

I AM A KODA...

...KODA MEANS KIDS OF DEAF ADULTS...MY PARENTS ARE DEAF.

Dear _____,

My name is _____ and I am _____ years old. My parents are deaf and I am hearing. There is a name for kids like me – we are considered KODAs – Kids of Deaf Adults. I am so excited to know that there is a very unique summer camp for people like me! KODAWest is hosting their *5th Annual KODA Camp* from July 10 – 16, 2011, at Camp Surf YMCA facilities in Imperial Beach, CA. This camp will help children like me understand our bi-cultural identities and help us to embrace both of our worlds, the hearing and the deaf. If you would like to help my family send me to this camp, I would forever be grateful. The tuition for camp this year is \$585.00. My family will not be able to afford the entire camp fee and your help in any amount would know no bounds! In turn, I would write you a letter and send you a photo of me at camp describing what I have learned.

Yours truly,

K O D A W E S T ' S M I S S I O N S T A T E M E N T

KODAWest is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization which serves hearing children with parent/s who are deaf. Their mission is to bring these KODAs (Kids Of Deaf Adults) together in a support/peer group type of environment, with such activities as our annual summer camp and through various cultural enrichment programs. With this unique fellowship, these children will gain confidence and wisdom which 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 resources and support workshops to deaf parents who face common issues while raising their KODAs.

Yes!! We would be honored to help you go to camp!

Donor Name: _____ Name of Child: _____

Address: _____ Amount of Donation: \$ _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail Address (optional): _____

All donations need to be paid directly to KODAWest. Please complete and mail-in the bottom portion of this letter to the address below. KODAWest will inform the camper's parent/guardian of all contributions toward their fees. All donations are tax-deductible. Please e-mail us if you would like our Federal Tax Identification number. Thank you.