

About OYO Camp

OYO Camp is an exciting collaboration involving members of Ohio's Deaf community, Advocates for Kids in Columbus (advocatesforkids@adv4kids.org), Camp Nuhop in Perrysville (nuhop.org), Ohio Association of the Deaf in Cleveland (oad-deaf.org), and 10 Centers throughout Ohio that serve Deaf/HH kids: Akron (greenleafctr.org), Canton (triadds.org), Cincinnati (hearingspeechdeaf.org), Cleveland (chsh.org), Columbus (dsc.org), Dayton (dcrcoho.org), Mansfield (catalystlifeservices.org), Portsmouth (dsc.org), Toledo (dsc.org) and Youngstown (easterseals.com/mtc).

Mission Statement

To provide an overnight camp without communication barriers that empowers each kids with a hearing loss to realize their full potential through the celebration of their individual identity!

Vision Statement

We envision the creation of an inclusive, educational, fun, barrier-free environment where kids with a hearing loss recognize their full potential through the development of communication skills, leadership potential, self-actualization and empowerment.

Core Values

Physical and emotional safety is our highest priority.

All children with hearing loss are equally encouraged to participate.

Experiential education cultivates important life skills: communication, cooperation, leadership and understanding.

Communication accessibility is provided in a manner that matches each child's preferred mode of communication.

The values and rules of each camper's culture are to be respected.

We respect individuality: every person is gifted with unique learning and communication styles, talents, aspirations, strengths, weaknesses and culture. All of these characteristics must be recognized and respected.

Self-awareness arises from emotional understanding, self-confidence and self-worth.

Teamwork and multiple approaches effectively solve problems and promote self-actualization.

OYO Camp is designed to promote a sense of belonging, understanding, trust and pride.