



# Palmetto Health Children's Hospital

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Camp Wonder Hands originated in the Summer of 1996 as a vision of Mrs. Marolyn Amick, a Child Life Therapist at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Mrs. Amick, who is herself hearing impaired and has a child who is deaf, felt the need to provide an atmosphere where deaf and hard-of-hearing children would be able to identify with others and learn that they are not alone in their experience.

Camp Wonder Hands is a six-day, overnight camp located at Camp Kinard Lutheran Conference Center in the Batesburg-Leesville community of Lexington County South Carolina. This camp offers enriching activities and interaction with positive deaf and hard-of-hearing adult and college aged role models from our community. The Camp Wonder Hands summer camp is unique in that it is the first, and at present, the only opportunity of its kind for deaf and hard-of-hearing children in the Midlands.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- To provide an environment where deaf and hard-of-hearing campers are the Majority.
- To provide an arena for celebration of their unique culture and beautifully expressive language, thus cultivating a sense of belonging and confidence building.
- To provide the special opportunity for campers to make new friends with others of similar experiences, while receiving encouragement from adult deaf and hard-of-hearing role models from our community.
- **TO HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

## **TARGET POPULATION**

According to Department of Education and the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind, "The approximate number of deaf and hard-of-hearing children statewide is between 1,000 to 1,500." Our target population is the approximate 600 deaf and hard-of-hearing children and teens age **7-17** years old from the 16 counties served by Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Camp

## **CAMPER / COUNSELOR / VOLUNTEER OPTIONS:**

**Primary Campers:** 7 – 15 years old {**Have Lots of Good Clean FUN!!**}

**Teen Camper Program:** 16 – 17 years old {**College Prep; Resume/Job Prep; Life Skills, Have FUN!!**}

**Counselor in Leadership Program:** 18 – 20 years old {**SLED Background Check Required**}

**Counselors:** 21 years old {**SLED Background Check Required**}

**Volunteers:** 18 years old {**SLED Background Check Required**}

## **LOCATION/DATES:**

Camp will be held at Kinard Lutheran Conference Center {Camp Kinard} in the Batesburg-Leesville community from **Sunday – Friday, July 16-21, 2017**. There is a **Mandatory Staff/Counselor/Volunteer orientation on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2017** at the **Kinard Lutheran Conference Center**. <http://www.sclrc.com/campkinard.html>

## **COST:**

There is **NO COST** to campers to attend Camp Wonder Hands.

## **SPONSORSHIP/FUNDING:**

Camp Wonder Hands is sponsored by the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Funding is provided by Palmetto Health Children's Hospital and through private, civic, and corporate contributions.

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