

Signing For the Deaf 2009

Purpose: To develop the ability to interpret for the deaf/hard of hearing, as well as provide services to the deaf/hard of hearing to glorify God and his church.

Process:

- Insure participants get a complete and current copy of the event rules
- Determine proper grade division and level
- Insure that students are registered for signing only for given time period. No one will be allowed to participate in an event if they have a conflict with another event. A student may move up a grade level or participate in the final makeup signing time slot to avoid conflict.
- **Please move up grade levels if possible before signing up for the makeup signing time slot.**
- Provide a judge or an event helper for every 5 students registered in Signing. Email their name, phone number, and desire day/time to the event coordinator no later than 3 weeks prior to the convention.
- Spectators may not enter or leave the room while a participant is signing or interpreting
- Applause is appropriate as a display of appreciation
- Please note on registration if interpreting services are needed and at what specific event/time.
- **IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY (I.E. Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Downs), please contact the signing coordinator for selections appropriate for their special needs.**
- Signing participants may be nominated to interpret the Sunday morning service. Please inform the interpreting participants of this opportunity

Grade and Experience Levels

There are five grade divisions in this event: Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12

Participant Rules:

1. A participant may not watch other participants in the same event until he/she has completed his/her event.
2. The Event Coordinator will provide the recordings for the convention. No other recordings may be used. No recording will be distributed in preparation for the event.
3. Participants must sign to the recording provided by the event coordinator at the convention.
4. No signs or coaching instructions can be given to the participant while performing.
5. A solid color blouse/shirt/dress contrasting with skin tone or LTC shirt shall be worn while signing.
6. All participants will be pre-registered, by their churches, in thirty-minute time slots in specific rooms. If participant's name is not on the list and other changes need to be made, then go to the signing registration office for resolution.
7. All participants must meet at their assigned room 10 minutes prior to their schedule time.

Event Rules

1. The participant will fingerspell name and fingerspell the selection being signed. On selections chosen by the judge, the participant will fingerspell the name and the selections chosen by the judges.
2. The participant will sign the selections to a recording provided by the event coordinator at the convention.
3. Ensure the version of the song follows the publication in this year's Signing Rules.
4. Once the judge has announced the selection, no changes will be made in the selection.
5. Participant may choose to bring and use a copy of the words for the song and/or scripture. Event Coordinator will not provide words.
6. Ensure that the participant is ready to interpret the selections as described below.

Signing 1

Select 1 Song **or** 1 Scripture from the following Selections:

***Words from "Songs of Faith and Praise" Howard Publishing Co. All verses are to be signed.

- #549 There is Sunshine in My Soul Today
- #578 We Will Glorify
- John 1:1-3 (NIV)

Signing 2

Each participant will learn **ALL** of the following Songs and Scriptures. The judge will pick 1 song **AND** 1 scripture for the participant to sign.

***Words from "Songs of Faith and Praise" Howard Publishing Co. All verses are to be signed.

- #290 Shine Jesus Shine
- #449 Thy Word
- #577 We Bow Down
- John 1:9-10 (NIV)
- John 14:6-7 (NIV)

Signing 3

Option A - Each participant will learn all of the Songs and Scriptures in **Signing 1 and 2** prior to the song and scripture selected, a recorded 30 second introduction will be played prior to the beginning of the song. The participant will sign the introduction and then **1 song and 1 scripture as selected by the judges**. The introduction will not be scored, but this will allow you to experience interpreting unpracticed material without being penalized.

SAMPLE INTRODUCTION:

Good Morning and welcome to LTC signing for the deaf. We are happy you are here and hope you are blessed by this event. I will now sign a song and a scripture from the bible as directed by my judges.

****THIS IS ONLY AN EXAMPLE!** The actual introduction will be different at the LTC convention.

Option B- Participant will interpret two minutes of Communion Thought SIMILAR to the ones included below.

SAMPLE COMMUNION THOUGHT

"This is the time in our worship when we look back to the cross and what Jesus did for each of us there. We think of the way HE suffered for our sins, the pain and agony that was caused by our thoughts and actions. We think of this bread, HIS body offered for us. As we eat this bread, let us remember that HE died so that we might live. HE suffered for our sins, so that we might not die a spiritual death. And as we drink from this cup, the cup containing the fruit of the vine which represents his blood shed for us, let us remember that HIS blood covers our sins and makes us clean and pure in God's sight. Jesus died so that we would not have to be separated from God for eternity. But more importantly, Jesus rose so that we could live with HIM forever. As we participate in this Lord's Supper, let us think of all that means to us. By partaking of this feast, we remember Jesus' death and its significance for us until HE comes again to take us home to Heaven"

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Signing 4

Interpret a four-minute devotional thought on "**Light, Life, Word**".

Judging Categories Listed In Order of Importance

S-1

Preparation
Movement
Fingerspelling
Understandability
Confidence
Expression

S-2

Preparation
Movement
Understandability
Expression
Confidence
Fingerspelling

S-3

Vocabulary
Movement
Preparation
Understandability
Process
Confidence
Expression

S-4

Vocabulary
Understandability
Sign Clarity
Movement
Process
Expression
Confidence

Rules for all Convention Events

1. In a team event a participant may move up to an older level, but an older participant may not move down to a younger level. Each team in each event will participate at the grade level of the highest graded member.
2. A participant may be in only one individual or team event during a given time period.