

KODAWest Camp 2011

**Camp Surf, Imperial Beach, CA
July 7 - 17, 2011**



Counselor Application

5th Annual KODA Camp

Camp Counselor Application

Hearing kids of deaf adults (KODAs) of **ages 8 thru 17** will enjoy an amazing experience, exploring their identity as bicultural individuals through increased awareness of ASL, deaf culture, hearing culture and by sharing their own stories.

KODAs will spend seven days and six nights at Camp Surf, located on Imperial Beach. This 45-acre facility is lucky to have some of the last undeveloped coastline left in Southern California. Imagine falling asleep each night to the sound of the surf in the background knowing that tomorrow will bring fun, adventure and learning.

Activities will include: Surfing, Body Boarding, Sand Sculpturing, Rock Climbing, Archery, Games, Nightly Campfires, Skits, Arts & Crafts. Kayaking for older campers (12 and up only). Unique life skills will include: Nature Hike, Sea Survival, Team Building, and the Science of Waves.

Camp Director: **Molly Bowen**, a CODA from Northern California, will provide activities that help KODA campers understand their unique heritage and leave with a deep appreciation of their group identity as KODAs.

“From the outside in, you can’t understand it. From the inside out, you can’t explain it.”
(quoted by a CODA counselor at KODAWest camp, 2008)

DEADLINE: May 25th, 2011

KODAWest
3727 W. Magnolia Bl., #273
Burbank, CA 91505

If you have any questions, please email KODAWest@aol.com

KODAWest Organization

MISSION:

KODAWest is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization which serves families of hearing children with deaf parent/s. KODAWest's mission is to bring hearing Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA) under 18 years of age together in a support/peer group type of environment. With this unique fellowship, these children will gain confidence and wisdom from their older peers who will help them develop a better understanding of, and ability to embrace their two worlds: the hearing and the deaf. This organization also aims to provide support to deaf parents who face common issues while raising their KODAs.

SERVICES-KODAWest Camp:

Our biggest event of the year is the low-cost camp for these underserved KODAs. At this one-week camp, our campers will participate in leadership and team building skills as well as many other fun activities. Most importantly, they will attend KODA workshops run by the Camp Director, who is a Child (over the age of 18) of Deaf Adults (CODA). These workshops are an opportunity for the children to come together in a supportive and unified setting. KODAWest campers are between 8 to 15 years of age. Our Counselor-In-Training youth are between 16-17 years of age.

An Unforgettable Volunteer/Staff Job:

We are looking for volunteers who are ethical, flexible, enthusiastic, and patient with a sense of humor. If you feel you meet the above criteria, KODAWest would like to hear from you! To ensure your acceptance to KODAWest camp, please send in your application as soon as possible. Camp positions fill up quickly!

Camp Location:

KODAWest Camp is at Camp Surf on Imperial Beach in San Diego County.

ACA Approved Site:

Camp Whittle is an American Camping Association (ACA) approved site. The ACA approval requires the satisfaction of nearly 300 standards that apply to the camp's physical plant. These standards are continuously evaluated and updated to reflect current health & safety concerns and regulations.

Join the Team!

Volunteer/Staff Requirements:

To qualify, you must meet the requirements below:

- Over 18 years of age, recommended over 21 years of age.
- Good character and leadership qualities.
- Respected and in good standing in the community.
- Familiar with deaf/hard of hearing culture.
- Fluent in sign language.
- Prior experience working with youth.
- Willing to live and work within a community of caring individuals.
- NO Misdemeanor or Felony conviction involving a child or adult.

To Apply:

- Complete the staff application & medical history forms.
- Enclose a current COLOR photo of yourself.
- Enclose a photocopy of both sides of your health care insurance card.
- Provide current fingerprint report.
- Be available to attend the mandatory pre-camp staff training (July 7-9, 2011) and serve for full term of camp. (July 10 – July 16, 2011)

Staff will receive lodging, 3 meals & snacks each day, a KODAWest Camp T-shirt & FUN provided at camp!

Transportation:

Staff is responsible for arranging their own transportation needs. Carpool upon request can be arranged.

Contact Information:

For more information, contact:

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Visit our website: www.kodawest.org

KODAWest Camp
Counselor Application Form
(Must be 18 years of age and up)

COLOR
Picture
Required
2.5 x 3 inches
minimum

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Are you at least 18 years of age or older? ___ Y ___ N Gender: ___ M ___ F

Hearing _____ CODA _____

SS# _____ (required)

Daytime phone: _____ V/TTY/VP Evening Phone: _____ V/TTY/VP

Email Address: _____

Please **circle** your adult T-Shirt size: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony in which a child/adult was a victim or involved?
yes no (if yes please attach separate letter of explanation)

CERTIFICATIONS

Please **circle** and **attach a copy** of the following certifications you have: Lifeguard Registered Nurse

Archery CPR First Aid Interpreter Other: _____

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Please select your position. A staff position is given and selected based on your experience and skills and the availability of such positions.

_____ **Nurse** _____ **Counselor; what age?** _____

_____ **Leadership Presenter; What topic?** _____

REFERENCES

Give the names and addresses of 2 people not related to you who have known you for at least two years.

1. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ V/TTY/VP
Email: _____

2. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ V/TTY/VP
Email: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Please list 3 past employers starting with the most recent.

1. Company: _____

Dates worked: Start: _____ End: _____ Job title: _____

Supervisor's name: _____ Supervisor's phone: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

2. Company: _____

Dates worked: Start: _____ End: _____ Job title: _____

Supervisor's name: _____ Supervisor's phone: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

3. Company: _____

Dates worked: Start: _____ End: _____ Job title: _____

Supervisor's name: _____ Supervisor's phone: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

CAMP EXPERIENCE:

Please list your residential camp experience starting with the most recent.

1. Camp name: _____

Dates worked: Start: _____ End: _____ Job title: _____

Director's name: _____ Director's phone #: _____ V/TTY/VP

What did you like most about this camp? _____

What did you like least about this camp? _____

2. Camp name: _____

Dates worked: Start: _____ End: _____ Job title: _____

Director's name: _____ Director's phone #: _____ V/TTY/VP

What did you like most about this camp? _____

What did you like least about this camp? _____

3. Camp name: _____

Dates worked: Start: _____ End: _____ Job title: _____

Director's name: _____ Director's phone #: _____ V/TTY/VP

What did you like most about this camp? _____

What did you like least about this camp? _____

KODAWest Camp

2011 RELEASE FORMS

Consent to Participate

I understand and certify that my participation in the KODAWest camp program is completely voluntary and I have familiarized myself with the camp's program and activities in which I will be participating.

I recognize that certain hazards and dangers are inherent in the KODAWest camp program, particularly, but not limited to, the activities of swimming, rope courses, horseback riding and other outdoor activities.

I acknowledge that although KODAWest Organization/KODAWest Camp has taken safety measures to minimize the risk of injury to camp participants, KODAWest organization cannot insure nor guarantee that the participants, equipment, premises and/or activities will be free of hazards, accidents and/or injuries.

I further recognize the importance of knowing and abiding by the camp's rules, regulations and procedures for my safety and the safety of camp participants.

Signature

Date

Release of Claims

I understand that my participation in KODAWest Camp can expose me to dangers, both from known and unanticipated risks.

Acknowledging that such risks exist, I hereby release and discharge KODAWEST Organization/KODAWest Camp, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from any and all claims or liability for personal injury or property damage that I may suffer while participating in the activity, including but not limited to, any claims arising out of any condition of the premises at which the activity is held or the conduct of any person in connection with the preparation for, supervision of or conduct of any activity, whether planned or unplanned.

I specifically agree to release and hereby release KODAWest Organization/KODAWest Camp and the officers, agents, employees and volunteers for any negligence of the camp, officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

Signature

Date

I hereby authorize KODAWest Organization to thoroughly investigate my references, work records, and other matters related to my ability for volunteer work. I further authorize the references I have listed to disclose to KODAWest any information related to my character, experiences, and ability. In addition, I hereby release KODAWest Organization, individuals listed as references, and all other persons, corporations, and associations from any and all claims, demands, or liability arising out of or in any way related to such investigation or disclosure.

I hereby certify that the answers given by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have not knowingly withheld any information that might adversely affect my chances to volunteer as a camp staff member. I further certify that I have personally completed this application. I understand that my application may be rejected or that I may be discharged from serving as a volunteer staff in the event that any omission or misstatement of material fact is discovered on this application or on any document used to secure a volunteer position at KODAWest Camp, regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.

Signature

Date

Camp Counselor

Job Description

Qualifications:

- Demonstrates motivation and ability to work with children outdoors,
- Demonstrates the ability to relate to one's peer group,
- Demonstrates the ability to accept guidance and supervision,
- Demonstrates the ability to assist in teaching an activity,
- Demonstrates the ability to maintain the confidentiality of all campers/staff,
- Demonstrates good character, integrity, and adaptability,
- Demonstrates enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control,
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

Report to:

Camp Director

Camp Goals:

KODAWest camp goals are to promote peer and social interaction in a fun and safe environment, and to gain confidence and wisdom from their older peers to help them understand their unique cultural identity as KODAs.

General Responsibilities

To identify and meet camper needs and the camp program as a whole.

Specific Responsibilities

1. Learn the likes/dislikes of each camper in your group
2. Recognize and respond to opportunities for problem solving in the group
3. Develop opportunities for interaction among campers and staff
4. Provide opportunities for the group so that each camper experiences success during camp
5. Help each camper have a fun experience while at camp
6. Supervise all assigned aspects of the campers' day including morning reveille, cabin clean-up, meal times, rest hour, day and evening activities, getting ready for bed, and after-hour duty as assigned
7. Instruct campers in emergency procedures such as fire drills, evacuating the cabin, etc.
8. Assist in teaching or leading an activity as assigned
9. Adhere to the Personnel Policy, Emergency & Safety Plan of Camp Surf and the behavior management plan of Camp Surf and *KODAWest*
10. Make suggestions for the following season
11. Perform other duties as assigned
12. Complete camp survey and staff evaluation with Camp Director