



# Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech

47 Round Hill Road  
Northampton, Massachusetts 01060

## Summer Adventure 2010

Children - ages 9-14

July 11 – 23, 2010

**Tuition Early Bird \$1,325**

**After April 12 \$1,395**

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Clarke Summer Program, which began in 1982, is for children with hearing loss, ages 9-14. Our goal is to provide a program which offers an enriched academic experience as well as an opportunity to have social interactions with other children with hearing loss. Children are immersed in an auditory/oral environment in academic, recreational and residential components of the program.

# Water, Water... Everywhere!

This year's theme, **Water**, is soooo important to your life! **Water** is essential to all living things and is fundamental to every part of your daily activities. Can you imagine what life would be like without **water**? ( Actually, there probably wouldn't be any life at all! )

Did you know that one nickname for our planet – Earth – is '**the Water Planet**'? Or that NASA very recently discovered **water** on the moon? Or that your very body is made up of over 60% **water**?

During this summer's program you will make 'rain tubes,' be part of a 'Dive-In' movie; go bumper boating; investigate local ponds and rivers; check out a hydroponics farm and explore a cave - both on foot and via a boat - that was created by water erosion over thousands of years! And everyone will enjoy cooling off in our Olympic-size, indoor swimming pool.

But, perhaps the most important thing of all will be the opportunity to get to know other children with hearing loss, including 'tweens' and teens from all over the United States and Canada. ☺

We look forward, with GREAT excitement, to having you join us at Clarke as we explore '**Water, Water... Everywhere!**'

**Bob Storm ( aka Stormy Weather )**  
Summer Program Coordinator



**REGISTRATION:** All requests for enrollment are considered, once the following are received:

- **The completed application**
- **The teacher checklist**
- **\$200 deposit**

(The deposit will be fully refunded in the event that your child is not accepted.) In order to help us group your child appropriately, we ask that all **new** applicants send a short video (DVD) of your child answering a scripted series of student I.D. questions—sent by us. Our goal is to gather a well-balanced group of boys and girls between the ages of 9-14. The application deadline for the early bird rate (\$1,325.00) is April 12. **Decision letters will be sent out two weeks after this deadline. Applications received after April 12 will be reviewed on a space available basis. Don't be disappointed - APPLY EARLY! ☺**

**TUITION:** Regular tuition is \$1,395.00 and includes the cost of all meals and all field trip expenses. There is a limited amount of financial aid available on a first come-first served basis. A \$200 deposit is required with the application. This deposit is applied to the tuition if the child is accepted. If a child is not accepted into the program, the deposit will be returned. If a child is unable to attend our program and we are notified in writing of his/her withdrawal at least four weeks prior to the starting date, a full refund will be made. After this time, the deposit will not be returned except for medical reasons documented by a physician. In cases where all or part of the tuition will be funded by a third party, a letter of commitment and/or purchase order from the funding agency must be sent to the Summer Program Office. **The balance is due by July 2, 2010.**

**HEALTH FORMS:** All children are required to have a completed health form, including the results of a recent physical exam, on file. Forms giving us consent for emergency medical treatment are also necessary. It is important that we are notified of any medical precautions, health problems or personal or emotional concerns that have been experienced or might arise. The more we know about each child, the more secure we can make him or her feel.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:** If a child needs to be picked-up or delivered to the Bradley International Airport in Hartford, we will need 4 weeks prior notice.

**STAFF:** Clarke's Summer Adventure program is a residential program with a dedicated and talented staff. Our staff includes trained teachers of the deaf as well as experienced dormitory counselors. Our junior counselors and classroom aides are Clarke alumni who know our program "inside and out"!

**CAMPERS:** We are a co-educational program for hearing-impaired children age 9-14. Children come from all over the United States and Canada to attend our program.

**CLASSROOM GROUPS:** Children are placed in groups according to age, grade level and maturity level.

**MEALS:** Clarke observes family-style dining. If children do not like some of what is served, there are limited alternatives available. Diets cannot be varied except for medical or religious reasons and must be arranged for, in advance.

**DORMITORY GROUPS:** Children live in a modern, air-conditioned dormitory with dormitory counselors. Groups of approximately 8-10 children are formed according to sex, age and maturity level. All meals are eaten in the dining hall. There is a recreation facility with games, captioned television, DVD players and computers where the boys and girls can socialize under supervision. Each floor also has its own air-conditioned lounge with a computer, captioned television and DVD player.

**SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE:** Although the days will vary according to our many scheduled special events and field trips, a typical day on campus is described below.

Activities begin at 8:30 each morning, Monday through Friday. Children are greeted by their instructors at which time everyone gathers for a group meeting. After the group meeting, campers join their instructors for recreation and learning activities.

Lunch is served at noon. Instructors and children eat lunch together. They return to the dormitory at 4:15. Dinner is served at 5:30 and children dine with their dorm counselors. After dinner, they relax— evenings are a good time to make new friends and learn more about each other. The computer lab and the swimming pool will be open some evenings, and there will be a lot of organized activities including crafts and hands-on projects.

During the two-week stay, field trips augment the program. On the weekend, an all-day trip will be planned, and time will be set aside to do laundry and take advantage of local attractions.

**TRIPS:** We will take a number of trips off campus traveling by school van or coach bus as part of the program. The cost of these trips is included in the tuition. Each child should bring approximately \$100 spending money to be used for personal items, souvenirs and a possible weekend activity. This money will be kept in a secure location by the head of residence and any balance will be returned at the end of the program.

**FAMILY VISITATIONS and PHONE CALLS:** Families are invited to visit our program on the opening day and again on the closing day. We ask families to resist the urge to drop in for a visit at any other time during their child's stay with us. Parental visits often reawaken a child's homesickness or disturb new found feelings of independence. Also, there are many children for whom a family visit is impossible and these children also feel the effects of visits by other families. If a visit should become necessary due to a family emergency, special arrangements can be made in advance with the Program Coordinator.

Due to the number of children and staff available, the Head of Residence will schedule calls home with each child and his or her family. The calling schedule will not begin until Wednesday of the first week, after the children have had a chance to settle in. Prior to calling, we encourage parents of first time participants to contact the Program Coordinator to inquire as to how their child is making the transition from home to the Summer Program.

On the final Friday, July 23, families will be invited to visit our campus, tour our facilities, classrooms, and meet with staff. The closing day schedule will be forwarded to each family in mid July. All children will be involved in activities that final morning, and families are invited to be part of these morning activities and then join us for lunch. Children will be able to leave for home after that.

Application forms may be downloaded from Clarke's website at [www.clarkeschools.org](http://www.clarkeschools.org) or by contacting Yohely Salazar at 413-584-3450 ext. 7334.

We look forward to receiving your application and seeing you in a splash!

