

June 2008

ISRC Digital Update

Illinois Service Resource Center

A Technical Assistance Center of the Illinois State Board of Education

Serving Children with Hearing Loss and Emotional/Behavioral Disorders

ISRC Review Spring Newsletter and Pin-up:

<http://www.isrc.us/PDF/spring2008.pdf>

<http://www.isrc.us/PDF/pinupSpring2008.pdf>

1. Upcoming events:

~Kayak Trip

~Fantasy Baseball Camp

~Summer Solstice Bike Ride

~Deaf Blind Workshop

~Deaf Day at Great America

2. Odyssey Magazine Volume 9 Issue 1: Autism

3. MegaSkills for children, parents and teachers

4. Educational Activities and Games

5. 99 engaging Summertime ideas

6. New in our library: Rethinking the Education of Deaf Students: Theory and Practice from a Teacher's Perspective.

~June 15th: Fun Kayak Trip

Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing, age 10 yrs old and older are welcome

\$20 per person DEADLINE: JUNE 2nd

For waiver forms and more information:

[http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org/Youth%20Program/Flyer\\_KayakTrip08.htm](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org/Youth%20Program/Flyer_KayakTrip08.htm)

~June 16- June 20, 2008: Fantasy Baseball Camp Evenings.

Registration begins April 21st. Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center 10409 S.

Roberts Rd. Palos Hills, IL 60465

A fun-filled way for your child to spend a week, send them to "Fantasy Baseball Camp" this summer! Our camp is very affordable and tailored for children with speech and hearing impairments. For further information, please call Karen Young at 708.599.9500.

~June 21st: Summer Solstice Bike Ride

At Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in Darien

Everyone is welcome, deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing of all ages

Free activities as long you have a bike

For more direction and information:

[http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org/Youth%20Program/Flyer\\_Bike%20Ride08.htm](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org/Youth%20Program/Flyer_Bike%20Ride08.htm)

~June 26, 2008 (Thursday) through June 29, 2008 (Sunday): Deaf Blind Workshop

Where: Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI)

658 East State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650

The Deaf-Blind workshop is designed to provide interpreters and ITP students with learning opportunities through lecture (Thursday) and hands-on experiences (Friday through Sunday). Interpreters and ITP

students will learn a variety of skills necessary when working with a person who has both vision and hearing loss. Participants will be given the opportunity to work with several Deaf-Blind people who have diversified communication modes. Interpreters and ITP students will learn Deaf-Blind interpreting skills while supporting Deaf-Blind persons to access workshops and fun activities. Interpreters and ITP students will learn: sighted guide techniques, how to work with a Deaf-Blind person who uses a guide dog, interpreting techniques for Deaf-Blind campers who have a vision loss (restricted field, tracking, etc.), and tactile interpreting strategies.

Space is limited for this workshop experience!

Registration will not be accepted at the door.

Cost: \$25.00 for Deaf-Blind Persons. \$85.00 for volunteers.

Includes: 4 day hands-on learning experience 8 meals, lodging for 3 nights, crafts, and leisure activities.

click on the link below for more information, forms, etc.

[www.deaf-center.org/ildbw.htm](http://www.deaf-center.org/ildbw.htm)

~July 21st: Deaf Day at Great America

Host by Lake County Center of Independent Living

For more info:

[http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org/Youth%20Program/Flyer\\_DeafDayGA08.htm](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org/Youth%20Program/Flyer_DeafDayGA08.htm)

2. Odyssey: A magazine that addresses directions in Deaf Education. See inside this Autism focused issue for information about the need for language development, the coexistence of Deafness and Autism, teaching strategies and approaches, the experiences of parents of children who are Deaf with Autism, and post high school options. Within the magazine's content you will also find a calendar of events, conferences, Deaf news, information for teachers and much much more.

<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Odyssey/pdf/20080501-0001.pdf>

3. MegaSkills are the attitudes, the behaviors, and the habits that determine achievement in school and beyond. The work of the MegaSkills Education Center is to build success for children, parents and teachers through books, trainings, conference presentations, and partnerships with schools and communities nationally and internationally. Through this link you will find activity ideas that parents can use over the summer to work on developing and enhancing these skills within their children.

<http://www.megaskills.org/summerLearningMain.html> And if you follow this link for new teachers it will provide you with some encouraging words and ideas to assist you in coping with the common stressors of being a teacher by addressing your own MegaSkills development. Check back often as these skill sets rotate throughout the year.

<http://www.megaskills.org/newTeachFreeActivities.html>

4. Look here to find fun educational games and activities to end the school year or to use at home over the summer with your children. Encourage parents of your students to check it out for ideas to use over the summer break to keep their child active in education and busy with beneficial fun. Suggestions are easily accessed by appropriate grade level and/or topic.

<http://www.education.com/activity/all-grades/>

5. A new idea for everyday this summer...This site is packed with 99 fun ideas for doing with children over the summer. The ideas can easily fit into summer school programming or good old family fun. Besides the direct link to 99 days of summer fun, look around the rest of the site for even more great ideas to keep kids active and engaged all summer long.

<http://familyfun.go.com/games/indoor-outdoor-games/specialfeature/summer-games-june/>

6. In our library: Rethinking the Education of Deaf Students: Theory and Practice from a Teacher's Perspective. This text is "a compelling and controversial text which asserts that Deaf students should be treated no differently than non Deaf students. The author, a veteran and practicing teacher, rejects the predominant view of Deaf students as special learners in need of language remediation and repair. Instead, she maintains that for Deaf students as well as their hearing counterparts, the primary educational goal is the making and sharing of understandings in various subjects. Furthermore, she views this as a process that occurs naturally, concomitantly, and reciprocally with the acquisition of language--regardless of one's hearing ability." Remember our materials are free to borrow and will be mailed to you directly with return postage included. Please take advantage of this extremely valuable resource. The library consists of an expanding collection of over 1200 items, including books, videotapes, audiotapes, test kits and games related to deafness, deaf culture, sign language, audiology, mental health, behavior management, parenting and administration. To request a bibliography of materials, or to request a specific item, please call the ISRC at (847)559-8195 or (800)550-4772. Or e-mail us.