

CAMP LOUD & CLEAR

Dear Camper and Family,

Thank you for your interest in Camp Loud and Clear. This year's program will look a little different due to ongoing pandemic-related restrictions. For 2021, Camp Loud and Clear will be a day camp program held on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in Appomattox County, Virginia (directions may be found at www.holidaylake4h.com). Camp Loud and Clear is a combined effort of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Longwood University, and a team of dedicated volunteers and professionals. Camp Loud and Clear is for children and youth whose **primary disability is deafness or hearing loss**. Activities include swimming, archery, nature studies, hiking, and more set in the rolling terrain of Central Virginia.



Participants may be verbal or sign to communicate. This year's day camp program is for youth ages 9 –18. The cost of the camp is \$45 and includes meals and a camp t-shirt.

The adults chaperoning the program are familiar with deafness/hearing loss. Most are enrolled in the Speech Language Pathology graduate program at Longwood University or are recent graduates working in the field.

The camp classes will be taught by the 4-H staff all of whom are certified instructors. Interpreters will be present at all times. There is an EMT on staff to handle medication administration and any first aid needs.

Participants should arrive at Holiday Lake 4-H Center at 9:30 a.m. After checking-in, parents are invited to attend a resource fair featuring agencies and organizations that support deaf/hh families. The opening assembly for campers will begin at 10:00 a.m. Items to bring are as follows: modest swimsuit and towel, sunscreen, bug spray, any medication needed, and spare batteries for hearing assisted devices, closed toe shoes for walking and outdoor sports, and a water bottle. All participants should also bring a mask that they are comfortable wearing outside during group activities. Please do not bring valuables, electronic toys or other devices, tobacco/vape products, weapons of any kind, or food.

For family members of campers, we have enclosed a list of activities available near the 4-H Center. This is a wonderful area to explore! Families that would like to come back and participate in our picnic dinner and campfire program beginning at 4:30 p.m. are welcome to do so! This is a small additional charge per person for dinner.

The camper application and registration forms may be found online this year at www.holidaylake4h.com. Payment instructions are also on the website. If you are unable to register online and need a paper registration form, please contact the 4-H Center at (434)248-5444.

If you have any questions about Camp Loud and Clear, please contact any of the following:

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We look forward to seeing you at camp!

