



Camp SERTOMA of NC/VA/MD

News Bulletin



March 2008

Chairman's Message

We are preparing for another Sertoma Deaf Camp in 2008. The camp committee met at the end of January and approved plans for this year's camp.



Your help is needed to make this year's camp another resounding success. How can you help?

First, we need campers . . .

Attached is this year's application brochure. Please download, print copies, and distribute them to the schools in your community or anywhere you think potential campers may be located. Potential campers are deaf or hearing impaired youth ages 8 to 16, or siblings/children of deaf and hearing-impaired persons. If you're not computer savvy and would like to have pre-printed brochures mailed to you, contact Sandy Waterman and she will be happy to send you a supply.

Second, we need money to meet our budget. Has your club included the camp in your sponsorship budget? It takes about \$500 per camper to fund the camp. Can we count on your club to sponsor one or more campers? If you can, please mail your check payable to "Camp Sertoma" to Clutch Coverdale, 604 Clearfield Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23320

Third, we need volunteers. Next month is work weekend at the camp (April 4-6). Later in this newsletter is a complete list of jobs that are planned to be undertaken during work weekend. Our goal is to have 100 Sertomans attend work weekend. Think of all that can be accomplished if that many Sertomans showed up to help.

Later during camp week (June 22-27) we will need volunteers to assist for a day or more during the week of camp. Volunteers are needed, for example, on the day

the children go to Hanging Rock. We will need volunteers to help with transportation of children to and from the camp. If you want to volunteer, please contact me at 910-893-5914 (night), 919-715-5124 (day) or by e-mail, johnlacy54@yahoo.com.

Also, if you can help during work weekend, please contact me by March 28 so I can give a head count to 4-H for food planning purposes.

Hope you have a happy Easter,

John Kelly
Chair, Sertoma Deaf Camp Committee

Work Weekend Job Jar

Listed below are some of the jobs to be completed on work weekend, April 4-6. Some of these jobs lend themselves to being adopted as a project by a club. Number of people needed is in parenthesis:

1. Stain/paint Camp store (3)
2. Demo interior (3)
3. Waterseal fence in front of Rec Hall (2)
4. Waterseal decks/stain pool house (4)
5. Re-grout lip of pool, seal cracks (10)
6. Burlington Cabin/retaining wall (4)
7. Lower fire circle install benches (10)
8. Paint Spring House (4)
9. Re-work front gate entrance (2)
10. Replace section of siding on west side of Winston Salem cabin (3)
11. Trim trees along road & trail to high ropes (4)
12. Trim trees around cabins (4)

It's an ambitious list, but if we get enough folks up here we can get it all done. Of course, if we get done with these we have more to do!

– Keith Russell,
Director, Sertoma 4-H Center
phone 336-593-8057

Extreme Makeover Cabin Edition

Many of the cabins are in need of tender loving care.. Clubs that adopted cabins years ago are encouraged to come to the camp on work weekend and spruce up the cabins. Don't know whether your club adopted a cabin? Here's the list of adopted cabins:

Cabin Circle One
Tar Heel, Wilmington & Yadkinville

Cabin Circle Two
Burlington (Jack O'Kelley/Alamance County),
Raleigh, Old Salem

Cabin Circle Three
West of Winston Salem, Norfolk, North State,
Triangle, Winston Salem

If your club is the sponsor of a cabin, and you'd like to know what needs to be done, you may contact Keith Russell, Sertoma 4-H Center director.

We know the Wilmington and Old Salem clubs will be working on their cabins that weekend. We also know that Tar Heel made a donation of \$5,000 for materials to refurbish its cabin. (Thank you!) The Yadkinville club replaced the windows and made other improvements to its cabin within the past year.

Sertoma Lodge Furniture

The Sertoma Lodge is in need of replacement furniture; in particular, beds and mattresses. If you have a clean mattress in good condition that you're going to discard, please consider donating it to the lodge. A queen size mattress and box spring, a double mattress and box spring, and a pair of twin mattresses and box springs are desired.

Also, please consider donating a video cassette or dvd player and old VHS or DVD tapes to the lodge. The television set in the lodge now only receives one channel. Games and paperback books are other items that will be appreciated by fellow Sertomans who are staying at the lodge during a weekend.

If you have items to donate, please contact John Kelly at 919-715-5124 (work), 910-893-5914 (home).

The Lodge is available at no charge to all Sertoma members. To reserve, contact Keith Russell.

Have CD, Will Travel

Is your club in need of a program speaker? Is it interested in learning more about Camp Sertoma? Each member of the camp committee has a cd of photos of last year's camp and will be happy to show it to you. Attached is a directory of committee members. Invite one of them to speak to your club.

2008 Camp Budget (Projected)

Camper tee shirts	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	975.00
Transportation	1,550.00
Counselor/Interp. Salaries	4,200.00
4-H Program Fees	35,000.00
Total Budget	\$42,725.00

(@ 90 campers, equal to \$475.00 per camper)

Actual expenses in 2007 amounted to \$52,664, of which \$9,000 was expended for capital improvements (renovation of a cabin and bathrooms of Cheshire Hall).

CALENDAR -2008

APRIL 4-6	CAMP SERTOMA WORK WEEKEND
APRIL 24-27	CAMP SERTOMA COMMITTEE MEETING, REGIONAL CONVENTION, GETTYSBURG, PA
JUNE 22-27	DEAF CAMP WEEK
SEP. 19-21	CAMP SERTOMA FUN WEEKEND