

Great Plains Camp Sertoma Club

February 2018

Camp Sertoma is awesome!

Camp Sertoma of the Great Plains

Camp Sertoma of the Great Plains was created to provide growth oriented outdoor learning experiences within a peer environment free of communication barriers for youth who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. The keys to the success of Camp Sertoma are the Sertoma Clubs and Sertoma members of the Great Plains Region. The campers thank you for your support and involvement in making Camp Sertoma one of the best places in the country for Deaf and Hard of Hearing kids to work and play together with their peers. Sertoma Clubs and Sertoma members are "heroes" to these kids.

Camp Sertoma 2018 Wish List

REALLY NEED

Rit Dye (various colors)
Washable Markers
Permanent Markers
Tempera Craft Paints
Latex Free Gloves
Elmer's School Glue
Wax Paper
9" Balloons
Toilet Paper
Pump Hand Soap
Paper Archery Targets

DREAM

Plastic Banquet Chairs
Lodge Storage
Honda EU 2000 Generator
WISH
Team Colored Vests (Y & A) Sizes
Cowboy Golf Frisbee Golf
Bag Toss Games
Water Balloon Sling Shot
9 Square in the Air
Large Earth Ball



Thank you for your 2017-2018 donations for Camp Sertoma!

N. Minnesota

Brainerd Area

S. Minnesota

Blue Earth
Faribault
Rochester
St. James

N. Dakota

Bismarck

S. Dakota

Minnehaha

Iowa

East Nebraska

University

Greater Nebraska

Kearney

Donations

Pat & Eunice McArdle
Lois Gau
Holly Engelhart
Warren Stowell
Pam Johnson
Wayne & Cindy Betcher

Consider a membership in the Great Plains Camp Sertoma Club for ONE member from each of your clubs. Annual dues are \$100 and we meet three times a year by conference call or in person with conference call and volunteer at Camp Sertoma. Our main purpose is to support Camp Sertoma in any way we can! Won't you join us?!



Come & Help Us & Have Some Fun!

Emily, Molly & Jen

Camp Sertoma at Camp Confidence

Dates: JULY 8—13, 2018

CAMP SERTOMA FACTS - DID YOU KNOW?

1. All volunteers at Camp Sertoma have to have a background check submitted to Jenni before MAY 15, 2018. See our website for form information. Fill it out and send to Jenni at Camp, jen@campconfidence.com by 5/15/18.
2. Camp Sertoma builds character and leadership skills in our youth. Many of our past campers are now counselors! Just ask Molly!
3. Preparation for Camp Sertoma begins with plans in January, recruits in March, volunteers in April, staff training in June, and the doors open on July 8, 2018. for campers.
4. Camp Sertoma campers are welcome from all of our Great Plains District club locations!
5. Camp Sertoma needs your help! Talk to your club about volunteering time at Camp, donating a sponsorship, purchasing a Wish List item, or making a miscellaneous donation. It all helps the kids!
6. The Haapajoki Softball Tournament will start with a Wounded Warriors event Friday, 7/13, tournament softball games on Saturday, 7/14 and



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VOLUNTEER and MEET the CAMPERS! The experience is worth your time!

If you or members of your Sertoma Club are interested in volunteering for a day or two for preparing and serving a meal during 2018 Camp Sertoma, please contact Cathe Picek at cathe.picek@gmail.com or 218-330-7804.

We need help with preparing, serving and cleaning up breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Grocery Check In Fri. from 2 to 4 pm 2 Volunteers

Breakfast Mon. through Fri. from 7 to 9:30 am 4 Volunteers

Lunch Mon. through Thur. 10:30 am to 1 pm 4 Volunteers

Dinner Sun. through Thur. 4 to 6:30 pm 4 Volunteers

Grocery Check Out Fri. from 12 to 2 pm 2 Volunteers

TESTIMONIALS

“Dear Cooks,

Thank you making us amazing food. Thank you for caring about us by making those delicious hotdogs. Thank you for going out of your way for kids with allergies! We can't wait for the food next year!” Love, Alex, Hannah H, Hannah C, Dallas and Norah

Volunteer Housing

Since Camp Sertoma has been FULL of CAMPERS we ask that those volunteers who need an overnight stay to contact Laura for volunteer housing options which may include area hotel/motels, camping on site and off site housing in local Sertomans' homes. Please contact Laura Beilke at laura.beilke@gmail.com or 218-821-1139 for assistance in scheduling Camp Sertoma week housing or weekend housing for the Happajoki Tournament.

Two to four Volunteers are needed for working concessions at the **Happajoki Softball Tournament/Wounded Warrior** event Friday, 7/13 from 4 to 7pm and 7 to 10 pm, Saturday, 7/14 from 9 am to noon, noon to 3 pm, 3 to 6 pm and 6 to 10 pm and Sunday, 7/15 from 10 am to 1 pm or later if needed. Contact Warren Stowell at tom-linda51@yahoo.com or 507-317-6891. Proceeds from the Happajoki Softball Tournament benefit the Camp Sertoma

PARENTS COMMENTS ABOUT CAMP SERTOMA

Check out more pictures and comments on **Facebook!**

Holly K. R. I can't say enough about this camp. My daughter thrives in the deaf community and camp gives her that experience. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do to put the camp on. It is life changing for Brooklyn.

Best part of my son's summer every year! The staff, facility, and adventures here are outstanding!

Ron L. My son went this year first time and he really enjoyed the time and he's looking forward to next year!

Jonathan B. THANK YOU for making this such an awesome camp for these kids and for sharing so many photos!

Ways to get Campers to Camp Sertoma

Support a child from your Sertoma Club area by:

Sponsoring a camper for \$680.00 - fill out a sponsorship form, note the name of the camper and send a check for \$680 to Camp Sertoma, PO Box 950, Brainerd, MN 56401

Help get a camper from your area to Camp Sertoma by:

Talking to the clubs in your district and find out if any campers are in need of transportation. Arrange for car, van or shuttle to get those kids to Camp Sertoma and home again.

Each year we lose about two campers because they had no way of getting to Camp!

Is there any way your club can help?



2017 CAMP SERTOMA BADGE WINNER

Each year the campers are encouraged to draw a special activity, event, or their idea of how much Camp Sertoma means to them.

The drawings are judged by the volunteers who come to help at Camp and one design is selected to be featured on that year's Camp Sertoma banner badge. A banner badge is given to each club who donates to Camp Sertoma as a thank you for your support.

Camp Sertoma District Liaisons

Thank you to the following Sertoma members who have volunteered to keep the clubs of their districts informed about Camp Sertoma, camper needs, Camp needs, the Wish List and obtaining any ideas or suggestions that would enable more kids to attend Camp Sertoma.

North MN— Chris Mohr, Alexandria	cmohr@dz-ins.com
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Iowa—Toni Schwann, Sioux City	tschanntoni@gmail.com
East NE—Tom Zimmerman, Columbus	tvzimme@neb.rr.com
Greater NE—Bob Dye, Beatrice	bd51427@windstresam.net
North DK—Pam Johnson	pamkunmze@hotmail.com
South DK—Tom Reding	tsreding@msn.com

Please contact clubs in your district with information from this newsletter, questions or suggestions.

Another worn out Camp Sertoma staff! They did their jobs well! Thank you!

