



CAMP TALOALI

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MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

Greetings to campers, parents and all the wonderful people who have given so generously to Camp Taloali. Summer plans are in full swing and it looks like it could be the best camp ever.

Donations have come from many sources including parents, Lions and other service organizations, Sprint (Oregon Telecommunication Relay Service), interpreters, doctors, churches, the Stayton phone company, Food Services America, Conoco Phillips, and the list goes on. In addition, this year, to get the camp ready, over 100 volunteers showed up. What an impressive effort! Keep up on what's happening at camp at our page on Facebook.

The majority of the staff have been hired for camp, coming from various parts of the US, and of course, Oregon is well represented. Campers are coming from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, and Texas. In addition, the Deaf Youth of Color Camp will be joining us and that will bring representation from another group of states. It really should be an exciting time.

This year the camp will have Theme Days. Daily activities will center around themes. What is being looked at (subject to some change) are as follows:

Getting Organized Day (Sunday): Individual evaluations for swimming, meeting the nurse, meeting your cabin mates, counselors, tours, cabin meetings, dinner, camp fire circle time

discussing the tradition of the totem pole and what the group wants to do with it this year, followed by a camp fire program and camp fire goodies.

Sports Day: Disc golf, soccer, swimming, archery, hiking, climbing tower, etc. It is hoped that coaches from around the area will help that day. If any one has pull with any of the professionals such as the Trail Blazers, etc please contact the camp as so far the contacts by the camp have not paid off. College teams that are good role models would also be welcomed and in any sports area.

Water Day: Scuba diving, swimming, water sampling from the Santiam to identify bugs (program sponsored by Oregon Fish and Wildlife), and arts and crafts with a water theme,

Movement and Nature Day. The State Parks Department will be here as well as a hip hop teacher, possibly a dance team to teach moves, horse riding and many more things.

Survival Day: The Search and Rescue Department is coming in to talk about how to survive if you get lost. There will be structured survival activities (dependent on age and skill levels), and campers will make lunch from freeze dried food for lunch.

Culture Day: It is hoped to have some various foods from different cultures, and presenters talking about cultures represented at camp as well as others coming in.

Each day will also allow time for traditional favored camp activities. The theme days are being tried because some of the older campers have asked for more variety of activities daily, so this allows something always new being presented and learned.

Daily, there will be free swim, climbing tower, hikes, sports, arts and crafts, ASL focus for hearing siblings, ping pong or pool (or

just chatting) in the recreation room. The camp fire program will be taking on a bigger focus on deaf culture with skits and other activities.

Saturday, a program is planned at 10:00 a.m., taking some of the skits and activities from the camp week to share with the parents.

Session 2 (July 4-10th) of camp has been opened for just a \$50 registration fee (donations of camperships makes this possible). This week is also open to some day campers and those interested can contact the camp (camptaloali@comcast.net) about that program and for more information about the cost for day campers.

Reminder: Members Campout Weekend is coming May 21-23rd. Reserve a cabin by e-mailing the camp. If you do not have a membership you can purchase it ahead of time or purchase it the day of the event. Two members campout weekends are held yearly for a \$50 family membership.

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Thanks to the Stayton Phone Company for their donation for the Low Ropes Course design, which will be designed by Synergo who designs these courses for other camps. It is hoped that by next summer there will be several low ropes elements added to what is already here.

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Does any one have a croquet set sitting in their garage taking up space? The camp would very much like to have it. The camp is also always in need of fishing poles. If you have an extra one please remember the campers.

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PARENTS PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IN THE CAMPER FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NO CAMPER CAN BE ACCEPTED AT CAMP WITH A PHYSICAL THAT IS OVER 24 MONTHS. THE CAMP NEEDS A NEW PHYSICAL FORM FILLED OUT EVERY 24 MONTHS.

RETURN FORMS TO:
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Questions? E-mail us at camptaloali@comcast.net, or phone/text us at 971-239-8153, or call on a videophone at 503-400-6547.

CAMP IS ALMOST HERE. EXCITEMENT!