

# CLARKE- School for the Deaf/Center for Oral Education

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## Summer Adventure 2008

July 13 - 25, 2008

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The CLARKE Summer Program, which began in 1982, is for students with hearing loss, ages 9-13. Our goal is to provide a program which offers an enriched academic experience as well as an opportunity to have social contact with other students with hearing loss. Students are immersed in an auditory/oral environment in both the academic and residential components of the program.



### Exploring the New Frontier!

**Howdy partners!!** This year's theme, "Exploring the New Frontier!" will bring westward expansion and the *Wild West*

alive with activities focusing on the gold rush, life on the open range, and colorful characters like Daniel Boone, Lewis & Clark, and Buffalo Bill, along with their amazing stories of discovery and adventure! Lots of interactive activities will encourage students to explore and experience what it was like back in the early 1800's, including sing-alongs around a camp fire!

We welcome students to come and learn more about westward expansion at Clarke's annual Summer Adventure Program. In addition to fun-filled, classroom-based activities, everyone will enjoy cooling off in our Olympic-size, indoor swimming pool, field trips to local destinations and residential life filled with all sorts of projects and crafts.



Perhaps most importantly, students will have the opportunity to get to know other students with hearing loss from *all over* the United States as they get to know themselves better on our beautiful campus. So saddle up the hosses and ride 'em on over—We look forward to having you join us in Clarke School's fun-filled "corral" this summer!!

**Bob Storm**

Summer Program Coordinator

**REGISTRATION:** No requests for enrollment will be considered without a completed application, teacher checklist and \$200 deposit. In order to help us group your child appropriately, a short, 3-minute video (VHS/DVD) which includes an audio track of the student engaged in some form of educational activity should be provided for all **new** students. Our goal is to gather a well-balanced group of boys and girls between the ages of 9-13. The application deadline for early admission is April 18. Decision letters will be sent out within two weeks of this deadline. Applications received after April 18 will be reviewed on a space available basis. Do not be disappointed - APPLY EARLY!

**TUITION:** Tuition is \$1,595.00 and includes the cost of all meals and all field trip expenses. There is a limited amount of financial aid available on a first come-first served basis. A \$200 deposit is required with the application. This deposit is applied to the tuition if the student is accepted. If a child is not accepted into the program the deposit will be returned. If a child is unable to attend our program and we are notified in writing of his/her withdrawal at least four weeks prior to the starting date, a full refund will be made. After this time, the deposit will not be returned except for medical reasons documented by a physician. In cases where all or part of the tuition will be funded by a third party, a letter of commitment and/or purchase order from the funding agency must be sent to the Summer Program Office. The balance is due by July 3, 2008.

**HEALTH FORMS:** All students are required to have a completed health form, including the results of a recent physical exam, on file. Forms giving us consent for emergency medical treatment are also necessary. It is important that we are notified of any medical precautions, health problems or personal or emotional concerns that either have been experienced or might arise. The more we know about each student, the more secure we can make him or her feel.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:** If a student needs to be picked-up or delivered to Hartford's Bradley airport, we will need 4 weeks prior notice.

**STAFF:** CLARKE's Summer Adventure is a residential program with a dedicated and talented staff. Our staff includes trained teachers of the deaf as well as experienced dormitory counselors.

**STUDENTS:** We are a co-educational program for hearing-impaired students age 9-13. Students come from all over the United States to attend our program.

**CLASSROOM GROUPS:** Children are placed in groups according to age, grade level and maturity level.

**MEALS:** CLARKE observes family-style dining. If children do not like some of what is served, there are limited alternatives available. Diets cannot be varied except for medical or religious reasons and must be arranged for in advance.

**DORMITORY GROUPS:** Children live in a modern, air-conditioned dormitory with dormitory counselors. Groups of approximately ten students are formed according to sex, age and maturity level. All meals are eaten in the dining hall. There is a recreation facility with games, captioned television, DVD players and computers where the boys and girls can socialize under supervision. Each floor also has its own air-conditioned lounge with a computer, captioned television and DVD player.

**SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE:** Although the days will vary according to our many scheduled special events and field trips, a typical day on campus is described below.

Activities begin at 8:30 each morning, Monday through Friday. Students are greeted by their instructors at which time everyone gathers for a group meeting. After the group meeting, students join their classmates and instructors for recreation and learning activities.

Lunch is served at noon. Instructors and students eat lunch together. Students return to the dormitory at 4:15. Dinner is served at 5:30. Students dine with their dorm counselors. After dinner, students and dorm staff relax—evenings are a good time to make new friends and learn more about each other. The computer lab or the swimming pool will be open some evenings, and organized activities will be available. There will be a lot of crafts and hands-on activities.

During the two-week stay, we will take field trips to augment our program. On the weekend, an all-day trip will be planned, and time will be set aside to do laundry and take advantage of local festivities.



**TRIPS:** We will take a number of trips off campus traveling by school van or coach bus as part of the program. The cost of these trips is included in the tuition. Each student will need to bring \$100 spending money to be used for personal items, souvenirs and a possible weekend activity.

**FAMILY VISITATIONS and PHONE CALLS:** Families are invited to visit our program on the opening day and again on the closing day. We ask families to resist the urge to drop in for a visit at any other time during their child's stay with us. Parental visits often reawaken a child's homesickness or disturb new found feelings of independence. Also, there are many children for whom a family visit is impossible and these children also feel the effects of visits by other families. If a visit should become necessary due to a family emergency, special arrangements can be made in advance with the Program Coordinator.

Due to the number of students and staff available, the Head of Residence will schedule calls home with each student and his or her family. The calling schedule will not begin until Wednesday of the first week, after the students have had a chance to settle in. Prior to calling, we encourage parents of first time participants to contact the Program Coordinator to inquire as to how their child is making the transition from home to the Summer Program.

On the last Friday, parents will be invited to visit our campus, tour our facilities and classrooms, and meet with staff. The closing day schedule will be forwarded to each family. All students will be involved in activities that final morning. Families are invited to be part of the morning activities and then join us for lunch. Students will be able to leave for home after that.

We look forward to receiving your application! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call Chris Jackman at 413-584-3450 ext. 7322.

