



# Camper's Guide

Summer 2023

Aug 7-11



# ***ABOUT US***

## **History of SVM**

Seeing Voices Montreal (SVM) is a non-profit organization founded in 2012 by members of the Deaf community in order to meet the needs of anglophone D/deaf\* Montrealers.

## **Mission of SVM**

To provide educational and collaborative opportunities to build connections between D/deaf\* and hearing people.

## **Origins of SVM Day Camp**

The idea to organize an ASL-immersion day camp emerged from the combination of a desire to foster the development of healthy and happy D/deaf\* children and a lack of educational, linguistic, and social programming designed for anglophone D/deaf\* and hard-of-hearing children in Montreal.

\*Deaf, hard-of-hearing, orally Deaf, and deafened







# WHO WE ARE



## Board of Directors / Organizers

The organizers of the SVM Day Camp are Sera Kassab (Deaf), Jack Volpe (Deaf), Aselin Weng (hearing), and Sandra Saoumaa (hearing). There are also many generous volunteers from the community who contribute to the functioning of the camp.





# IMPORTANT INFO & RULES

The mission of the day camp is to provide an ASL-rich environment for Deaf & hard-of-hearing children to learn, play, socialize with their peers (Deaf & hearing), and meet D/deaf\* role models whom they can look up to.

**Dates:** August 7th to 11th, 2023, Monday to Friday

**Time:** 9 AM to 3:30 PM

**Where:** Mackay Rehabilitation Centre, 3500 Decarie, Montreal, QC H4A 3J5

**Cost:**

- Free for D/deaf\* children and their siblings, and children of D/deaf\* adults (CODAs) - ages 6 to 21 years old
- \$150/child for hearing children - ages 6 to 21 years old



## Information for parents:

- Drop-off time in the morning is 9:00-9:30 AM, and pick-up time is 3:30-4:00 PM. The staff will only stay until 4 PM at the latest, please be on time to pick up your child.
- Please ensure that you or your emergency contacts are always reachable via the contact information you have provided us on the registration form, in case staff needs to reach you for any reason regarding your child(ren).
- If your child is sick or is unable to attend the day camp for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible by phone/text/email. Our contact information is at the end of this guide.
- If there are any updates or changes to your child's medical needs or food allergies, please notify us as soon as possible.
- **Language policy:** given the day camp's mission to provide an ASL-rich immersive environment for the campers, the language policy will be explained on the first day of camp. ASL will be the language of communication and **there will be daily ASL lessons**. Campers will be asked not to use their voices and encouraged to learn ASL from each other/staff/counsellors, even if they are unfamiliar with ASL. They will be encouraged that the camp is a safe space for all to learn and practice ASL. However, ASL-English interpretation will be provided for the daily morning agenda announcements before the start of the day to ensure safety and a clear understanding of the day's schedule.
- There will be a **park/pool day outing** on Wednesday or Thursday (weather depending). Transit fees will be covered by STM (unless the camper has an OPUS pass). If your child does not want to participate, please let us know. Unfortunately, we do not have an alternative activity on that day.
- There is a **field trip outing day** on Tuesday to the Science Centre in the Montreal Old Port. Admission and transit fees will be covered by SVM. If your child does not want to participate, please let us know. Unfortunately, we do not have an alternative activity on that day.

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# ***STUFF TO BRING***

## **Please remember to bring:**

- Lunch (for four days of the week), there will be a group camp meal on Friday. If your child is not going to eat the group camp meal, please pack them a lunch and let us know. They can still participate in the cooking activity even if they do not eat the meal.
- Water bottle (ideally reusable to reduce trash burden).
- Your child's medications and schedule of when to take them.
- Bathing suit, goggles, towel, change of clothes, swimming bag.
- Mosquito spray, sunscreen, cap/hat.
- Your child's STM Opus card if they have a monthly/annual pass.





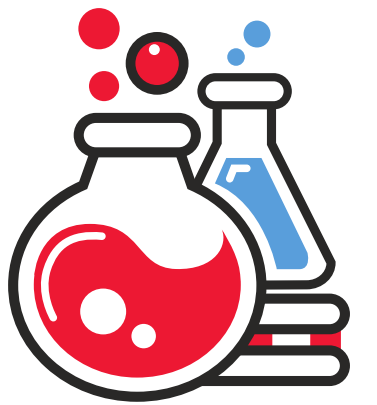
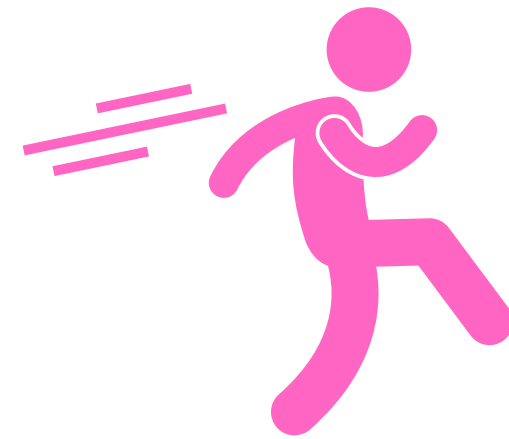


# ACTIVITIES

## Examples of activities during the week:



- ASL lessons and games
- Art workshops
- Science workshops
- Deaf culture and history
- Sports and games
- Swimming at the city pool
- Obstacle course at the park
- Theatre and charades
- Cooking activities
- Field trip day
- ...and many more!





# ***CONTACT & ADDRESSES***

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