

Camp SHARP 2017

Gallaudet's Speech, Hearing, Aural Rehabilitation Program



Summer Communication Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

The Gallaudet University Hearing and Speech Center (HSC) is once again hosting Camp SHARP. Camp SHARP is Gallaudet University's **S**peech, **H**earing, and **A**ural **R**ehabilitation **P**rogram for deaf and hard-of-hearing preschool children. This camp is designed for preschool children to develop their speech, language and listening skills in a fun, play-based preschool environment. Speech-language pathologists facilitate and support the development and expansion of the campers' speech and language skills while reinforcing sign language skills during child-centered, hands on activities within thematic units. Skill areas addressed include the following: speech, expressive and receptive language, speech-reading, listening, and early literacy skills.

This summer's services are offered between June 19 and July 28, 2017. The registration deadline is May 27, 2017. Services and session availability, as well as registration cut-off dates, are contingent upon the number of children enrolled.

Camp Features

Services provided by a team of graduate students in Speech-Language Pathology, led by certified, licensed Speech-Language Pathologists

Clinicians proficient in American Sign Language

Focus on speech, language, speechreading and listening skills within a literacy-rich environment

Serves children age 2.5 years to 5 years
(*Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis)

Theme-based, developmentally appropriate activities

Morning sessions (8:45-12:15)

Low child to clinician ratio

Full camp period: June 19 – July 28, 2017
*(*excluding July 4, 2017)*



Dates:

June 19 – July 28, 2017 (6 weeks)
**We will not meet on July 4, 2017*

Times:

8:45-12:15: Camp SHARP Program

- Drop-off by 8:45 am
- Program from 9:00 am-12:00 noon
- Pick-up by 12:15 pm

Ages:

Preschool children between ages 2.5-5

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Camper Requirements:

Campers should...

- Use/practice both spoken English and American Sign Language (or be willing to learn both during the Camp SHARP period).
 - Spoken English does not need to be the dominant communication modality, but development of/exposure to this skill should be a goal for the child
 - ASL does not need to be the dominant communication modality, but sign language will be incorporated throughout each day to reinforce understanding/learning for those who need it.
- Have a documented hearing loss (audiogram required for admission)
- Use amplification (e.g., hearing aid, cochlear implant, BAHA, etc.; or a combination of these); *(*recommended, but not required)*
- Have participated in a preschool, early-intervention and/or daycare environment prior to Camp SHARP *(*recommended, but not required)*

Fee:

\$1250.00 for the full 6 week program

- A nonrefundable deposit of \$500.00 will be due at the time of registration
- A **weekly rate of \$250** is available. Campers are required to attend a **minimum of 2 consecutive weeks** of the Camp to register with the weekly rate. (\$500 deposit still applies)

Parent Information:

Informational and interactive sessions will be offered by GUHSC staff and/or HSLS Faculty once weekly, depending on parent interest and/or availability. Possible topics include: Language Access – Choosing Modalities; Understanding the Audiogram; Amplification – Management/Benefits; Behavior Promotion/Management; Cochlear Implants, and Speech, Language, and Auditory Development. Presenters are proficient in ASL and spoken English.

Location

Gallaudet University is located at 800 Florida Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20002. Camp is held in the new Sorenson Language Communication Center (SLCC) pictured above.

Parking & Transportation

There is ample parking on campus. Additionally, Gallaudet has a free [shuttle](#) that travels to the NoMa-Gallaudet U and Union Station Metro stops.

For More Information

Please contact Gretchen Cronin at 202-448-6967 (voice) or gretchen.cronin@gallaudet.edu. You may also call the Gallaudet University Hearing and Speech Center (GUHSC) at 202-651-5328 (voice), or 866-957-1232 (VP).



Meet our Coordinator!

Gretchen Cronin is the Coordinator and Lead Teacher for Camp SHARP. She joined the Department of Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences at Gallaudet University in December, 2013 as a Clinical Educator and Speech-Language Pathologist. Gretchen received her Master's degree from Gallaudet University and has over 15 years' experience in working with deaf/hard-of-hearing children and their families, including at the Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick Campus and The Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center. She is also the Coordinator of the KODA Language Stimulation group, the KODA Tots, and KODA Tots+ Language Stimulation Group at GUHSC during the regular school year.