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**All “Signs” Point to an Enriching Summer Experience
at Mill Neck Manor**

Looking for an enriching, as well as enjoyable, summer experience for your child? Then check out Mill Neck Foundation’s Sign Language Camp for Hearing Kids. For the past 18 years, “Sign Camp” has been welcoming children, ages 8 to 16, to learn a new language in a unique camp environment held on the campus of Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. Two sessions are offered in July; campers may register for one or both. This summer, Session I is July 14 to 18 and Session II is July 21 to 25.

Each day, children learn American Sign Language (ASL) while participating in typical camp activities like water games and theme days. The program is open to children with and without previous sign language knowledge. To ensure an optimal learning experience for each child, placements for campers will be determined by teachers on the first day of camp.

Through a number of activities, games, and arts and crafts, children learn the ASL alphabet and numbers, as well as how to sign various animals, foods, colors, and more. Deaf instructors, accompanied by hearing teacher assistants, conduct the classes. At the end of each week, parents, Mill Neck students and staff are invited to a special performance that showcases the children’s new sign language skills.

Children get plenty of practice using their newly-acquired language from their daily interaction with Mill Neck’s Deaf students during games, storytelling and lunch breaks. This interaction with Deaf children, as well as with Deaf adults, is an important part of the Sign Camp experience, and often, many campers and Mill Neck students form friendships that extend beyond the summer.

The weeklong camp is held daily from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and costs \$375 per week for each child. The camp fee includes lunch, tee shirt, arts and crafts and more. Enrollment for this unique learning experience is limited, so reserve a spot today! The deadline to sign up is June 20. For more information, please contact Tracey Urzi at turzi@millneck.org or call 516-628-4295 about this fun and educational summer experience. Information and online registration may also be found at millneck.org << events << sign language camp.

Photo Caption:
Children enjoy games and more while learning a new language at Mill Neck's Sign Language Camp for Hearing Kids.

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