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Sprint/Ohio Relay sponsors the 2007 Deaf Adventure Camp

Deaf Services Center, Inc. is pleased to share the news of the support of Sprint/Ohio Relay through a \$3,000 donation to support the annual summer camp designed specifically for deaf and hard of hearing children between the ages of 8 to 15. Sprint/Ohio Relay is a company committed to the telecommunications needs of the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf blind through technology and relay services.

The Deaf Adventure Camp is a program by Deaf Services Center, Inc., Worthington, Ohio and Communication Services for the Deaf, Dayton, Ohio. The summer camp has occurred on the week of July 29 to August 3 at Camp Kerns in Oregonia, Ohio. Many of the summer camps available to youth make it difficult for deaf youth to be a full part of the recreational and social activities the camp. The goal of youth camps is to help youngsters develop personal growth, discover leadership, teamwork and to form friendship among each other. Communication is difficult for a deaf child among hearing peers and hearing counselors and the communication barrier can make it frustrating for the child and can lead to low self-esteem and loneliness. The Deaf Adventure Camp is a unique opportunity for deaf and hard of hearing youths to come together to enjoy the benefits of a summer camp in a communication barrier free environment. The Deaf Adventure Camp had an attendance of 61 deaf and hard of hearing youth during the summer of 2006.

Deaf Services Center's Youth Leadership Program is a one of a kind program that serves Deaf/Hard of Hearing youth living in the Central Ohio area between the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The program aims to assist children in acquiring self-confidence, positive self-esteem, team work and leadership skills through the Deaf Kids & Teens Club, the Deaf Adventure Camp and school visits.

If you or someone you know is deaf or hard of hearing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and would like more information about how to be a part of the Deaf Kids & Teens Club, please contact Kassandra Schrienk, Director of Community Services at (614) 841-1991 V/TTY or email at [DKTC95@dsc.org](mailto:DKTC95@dsc.org) A complete description of the Deaf Kids & Teen Club and Deaf Services Center, Inc. can be found at [www.dsc.org](http://www.dsc.org)

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