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For more information regarding camps, programs, and registration, please visit our website at [www.texasdeafed.org/sp](http://www.texasdeafed.org/sp)

(All camps and programs begin on a Sunday and end on a Saturday unless marked with *)
The Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD) at Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) has since 1982, hosted summer programs to serve deaf and hard of hearing students. Since that time, additional educational programs were added to parallel students’ ambitious desires to continue to learn, grow, feel a sense of belonging, and inspire them to develop and expand their own interests, skills and hobbies.

Our new 2019 Summer Camps & Programs at TSD, located in Austin, Texas, reflect our desire to meet the needs and interests of preschoolers to young adults who are deaf and hard of hearing in Texas.

Summer Camps are recreational in nature, combined with goals to enhance self-esteem and social skills, while Summer I Can! Programs are aspirational, to instill the foresight into our older participants so they are successful fledgling adults, encouraged to chase their dreams.

**Note:**
- Participants will be supervised at all times by our qualified staff, who will lead meaningful and fun instructional activities and ensure all participants are comfortable and secure in their environment, both day and night.
- During daily camp and program activities from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., use of smartphones and similar devices will be prohibited. Access to videophones and other calling options is available onsite, after 7:30 p.m. or as needed.
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products and all weapons are strictly prohibited on the Texas School for the Deaf campus grounds.

**Overnights:**
- Participants attending STEM Camp, I Can! Learn STEM, and I Can! Code Programs are required to stay overnights.
- All other participants, except the Tiny Tots day campers, are assumed to stay overnights on the TSD campus for the duration of the camp or program, unless otherwise notified at the time of registration.

**Daily Drop-off/Pick-up times:**
- Daily, Monday – Friday, drop participants off at 8:00 a.m., and pick-up at 7:30 p.m.

Additional camp and program information, including daily schedules and what to bring, can be found online at [TexasDeafEd.org/SP](http://TexasDeafEd.org/SP).

**For any other questions or concerns, please contact us.**  
Rachella Moore, Summer Camps & Programs Coordinator  
512-410-1174, or Rachella.Moore@tsd.state.tx.us
Unless otherwise noted below, all weekly specialty camps are $225 per participant, per week.

Tiny Tots Day Camp
$136 per camper

I Can! Drive (Teen Driver Education)
$848 per participant

I Can! Drive (Adult Driver Education)
Sessions A & B:
$450 per participant per session

The cost for each week of camp or program, including fees, will cover the cost of all activities, meals and overnight stays on the TSD campus.

Note:

- Participants may stay over a weekend, in between another camp or program, for an extra fee of $75 per weekend.
- Payments due by March 15, 2019, in person, by phone or mail.
ERCOD is the statewide outreach center at Texas School for the Deaf working collaboratively with a variety of agencies, family-focused groups, and schools across Texas to provide a network of support, information, and resources for students who are deaf and hard of hearing, their families, and professionals anywhere across the state.

Some services are provided on the Texas School for the Deaf campus while others are offered in your local areas or even in your home or classroom via video conferencing or online resources.

ERCOD programs, information about Deaf Education in Texas, and other related services statewide can be found online at www.TexasDeafEd.org - a collection of resources compiled through a partnership between ERCOD and Education Service Center Region 11, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.

**Our Goals at ERCOD are:**

- To direct you to the appropriate agency, program, service, information or resource needed to serve deaf and hard of hearing students anywhere in the state.
- To provide programs and services designed specifically for families and their deaf and hard of hearing children (from birth to the age of 22) who attend schools and educational programs throughout Texas.
- To deliver training for professional development and support.
- To create resources and materials readily available to you online.
- To extend access to ERCOD resources, programs, and services through events in a variety of locations statewide and through technology for video conferencing opportunities.
- To collaborate with programs throughout the state to provide the most effective and efficient services.
- To increase awareness that each deaf and hard of hearing student can achieve full potential when provided appropriate educational opportunities.

Educational Resource Center on Deafness at Texas School for the Deaf does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Visit us at www.TexasDeafEd.org to learn more about our services and resources.
A special weekend in Austin for families with deaf and hard of hearing children hosted by the Educational Resource Center on Deafness at Texas School for the Deaf.

Families from all over Texas can attend this weekend where they will meet other families and learn about the many opportunities for communication and education for deaf and hard of hearing children.

Throughout the weekend, parents and other adult family members attend educational workshops. Presenters include a variety of professionals, as well as parents, and deaf and hard of hearing adults. Child, youth, and teen care is offered in a “camp-like” atmosphere supervised 24/7 by qualified staff.

For more information, please contact Debbie Schiraldi, at FWR.Support@tsd.state.tx.us or visit www.TexasDeafEd.org/FWR

Who can attend?
All families with deaf or hard of hearing child, ages 6 months to 18 years, and their hearing siblings.

Program Fee:
$75 for a family of four, and $10 for each additional family member. Some scholarships are available.

To Register:
Visit www.TexasDeafEd.org/FWR
Registration for this weekend retreat opens in February 2019.
This week-long, half-day, morning-only camp is focused on experiential learning, social skills and language comprehension using thematic instruction. Concepts are explored in a 100% communication-accessible environment through play, hands-on activities, arts and crafts, games and recreational swimming.

Note:
- Our pre-camp orientation, Sunday afternoon, June 9, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. is structured so that parents can meet and socialize with other parents while campers get familiar with their camp environment.
- For families outside of the Austin area, we can provide a list of hotels within close proximity to TSD, so your tot can attend Tiny Tots Day Camp.

Daily Drop-off/Pick-up times:
- Daily, Monday – Friday, drop campers off at 8:00 a.m., and pick-up at 11:30 a.m.

Who can attend?
Deaf and hard of hearing children from the age of 3 to 5.

Camp Fee:
$136 per camper
The rich history behind the name Spectrum is being reintroduced in a summer camp format. We rekindle a time in the 1970’s when many famous Deaf artists descended upon Austin, Texas, with a mission to create something bigger than themselves.

Our flagship Spectrum Camp is THE camp that brings our similarities and our differences together to spark creativity and develop a stronger sense of identity. Spectrum Camp aims to enable and inspire our campers to dream big and accomplish goals.

Campers will have many opportunities to work on self-awareness, self-growth, leadership, empowerment, identities and future goals.

Never short on fun, an assortment of summer activities include: recreational swimming, ropes course, archery, performance and fine arts, and more. A true camp experience!

**Camp Fee:**
$225 per camper
Campers will explore and combine different modes of communication including American Sign Language (ASL) in a language-rich environment. Campers will expand their abilities in performing arts, visual poetry, language code-switching, and monologues.

Led by all deaf and hard of hearing staff members, all levels of sign language users are welcome; prior knowledge of sign language not required to join. Our specialized Deaf That! Camp will also be blended with traditional camp activities such as recreational swimming, water games, outdoor movies, and arts and crafts.

Campers leave the camp with a new level of understanding and appreciation of Deaf culture, and the need to continue to explore, create and network with their new camp friends.

**Camp Fee:**
$225 per camper
Campers will explore future career goals with an understanding of the vast employment opportunities within the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

Campers will learn what types of scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians exist, what job duties are involved, and what education paths are necessary.

Through use of career exploration curriculum, exposure to STEM careers, hands-on experiences as well as community field trips, campers will enjoy a fun week of learning about STEM.

Note:
- STEM Camp is a precursor to the High School I Can! Learn STEM week-long program where more advanced STEM concepts are taught.
- Both a Program Interest form and a Teacher Recommendation form are required with participant registration.

Camp Fee:
$225 per camper
Swim Camp

With Lifeguards on patrol, experienced swim coaches will guide each swimmer through skill-specific drills that will enable the swimmer to propel efficiently through the water with minimal resistance, improving speed. Drills will help to improve the kick, breathing, pull, flip-turns, diving, and much more.

Swimmers will also participate in fun dry-land exercises, activities, and games outside of the pool. The overall swim camp experience will include visits to local swimming pools, the University of Texas, and the Austin Swim Club to see where our USA Olympic Swimmers have trained and begun their careers.

Camp Fee:
$225 per camper

K - 2nd Grades Camp
Check-in: Sunday, June 9, 1 - 3 p.m.
Check-out: Saturday, June 15, noon

3rd - 5th Grades Camp
Check-in: Sunday, June 16, 1 - 3 p.m.
Check-out: Saturday, June 22, noon
The I Can! Code program will be conducted in partnership with expertise from Apple, Inc. and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in New York.

Participants will team together to build and program droid robots and drones with guidance from expert professionals, using appropriate hardware and coding tools that match their experience levels.

Participants will also explore a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) career opportunities related to robotics and drones.

Participants will work through self-paced modules and then apply their new knowledge and skills to create a unique project of their own.

**Note:** Both a Program Interest form and a Teacher Recommendation form are required with participant registration.

**Program Fee:**
$225 per participant
I Can! Learn STEM participants will explore future career goals with an understanding of the vast opportunities for employment available in fields related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Participants will learn what types of scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians exist, what job duties are involved, and what education and preparation paths are necessary.

Participants will experience a fun week of learning as we move through the career exploration curriculum with increased exposure to advanced concepts, such as coding, through hands-on activities.

Everyone will roll up their sleeves when the group visits the University of Texas’ environmental engineering lab, where participants get to participate in experiments and meet professionals working in STEM careers today.

Note: Both a Program Interest form and a Teacher Recommendation form are required with participant registration.

Program Fee: $225 per participant
I Can! Gear Up for College

It is no secret that preparing for college is a stressful task for students, parents and educators alike. College-bound participants, ages 16-22, will go through intensive preparation for college through learning and exploring different communication access options, and understanding application procedures for college admission and accommodations.

I Can! Gear Up for College will help participants learn how to utilize assistance through the Texas Workforce Commission Vocational Rehabilitation’s counseling services for postsecondary education purposes, and learn about tips for passing the ACT and SAT college entrance exams.

Participants will gain insight into best practices for study habits, time management, self-advocacy, workplace readiness, goal-setting, and research skills.

At colleges and universities of their choice, participants will explore and identify the different degree plans, learn how to communicate with vocational rehabilitation counselors to receive assistance with accommodations, develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE), and how to seek professional advice and set career goals.

Led by highly qualified and certified instructors, this comprehensive college and workplace readiness program will guide participants to better understand and value the importance of career goals that will guide their academic paths toward gainful and meaningful employment.

Program Fee:
$225 per participant
I Can! Drive
Teen Driver Education (TDE) Course

A four-week driver education program for participants, ages 15-17, to earn a Texas Learner’s Permit. Teen Driver Education (TDE) is previously referred to as Driver Safety Education (DSE).

This 100% communication accessible I Can! Drive program with certified driving instructors using American Sign Language, includes 32 hours of classroom instruction, plus 14 hours behind-the-wheel and in-car observation, along with some fun field trips to local attractions.

Interpreters are provided for participants preferring oral instruction or other modes of communication.

Participants will also learn proper automobile and tire maintenance, the availability of alternative transportation methods, and how to plan trips using public transportation.

In order to obtain a Texas Learner’s Permit, participants must:

• Attend all four weeks of instruction to complete all course hours;
• Pass a written exam, and
• Pass a vision screening at the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Note:
• A Texas Learner’s Permit allows new drivers to legally practice driving with a licensed adult in the passenger seat.
• Participation in the TDE course does not guarantee that each participant will pass the required tests to receive their Learner’s Permit.
• There will be no refunds, and neither the Educational Resource Center on Deafness or Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) is responsible for participants who do not pass the required tests.
• After successfully completing the TDE course at TSD, participants will then be required to complete an additional 30 hours of driving time, supervised by a licensed adult who is 21 years old, or older. (This 30 hours of practicum must be completed separately from the TDE course on one’s own time, and is not included during the four-week program.)
• Your 30 hours of driving time may be completed in one hour increments, once each day, for a total of 20 daytime driving hours + 10 hours of driving after dark.

Pre-requisites:
Participants must bring with them:
• A current vision exam, and
• Any prescribed glasses or contacts for the vision screening at the Texas DPS.

Program Fee:
$848 per participant

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Participants, ages 18-22, may complete a Texas Adult Driver Education (ADE) course before getting a driver license.

This 100% communication accessible I Can! Drive program for Texas adults with certified driving instructors using American Sign Language, includes 6 hours of classroom instruction, and no behind-the-wheel training requirements. (Some driving practice to visit local attractions may be provided along with our I Can! Drive ADE course, if time permits.)

Interpreters are provided for participants preferring oral instruction or other modes of communication.

Participants will also learn proper automobile and tire maintenance, the availability of alternative transportation methods, and how to plan trips using public transportation.

In order to obtain a Texas Driver’s License, participants must:

- Attend both full weeks of instruction to complete all course hours;
- Pass a written exam, and
- Pass a vision screening at the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Note:

- Participation in the ADE course does not guarantee that each participant will pass the required tests to receive their adult driver’s license.

- There will be no refunds, and neither the Educational Resource Center on Deafness or Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) is responsible for participants who do not pass the required tests.

Pre-requisites:

Participants must bring with them:

- A current vision exam, and
- Any prescribed glasses or contacts for the vision screening at the Texas DPS.

Program Fee:

$450 per participant per session
For Preschoolers to Young Adults who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Texas

For more information, please contact:
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