May 13-15, 2022

A weekend for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing and their families

Major Sponsors of Spring Camp Cheerio
Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, the weekend is held at Camp Cheerio, a family camp with board, lodging and recreational activities for all ages. The weekend is designed for individual and families interested in learning strategies for spoken language and sharing experiences as they relate to hearing loss. Cued Speech Classes will also be offered during the weekend.

During this camp weekend, children are placed in age-appropriate classes where they participate in activities such as arts and crafts, games, hiking, canoeing, archery, a hillside waterslide, horseback riding and more. While the children are in their classes, parents attend small facilitated group sessions or Cued Speech classes. This year the main focus will be reconnecting after two years apart.

Late afternoons will be a time for sharing with parents and professionals as well as time to enjoy the activities and facilities of Camp Cheerio. We will have an ice cream social and games on Friday night. Saturday night activities are to be determined.

Note: Sign Language Interpreters, Cued Speech Transliterators are needed through the weekend.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Cued Speech classes will be taught Friday through Sunday at no extra charge, thanks to NCSA provided funds. Those taking a Cued Speech class should plan to attend all sessions.

Level 1 Beginners will be taught by Nicole Dobson
Level 2 Beyond Beginners/Low Intermediate will be taught by TBD

Cued Language Transliterator Training Program:

Cued Language Transliterator Training will be organized by Language Matters, Inc. with Lauren Pruett and Jane Dolan.

Our plan is to provide a seasoned CLT (mentor) to work with newer CLT (mentee) for the duration of camp. The seasoned CLT will be one of the CLTs providing services for the camp. The goal is to have a cohesive group who works together to ensure access and accommodations for a variety of settings at camp. These could include meal announcements, children’s classes/activities, family gatherings and lectures. Your group instructor will provide both you and your mentor with guidelines and worksheets to steer you thorough the variety of activities and observations. You will follow your mentor to observe and may even get the opportunity to transliterate for bits of time, if desired. There may be times when you go with a different mentor in order to observe a larger variety of activities. This is a great learning and hands-on opportunity for CLTs at any level!

Do you work for the school system and need financial assistance to attend? There may also be a possibility for SLI training, email us at springcampcheerio@gmail.com.

Young Adult Program

This program is designed for young adults who are graduated from high school, and are now in college and/or in the working world. This program will enjoy all the amenities of Camp Cheerio such as canoeing, hiking and all the other outdoor activities offered at camp. This program will also have team leaders' present strategies on how to transition into the adult world, self-advocacy, and other pertinent topics. This program is open to all young adults hearing, deaf and hard of hearing.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
What to bring? Sweaters and jackets will likely be needed for the cool mid-May nights. An extra blanket or sleeping bag should be brought for the young children who are napping during the day. Swim suits for the hill waterslide—weather permitting. Bring rain gear!! Please bring closed toe shoes for horseback riding.

We welcome any extra snacks, juices and soft drinks for break time snacks.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Participants are encouraged to arrive at Camp Cheerio Friday mid-morning and stay through the conclusion of the weekend on Sunday morning. This will allow you to enjoy the full benefits of the camp weekend. If you are unable to come for the weekend, day rates are available.

Cabins: There are family cabins with bunk beds for six to eight people. Shower and toilet facilities are located in each cabin. There will be private and group cabins. Indicate your preference within registration. **Linens are not provided.**

Lodge: The Millis Lodge offers motel like rooms with private baths; linens are provided.

Motels: For participants wishing to stay off-site, see our website http://springcampcheerio.org/ for a listing of motels. You will pay the day rate to cover meals and workshop costs at camp.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP
Camp Cheerio is located two miles north of Roaring Gap, NC. From the east, take I-40 through Winston-Salem to Hwy 421 North, to I-77 North to Hwy 21 North near Elkin, NC. From Hwy 21 North, turn left on Camp Butler Road and then left on Camp Cheerio Road. Camp Address is: 1430 Camp Cheerio Road, Glade Valley, NC 28627

Need Additional Information or Questions?
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