

35th Annual

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**

held at

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

June 25 - 30, 2017

CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 7 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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.



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 2017, Camp Sertoma returns to Millstone 4-H Center in the heart of the Sandhills Gamelands, for our fourth 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.



CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
May 15 deadline



HOW TO REGISTER ...

STEP 1:

Return the application, along with a **required \$25 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 May 1** for an **early bird discount** of \$25 off the regular camp tuition rate.

STEP 2:

Once we receive the application and \$25 deposit, we will evaluate your child's registration and notify you promptly of his/her acceptance.

Assuming an acceptance is granted, a **set of forms** will be sent to you, preferably via email, for you to **complete and return by June 15**. You will also receive a packing list of items needed for camp.

STEP 3:

If any **tuition monies** are due, submit via regular mail or online **by June 15**.

****PLEASE NOTE:** Regular tuition is \$500 per camper. If you register by May 1, you will receive a \$25 discount, plus your \$25 deposit will be applied to that total; with the remaining \$450 due by June 15. If you apply for camp between May 1 and June 1, pay your \$25 deposit when you apply, and the remaining \$475 is due by June 15.

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, canoes, hiking, or all of the above, you can have a great week at Camp Sertoma!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Jan 15** Registration opens
- May 1** Last day for early bird discount
- June 1** Camp scholarship application deadline
Camp registration deadline
- June 15** 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 eight other campers their age and enjoy many activities at the main Millstone campus, including:

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

We offer up to 100 spots for campers ages 8-14.

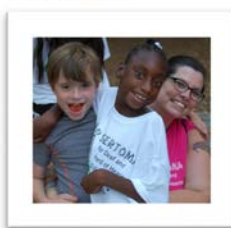
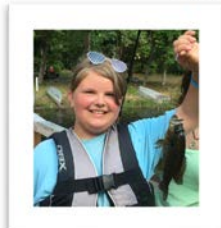
MOVE UP TO HIGH ADVENTURE ...

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 20 spots for campers ages 15-16. Space is limited!



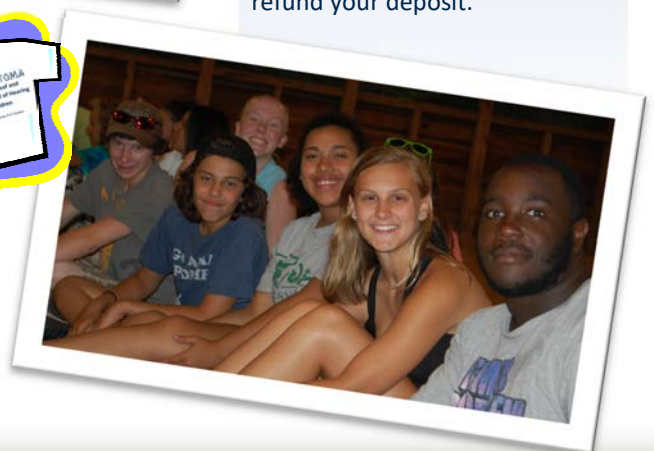
CAMP EXTRAS ...

- ⇒ 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.



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

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



2017 CAMP SERTOMA APPLICATION

Apply online at www.campsertomaclub.org

Child Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Home Address: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

_____ Age on June 25, 2017: _____

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 May 1 for an early bird discount!

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

Please indicate child's method of communication (check all that apply, including for CODA children):

- Verbal (English)
- ASL
- Other (please describe) _____

Please indicate any special needs your child has, including physical, medical or emotional challenges. Include any special medications or medical treatment he/she receives on a daily basis: _____

 **CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS** are available to qualified families who are unable to pay the total cost of a camp experience.

Do you wish to apply for a full or partial scholarship for this child? Yes No

(If "yes," submit scholarship application **by June 1.**)

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.)

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

Register online or return this application to our camp's registration coordinator, along with a \$25 deposit by **June 1, 2017** to:

Sandy Waterman
2923 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!)

We accept credit and debit cards—email us for details! See next page for Camp Sertoma financial information & policies.



For multiple children from the same family, please complete a separate application for each child. Deposit payments can be combined into one check, however. Checks should be made payable to "Camp Sertoma." You will be notified of your child's acceptance into Camp Sertoma upon review of this application.

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.

- ⇒ **\$25 deposit**— required for each camper to reserve a spot at camp. Your \$25 deposit will be applied toward camp tuition fees & must accompany all applications.
- ⇒ **\$475** per camper for applications received **by May 1** (includes \$25 early bird discount).
- ⇒ **\$500** per camper for applications received **between May 1 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 7 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
2923 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 staff for our weeklong camp. Positions include cabin counselors (both Deaf and hearing) and interpreters. Camp staff must be at least 18 years old. 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 \$475 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 Larry Shealey, 12901 Grovehurst Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613-7574. Donations are tax deductible.

THANK YOU AND SEE YOU AT CAMP!



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, 2017.** 

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

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 campership requested: \$ _____

Has the camper's application deposit fee (\$25 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 Scholarship.**

Please note that full tuition for the 2017 camp is \$500 per camper. If you have paid the application fee of \$25, the maximum scholarship you can apply for is \$475 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: _____