



21st Annual Cue Camp Virginia

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**Jamestown 4-H Center
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Cue Camp Virginia (CCVA) is a workshop intended to educate those who want to know more about Cued Speech and its many applications. In the tranquility of the 4-H Center on the James River, participants can learn and improve Cued Speech skills, learn about raising, educating and communicating with a deaf or hard-of-hearing child, and share the experiences of other families and professionals. We will have adult Cued Speech classes at the Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced levels, as well as presentations of interest to both parents and professionals. Children K-12 will be in age-appropriate groups that will include activities as well as instruction in Cued Speech. Pre-schoolers will be entertained with arts and crafts and other recreational activities, while receiving constant exposure to Cued Speech. Family-oriented activities and social events abound. Cue Camp Virginia is run by the Northern Virginia Cued Speech Association (NVCSA) and is sponsored by the NVCSA and the National Cued Speech Association, as well as various corporate and community entities.

Classes, events and activities

Check-in Thursday night and Friday morning – Camp will kick off with a “Welcome Meeting” on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Classes will be held all day Friday and Saturday. Participants who live within a few hours of Williamsburg may prefer to arrive at CCVA on Friday morning instead of driving through rush-hour traffic on Thursday evening. For those who choose to come Thursday, check-in and lodging assignments (no meals) will be available promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Adult Beginning Cued Speech Class – We are very fortunate that this class is taught perennially by Claire Klossner, certified Cued Language Instructor and Transliterator. Claire has been a part of the Cue Camp Virginia family since its inception, and her class is the heart of the CCVA experience. In one Cued Speech-packed weekend, students will come away with the tools to clearly and unambiguously represent all the sounds of spoken English, empowering them with a key to language acquisition and literacy. Attendees of this class include parents, adult family members, friends, educators and professionals in the field of deafness. Older teens who are committed to learning the system are also welcome. Groups for children of all ages will be active all day Friday and Saturday, so parents don’t need to be concerned about child care while attending the Adult Beginning Cued Speech class.

Intermediate/Advanced Cued Speech Class – Participants should come to this class with a knowledge of, and ability to apply, all the basic hand shapes and positions of the Cued Speech system. Increased speed, proficiency, and use of advanced skills are goals of this class. Attendees will have questions answered and will participate in exercises designed to improve both speed and accuracy. Various stations and schedule flexibility will allow participants to progress at their own individual pace. Those desiring increased proficiency should be prepared to practice, practice, practice! This class will be conducted on Friday and Saturday.

Children's Groups and Cued Speech Classes – Children's group activities will take place on Friday and Saturday. Children from infants to high school seniors are placed in age appropriate groups, with a leader and assistants. Each group will have staff members who cue, and may also have staff who sign, if required for any member of the group. Children ages 5 and up will receive formal Cued Speech instruction. Younger children will participate in games designed to familiarize them with cue hand shapes and learn to cue simple words. Recreational activities for all ages may include organized outdoor games, time in a "moon bounce", crafts, a nature walk, a music/drama class, and for older groups, a ropes course and canoeing. Child care will be available on Sunday morning for children whose parents are attending the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club.

Presentations – Each year there is more research to prove the correlation between consistent use of Cued Speech (in the home and at school) and the development of age-appropriate language, speech and reading skills. Researchers and professionals provide presentations on timely topics of interest, including how language is acquired, use of Cued Speech with cochlear implants, advocating for your child with special needs, use of Cued Speech with disabilities other than hearing loss, use of Cued Speech and speech production, and the significance of a clear language model during the early prime language-learning years.

Individual Appointments – Many of our presenters stay for all or most of the camp, and are happy to schedule individual appointments with campers who would like to discuss specific issues or individual situations. If you can benefit from the knowledge and expertise they so generously share, please don't hesitate to approach them on campus, or sign up for an appointment at the Registration Desk.

Family-oriented Activities and Social Events

Family outdoor games including tug-o-war

Camp fire with sing-along and s'mores,

Saturday night DJ and dance

Family canoeing on the James River

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

Scholarships and financial assistance for camp participants – The following scholarships and financial assistance opportunities are available for CCVA attendees:

- **Jump Start Cued Speech Scholarship for Pre-School Families.** Families of preschoolers may attend Cue Camp Virginia for the incredible all-inclusive price of \$75.00. This fee includes classes, lodging, meals, presentations and all social events for the entire weekend. Complete the form available on this website and return with your registration fee of \$75.00. Application postmark deadline is September 23, 2011.
- **Adam Schuler Scholarship for a Professional or Aspiring Professional.** Adam Schuler was an original CCVA camper, and the son of founders Barb and Doug Schuler. Deafened from medications used to treat his Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID), Adam benefited from the skills of many professionals in fields related to deafness. This scholarship is an all-inclusive full scholarship for a professional or an individual studying to be a professional in a field related to deafness (deaf education, cued language transliteration, audiology, speech and language, research, etc.). Send us a short essay explaining your interest in Cued Speech and how you feel Cue Camp Virginia will apply to your future goals. Application postmark deadline is September 23, 2011.
- **Roddy McKendree Scholarship/Tuition Assistance for any CCVA Family –** Roddy McKendree was a “founding father” of Cue Camp Virginia, and a selfless volunteer at CCVA until his untimely passing in 2007. Roddy wanted everyone to have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of attending Cue Camp. If you are in need of full or partial financial assistance, please send us an explanation of your situation, either via email (nvcsa@yahoo.com) or mail (NVCSA, P.O. Box 2733, Fairfax, VA 22031), with a request for the desired relief of expenses. Please indicate that you are applying for the Roddy McKendree Scholarship. Application postmark deadline is September 23, 2011.
- **College Student Supplement –** This scholarship is provided by the Tidewater Association for Hearing Impaired Children (TAHIC). This scholarship reduces the cost of an individual college student from the single adult attendee price of \$175 to \$125. Indicate that you are eligible for this scholarship and request to have it applied on your CCVA registration form. This scholarship is available until funding runs out (apply early!). Additional discounts are available through the Individual Volunteer Scholarship Program.

Education, Advocacy and Support...

In 1966, R. Orin Cornett, Ph.D., invented Cued Speech to address the problem of low literacy rates among the deaf. Cued Speech is a simple and finite system that allows the deaf or hard-of-hearing person to have a clear and unambiguous visual representation of all the sounds of a spoken language. (At Cue Camp Virginia we teach Cued English, but Cued Speech has been adapted for 56 different languages.) A family that cues to a deaf child can provide complete access to the language spoken by the family, regardless of the degree of the child’s hearing loss. Research has shown that the family provides the most influential language model in the child’s early life. Cueing in the home has been proven to provide a deaf child with the greatest understanding of language. This is the key to an ability to read, write, communicate and reach

his or her full potential. Access to language also contributes greatly to self-esteem and the development of age-appropriate social skills. At Cue Camp Virginia, families and professionals can learn the entire system of Cued English in one weekend, without the distractions of everyday life. Participants can gain confidence and be supported by others who are on the same journey, and see first-hand the successes of families and professionals who have been using Cued Speech for many years. Camp provides an opportunity to learn about the many benefits of Cued Speech, to learn how to advocate for Cued Speech as a way to meet your child's academic needs, and to receive educational and emotional support for the efforts of the family and/or professional.

Registration

A **deposit of \$75** must accompany the registration form with the balance due upon arrival at the 4-H Center. **The deposit will be applied to the total camp fee** shown below. Registration forms post-marked after September 19th must include a \$20.00 late charge. **We cannot accept family overnight camper registrations after Sunday, September 25th** (only hotels or other off-campus housing are available after this date). Please honor these deadlines!

Camp rates are all-inclusive. The fee covers all meals, lodging, classes, child care (for preschoolers and for the Sunday morning panel), presentations and programmed social activities for all family members. Thanks to NVCSA fundraising, we are able to reduce Camp fees in many categories from last year's charges.

Cue Camp Overnight Camper Fee Scale (for members of the same family)

1 person	\$175	4 people	\$425
2 people	\$275	5 people	\$500
3 people	\$350	6 or more	\$550

Children 3 years old and younger are free.

The **College Student Reduced Rate** is **\$125** for the weekend (less than actual cost). Upon arrival, college students will be asked to sign a statement acknowledging the rules and expectations of camp participation. (College students can receive an additional discount for volunteering. See opportunities on the on-line registration form.)

Fee Scale for Day Campers

Day rates are inclusive of all activities and meals but do not include lodging.

Individual 1 day - Friday or Saturday (3 meals and all activities): **\$75 per day**

Individual 2+ days - Friday thru Sunday (7 meals and all activities): **\$100 for 2+ days**

Family 1 day - Friday or Saturday (3 meals and all activities): **\$50 per day (per family member)**

Family 2+ days - Friday thru Sunday (7 meals and all activities): **\$85 for both days (per family member)**

Hotel Planning

Many families are more comfortable in a hotel environment; there are numerous hotels in the Williamsburg area.

General Information

The Jamestown 4-H Center is located on the James River. The center has two **family lodges**, each with six separate 8-person rooms. The rooms are dorm style with four sets of bunk beds per room. Families with fewer than 6 members may be sharing a room with other campers, depending on camp attendance. Rooms have heating, light and electrical outlets, but no refrigerators. There is space available for playpens or portable cribs. Central male and female showers and toilet facilities are located in each cabin. **Single-sex cabins** have one central shower/bathroom, with an open bay room on each side. Each bay has 8 bunk beds. We recommend shower shoes in both types of cabins! You must bring your own pillows, linens and towels. Laundry facilities are not available at the camp.

Recommended packing list:

- Light clothing for daytime
- Jeans and sweatshirts for evening
- Rain gear if appropriate
- Sheets (twin) and blankets or sleeping bags; travel crib if applicable
- Pillows
- Towels and washcloths, shower shoes
- Toiletries, to include soap
- Bug spray
- Cooler, snacks
- Camera
- Flashlights
- Sunscreen
- *If applicable:
 - Stroller
 - Sippy cups
 - Booster seat (high chair)
 - Pack 'n' Play
 - Diapers, wipes, changing pad

There are no telephones in the cabins. A pay phone is available at the main building. Cellular phone reception is adequate throughout the camp.

The early fall weather has been beautiful in past years, with shorts comfortable during the days and long pants and sweatshirts needed in the evenings. Check the forecasts before you leave for camp, to determine if you'll need rain gear.

Parents are responsible for their children at mealtime and after class hours. We will make a reasonable effort to provide for everyone's safety, however accidents can occur. Upon arrival participants will need to sign a waiver for individuals and for family members.

Driving directions are available on the website.

Please note that we cannot accept family registration applications received after the deadline of Sunday, September 25th .

Check-in starts promptly at 6:00p.m. Thursday evening and 7:00-8:30 a.m. Friday. The welcome meeting will be at 9:00 Friday morning in the Rec Hall in the main building. All classes will begin Friday morning at 9:30. Checkout is Sunday by 12:00 p.m. Breakfast is the only meal served on Sunday.

For additional information, email NVCSA@yahoo.com or call Maureen Bellamy, (571) 296-0543 or Rosemary Salvi, (703) 967-0959.