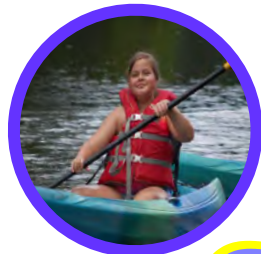
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Want to see what camp is like? Bring the family to check out the cabins, the pool, the lake, the ropes course and more—as you explore camp! Staff will be on hand to answer your questions.

Registration is not required but encouraged. Let us know if you plan to attend.

**For first-time campers and their families ... if you've applied to camp and paid your deposit, and if you decide after the Open House that camp is not for you ... we will refund your deposit.



CAMP EXTRAS ...

- ⇒ All campers will receive a Camp Sertoma T-shirt and group photo of all campers to take home with them.
- ⇒ All campers receive a \$10 camp store credit, allowing each camper to have one drink and one snack per day when the camp store is open Sunday through Thursday.



QUESTIONS??

Email us at SertomaDeafCamp@gmail.com, or leave a voicemail at 301-620-2254.





2024 CAMP SERTOMA APPLICATION

For multiple children from the same family, please complete a separate application for each child.
Deposit payments can be combined into one check, however.

Apply online at www.campsertomaclub.org



Child Name: _____ Gender: Male Female
Home Address: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____
Age on July 30, 2024: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is parent: Hearing Deaf

Child Background Information:

Has this child attended Camp Sertoma in a previous year? Yes No

If yes, please list which year(s): _____

Register by April 15 for an early bird discount!

So that we can assure the best pairing of campers and staff during camp week:

Is this child: Deaf Hard of Hearing Signing CODA or sibling of Deaf child
If CODA, please provide Deaf relative's name and relationship to child: _____

How does this child access communication at school?
 ASL (interpreter/direct communication) Sign + spoken language
 Spoken English Cued speech
 Spoken Spanish Other: _____

How does this child communicate with others at school?
 ASL (fluent) Sign + spoken language
 Spoken English Cued speech
 Spoken Spanish Other: _____

How does this child communicate with your family?
 ASL (fluent) Sign + spoken language
 Spoken English Cued speech
 Spoken Spanish Other: _____

What, if any, hearing device does this child use?
 Cochlear Implant Bone Conduction Hearing Device
 Hearing Aid Other: _____

****What, if any, additional support for behavior or additional disability does your camper receive while at school or play? Include any special medications or medical treatment he/she receives on a daily basis. (This question is only to help us plan appropriate staff, and not to limit attendance at camp.): _____

****Is there anything you would like us to know that will help your child feel welcome and safe at camp? : _____

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PLEASE NOTE: A *priority registration will be used for Deaf/HH campers*. This registration modification will help ensure that a balance of Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing CODA campers is maintained at each age level — which helps us plan for staffing and activities to make sure your camper has the best access to camp. Deaf/HH camper applications will be reviewed immediately upon receipt; hearing CODA applications will be placed on a waiting list and reviewed beginning May 1. Apply today, space is limited!

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS are available to qualified families who are unable to pay the total cost of a camp experience. If you wish to apply for a full or partial scholarship for this child, submit the scholarship application along with the camp application.

TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM CAMP:

Do you need assistance in transporting your child to/from camp? Yes No

(Please note there is not a standard “bus service” for camp. This option is reserved for families who either do not have their own method of transportation or who live far away from camp; in which case in some areas, Sertoma volunteers *may* be available to assist with transportation of a limited number of children from North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. **Deadline for requesting transportation is June 1.**)

CAMP T-SHIRT SIZE:

What is your child's T-shirt size? **YOUTH** S M L or **ADULT** S M L XL

CABIN MATE:

In special circumstances, we *may* be able to arrange for your camper to share a cabin with a friend of the same age, to allow for both to have the best camp experience. What is the name of the other camper? : _____

ADDITIONAL 2024 CAMP SERTOMA INFORMATION:

- COVID vaccines are *not* required to attend 2024 Camp Sertoma. However, **all** campers and staff must complete a health history form prior to arriving at camp. As part of the health history form, **each camper must have a camp physical prior to attending camp. Deadline for submitting camper paperwork is July 1.**
- **Camp Sertoma adheres to a strict Code of Conduct**, which is intended to foster a safe environment conducive to optimal learning/growth. Campers are expected to behave in a way that respects the rights/property of others.
- We are optimistic that we will be able to welcome our full camp family back to Camp Sertoma this summer. We and our partners at Millstone 4-H Camp aim to ensure the health, safety and well-being of our campers, their families and staff. We will keep you informed of any developments related to safety protocols.

Register online or return this application to our camp's registration coordinator, *along with a \$50 deposit* by **June 1, 2024** to:

Sandy Waterman
2909 Roderick Road
Frederick, MD 21704

E-mail: sertomadeafcamp@gmail.com
Fax: 240-715-9179
Call: 301-620-2254

(Please do not send express or certified mail or other overnight delivery package that requires a signature!)

You will be contacted once your child's application is received.

Checks should be made payable to “Camp Sertoma.”

We accept credit and debit cards—email us for details!

See last page for Camp Sertoma financial information & policies.



CAMP SCHOLARSHIP* APPLICATION

Please use one form per camper. *You may also apply online at www.campsertomaclub.org.*

All applications for camp assistance are strictly confidential and are due by **June 1, 2024**.

Camper's Name: _____ Age: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Mother's occupation: _____ Father's occupation: _____

Please circle family size and check gross monthly income:

Total number of family members (include individual making request): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Total family income: under \$15,000 \$15,000 to \$24,999 \$25,000 to \$34,999 \$35,000 to \$49,999
 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$75,000 to \$99,999 over \$100,000

Potential number of family members attending camp: _____

Has this child received a full or partial campership to attend Camp Sertoma before?

Yes No If yes, list amount and year(s) received _____

Total amount of camp scholarship requested: \$ _____

Has the camper's application deposit fee (\$50 per child) been paid? Yes No

Describe the reason for your request and how you expect your child to benefit from a camping experience.
(You may continue on a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.)

Signature of Person Completing Form

***A Camp Scholarship is also sometimes referred to as Tuition Assistance, Financial Aid or a Campership.**

Please note that full tuition for the 2024 camp is \$575 per camper. If you have paid the application fee of \$50, the maximum scholarship you can apply for is \$525 per camper. Scholarships can only be used to assist with tuition fees and cannot be granted to cover camp store purchases.

Supplementary financial assistance is granted based on the information provided. Please be advised that there is no guarantee that if a camp scholarship is offered, that it will be in the full amount requested. Each application will be reviewed individually, and parents/guardians will be contacted accordingly.

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Scholarship Amount Awarded: _____ Authorized By: _____

CAMP SERTOMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION & POLICIES

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REGISTRATION & CAMP TUITION FEES

Camp tuition covers most direct costs such as food, program supplies, supplementary health and accident insurance, and camp counselor salaries. Indirect costs such as planning and administering the program are costs subsidized by the Camp Sertoma Committee.

- ⇒ **\$50 deposit**— required for each camper to reserve a spot at camp. Your \$50 deposit will be applied toward camp tuition fees & must accompany all applications.
- ⇒ **\$525** per camper for applications received **by April 15** (includes \$50 early bird discount).
- ⇒ **\$575** per camper for applications received **between April 15 and June 1**.

CAMP SERTOMA REFUND POLICY

Camp Deposits

Deposits are nonrefundable, except in these instances:

- ⇒ If, during the application process, your child is found to not be eligible to attend Camp Sertoma, your deposit will be refunded.
- ⇒ For first-time campers/families—if, after attending the May 5 Camp Open House, you decide camp is not for you, we will refund your deposit. *Written notification must be made within one week of the Open House.*

Camp Tuition

Our staff and volunteers spend significant time and money planning camp programming months prior to the start of camp. Prompt cancellation notification allows time to make necessary adjustments.

If you find that your camper can no longer attend Camp Sertoma, please notify the camp registration coordinator as early as possible.

- ⇒ A full refund will be provided if Camp Sertoma is canceled by the Camp Sertoma planning committee due to insufficient registration, acts of nature, or other reasons beyond its control.
- ⇒ In the event that a registered camper has a family emergency or is sick, a written refund request must be made no later than 10 business days after the start of camp date to receive a refund in the amount of fees paid less any nonrefundable deposit.

Email notifications to: sertomadeafcamp@gmail.com

Mail to: Sandy Waterman
2909 Roderick Road
Frederick, MD 21704

Camp Sertoma is held rain or shine, unless inclement weather adversely affects the program. If there is a need to cancel, registered participants will be notified and refunds will be processed accordingly.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Have fun at camp and get paid too! Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children is hiring signing staff for our weeklong camp. Positions include cabin counselors (both Deaf and hearing) and interpreters. Camp staff must be at least 18 and have a high school diploma. Staff members receive a salary, meals, housing and training.

Applications are available at www.campsertomaclub.org or www.facebook.com/sertomadeafcamp. If you would like to learn more, contact our camp program coordinator at campsertomancoordinator@gmail.com.

Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Assistance for Camp Sertoma

Financial assistance in the form of “camp scholarships” enables campers to enjoy the camp experience, making camp more affordable to our campers and their families.

Camp scholarships are available to campers who are unable to pay the total cost of a camp experience. You may complete the camp scholarship form online or complete the form on the next page.

A camper must be fully registered for Camp Sertoma to be considered for a camp scholarship. **Camp scholarship applications are due by June 1—to allow sufficient time to review applications.** Please note: Families may apply for assistance, not to exceed \$525 per camper.

SUPPORT CAMP SERTOMA

Sertoma Clubs and individual Sertoma members across North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland work tirelessly all year long to raise money for camp scholarships and to make Camp Sertoma happen.

If you would like to make Camp Sertoma possible for a camper, please send your donation to: Camp Scholarship Fund, c/o Renee Ward, 1550 Littlejohn Ln E, Burlington, NC 27217. Donations are tax deductible.

THANK YOU AND SEE YOU AT CAMP!