

I AM A KODA...

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

"This camp so unique and special that fills our KODA wants and needs. I especially hate leaving camp because it's like I'm leaving my family behind. I love my hearing friends, and I love my deaf friends, and nothing could compare to the love and respect I have for my KODAs." ~ Gina Heilman

Dear _____,

As you know my parent/s 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 **6th Annual KODA Camp** from July 2 – 8, 2012, at *The Catalina Experience™* facilities on Catalina Island. 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, as well as teach us a great deal about aquatics, marine biology, oceanography and astronomy. If you would like to donate towards my camp tuition to help send me to Catalina Island this summer, I would forever be grateful.

Your gift of giving in any amount would know no bounds!

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, such as camps and 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 (checks or money orders only) need to be paid directly to KODAWest. Please complete and mail 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.