

Sertoma

Camp Confidence Sertoma Club

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Another year of Camp Confidence has come and gone. Our dedicated staff and campers have moved into our new MBJ building and our campers are experiencing the beautiful outdoors and activities of Camp Confidence. Learning to be deaf and hard of hearing...

Campers are exposed to archery, and the Camp Confidence Challenge course which promotes skill, team effort and coordination. Educational nature hikes are on the agenda. Our campers learn to love and appreciate nature and all its gifts...

Some of you may be wondering: "what do our campers do for fun?" Let's take a look at some of the fun activities...

If that's not enough adventure, nestled in the trees is "Whitty's Revenge," a 60' long rope course. Climbing are climbing... out their achievement. In the woods, is the 100' long wall. No camper—despite their age—can't...

Every morning we have a bunny and geese as well as corn from their hands. Get acquainted with cows, a turkey, and many other critters that call Camp Confidence home.

On hot summer days, swimming in the water and water activities are popular.

Amidst the 140 acre wooded property, Camp Confidence Sertoma has something for everyone!

standing volunteer community service. Each club selects a member, who competes with other clubs. Winners at the regional and International level...

The award culminates in a trip to the winner's national headquarters for a visit with the President...

Camp Confidence Sertoma Club Officers

COB:	Jon Haapajoke	VP Sponsorship/PR:	Bob Slaybaugh
President:	Dave Burggraff	VP Membership:	Roger Culhane
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Secretary:	Debby Larsen		
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Did you read your quarterly publication—The Sertoman? If you didn't, don't miss reading this. If you did, this is worth reading again. Matt Fuller, a seven year old boy from York, Pennsylvania, entered his poem in a contest. The contest, created by The York Newspaper Company, required that the poem or story contain a message for people to get along and put aside their differences. Here is Matt Fuller's winning poem.

Flubas With Tubas and Wubas Without

I am a Fluba, I'm proud to say
Flubas must wear their hearing aids all day.
Day in, day out, I can tell,
Without my tubas I can't hear well.

I'm not the only fluba with a tuba in my ear
You see my purple and green tubas-they help me to hear.
There are lots and lots of flubas in the world today.
"Hey, look at that fluba" is what the wubas often say.

Wubas think they are better cause they don't wear hearing aids
They don't need tubas in their ears to hear what others say.
But Flubas make out better when their parents start to yell
Cause they can turn their tubas off and their parents cannot tell.

No two flubas and wubas are the same.
Because I wear hearing aids, I should not be ashamed.
Everyone should get along in the world today, you see—
Flubas and wubas, you and me.

*Wubas=people who don't wear hearing aids

*Flubas=people who wear hearing aids

*Tubas=hearing aids

DID YOU KNOW??

For most non-deaf persons, the term *deaf* refers to the inability to hear or a deficit in hearing. This is usually referred to as a particular decibel loss which indicates the degree of hearing impairment. The term *hearing impaired* is used by many non-deaf individuals to refer to anyone whose hearing is less than "normal." This term is perceived by hearing individuals to be a courteous, respectful way of referring to those who do not hear. Generally, if any distinction is made by non-deaf individuals regarding the degree of hearing one has, the term *deaf* is used to refer to one who has a severe to profound hearing impairment and the term *hard-of-hearing* is used for individuals who have a mild to moderate hearing loss.

The Deaf perspective, however, is quite different. Sometimes the only thing two d/Deaf people have in common is their inability to hear auditory input. Each d/Deaf person you encounter is a unique individual; understanding why they prefer to call themselves "deaf," "hard-of-hearing," or "hearing impaired" is critical to those who hope to work with d/Deaf people. While persons who can hear stress *degree* of hearing loss, members of the Deaf population stress *developmental*

experiences such as having d/Deaf family members, type and location of education, age or onset of deafness or location of Sign Language acquisition.

For example, an individual can refer to her/himself as "deaf" while having enough *residual hearing* to converse on the telephone. Conversely, someone who has a profound hearing loss may refer to her/himself as "hard-of-hearing." For that reason, books on interpreting,

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American Sign Language (ASL), and Deaf culture which have been published since 1980 have used a capital "D" (Deaf) to denote an individual who, in addition to not hearing, functions by choice as a member of the Deaf community, subscribing to the unique cultural norms, values, and traditions of that group. When used with a small 'd' (deaf), we are referring to anyone who is unable to hear

auditory stimuli, whether or not they affiliate with the culture and community of Deaf people.

The way an individual refers to her/himself will give you a clue regarding that person's linguistic and cultural identity or preference. If someone refers to her/himself as DEAF, s/he is usually indicating the presence of a hearing loss (ranging from mild to profound), a preference to socialize with members of the Deaf community and a desire to adhere to Deaf cultural values and norms. If a person refers to her/himself as HARD-OF-HEARING, that individual has a hearing loss (ranging from mild to severe) and may prefer to identify with hearing cultural norms and values, rather than Deaf cultural norms and values.

One final note: Culturally Deaf individuals view the term "*hearing impaired*" as negative and stigmatizing because they do not view themselves as *impaired*. They proudly label themselves as Deaf and prefer that alternate terms be dropped from the English dictionary.

•Taken from: "*So You Want to Become an Interpreter*" by Humphrey & Alcorn

REACHING OUT FOR CONTINUED GROWTH

A Letter From Our President

SERTOMA? What is that? What is Camp Confidence Sertoma? Where is Camp Confidence Sertoma and what do they do? Who do they service? We now have answers to these questions and more, in print, and ready for distribution!

On July 8, 2000, Camp Confidence Sertoma held a board meeting. An introductory package, managed by Rosalyn Haapajoki, was approved for distribution. This package is now available for potential club members, campers and their parents, and others who are curious about what Sertoma and our club is all about.

A part of that package includes a letter from Dave Burggraff, our president, and he would like to share that with you. It reads as follows:

WELCOME TO SERTOMA and CAMP SERTOMA

Thank you for taking an interest in CAMP SERTOMA. Camp Sertoma is the product of and supported by SERTOMA CLUBS located in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska. SERTOMA is derived from the organization's motto **SER**vice **TO M**Ankind. It is an International Civic, Social and service organization made up of over 20,000 members from over 750 clubs.

The focus of SERTOMA is centered around speech and hearing programs and in 1999, Camp Sertoma was created in partnership with Confidence Learning Center. Our goal is to provide outdoor learning and wilderness experiences within a peer environment for youth who are deaf or hard of hearing. To administer and fund the camp, a new SERTOMA club was formed, CAMP CONFIDENCE SERTOMA CLUB. The club has three main objectives; promote the camp to find and attract campers, raise funds for campers to attend the weeklong sessions, and provide and maintain the camp facilities.

Our goal is to attract members who are deaf, and members who currently work in, or are connected in some way to the deaf and hard of hearing community. What better leaders can be found, than those that currently understand and serve the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Whether it be professionals, teachers, students, parents, or corporations, we need all these people to help promote, fund and provide for Camp Sertoma. Won't you please help? Our annual club dues are \$100 per year,

billed semi-annually in September and March. We meet six times per year for general business and information about hearing and deaf issues. Places and dates vary, but several meetings per year are held at Confidence Learning Center near Brainerd, home to Camp Sertoma.

We raise money to fund the cost of attending Camp Sertoma, currently \$300 per week per camper. We also contribute to the SERTOMA FOUNDATION to further its cause for speech and hearing programs, and educate the public on ways to prevent and cope with hearing loss. And finally, we recruit additional members to CAMP SERTOMA CLUB to enhance and expand our reach to and benefits for deaf and hard of hearing youth. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

Additional information can be found at the following web sites:

SERTOMA
www.sertoma.org

CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER
www.campconfidence.com

SERTOMA CLUB NEWSLETTERS
www.brainerd.com/sertoma/news_letter/index.html

PROJECT LEAD

Project LEAD (Leadership Education and Development) is scheduled for August 26, 2000 at Camp Confidence Learning Center. This is a one day workshop for Sertoma's new and potential new officers. This workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include lunch. If you need directions, please call Camp Confidence at 218-828-2344. Check the calendar on page 4 of this newsletter for other upcoming meetings and conventions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Calendar

August 26, 2000	Project Lead
September 23, 2000	Club Meeting
	Board Meeting
November 18, 2000	Board Meeting
December 2, 2000	State Conference
January 13, 2001	Club Meeting
	Board Meeting
March 24, 2001	Board Meeting
May 19, 2001	Club Meeting
	Board Meeting
May 3, 4 & 5, 2001	Regional Convention
July 7, 2001	Board Meeting

