5. Who do I contact if I want more information?

If you'd like more information about Brethren Woods or a registration packet, try their website at: **www.brethrenwoods.org** or contact Linetta Ballew, Assistant Director, at 540–269-2741 or **program@brethrenwoods.org**

If you want more information about the program or are wondering if your child can be accommodated in the program, contact Amy Ashworth, ASL instructor, at **amy.tussing@gmail.com** or text to 540-849–6879.

If I could pick one word to describe my experience as an ASL instructor at Brethren Woods, I would choose "Inspirational". Seeing how the campers engaged in our rich language was truly a joy to see. I so very much enjoyed teaching ASL in an inclusive environment, where Brethren Woods created a bridge for members of the Deaf community, so that all may learn and praise God with love, not barriers.

Amy Ashworth ASL Instructor, 2019

Having A Great Time!

Hope You'll Join Us!

Twelfth Annual

American Sign Language Camp

Brethren Woods
camp and retreat center

Keezletown, VA
July 12-17, 2020

The Program

Each summer, **Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat Center** offers American Sign Language Camp, a program where Deaf, hard of hearing and hearing campers share ASL, Deaf culture and typical camp activities.

Campers in the program take part in camp staples such as swimming, arts and crafts, nature study, and team building. They will participate in a tubing trip. There are daily Sign Language lessons and campers learn and practice during activities throughout the day as well. They also participate in morning watch, Bible study and vespers

Everyone who attends camp during the week learns basic sign such as greetings. Programming for the whole camp, such as silent meals and Deaf speakers, help staff and campers learn about the Deaf community.

Participants

We welcome Deaf, hard of hearing , CODAs, and hearing children who have completed grades 5-8. Participants must have sufficient communication skills (in sign language or English) to follow directions and express their needs in case of emergency or illness. In addition, they need to be physically capable of and interested in participating in the entire camp program.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where will I be living? ASL campers make up one of eight family groups on-site at camp. The ASL group is limited to 12 campers, 2-3 staff, plus interpreters. There is a cabin for girls and one for boys.

Campers live in the Walnut Creek area of camp in cabins with electricity and bunk beds. They may use either the pool house or an outhouse in their area for toileting.

2. How many Deaf or hard of hearing friends might I make? We aim to have six Deaf or hard of hearing children in the group.

3. Who will I be able to communicate with during camp? You will be able to communicate with everyone at camp with the assistance of sign language interpreters. There will also be Deaf adults at camp such as our Sign Language Instructor. Brethren Woods' summer staff and all campers who attend camp during Sign Language Camp week learn basic ASL vocabulary such as greetings, names of camp activities and foods.

4. How much does the program cost? The camp fee is between $330 and $355, depending on how early you apply. If you need assistance with the fee, contact Brethren Woods for scholarship information.