

Deaf Teen Leadership Camp 2008

We are very proud to announce the third annual Deaf Teen Leadership Camp! Generous support, sponsorships, and donations from a number of organizations including: **WSD, WSDS, ODH, WSAD, the Child Hearing League of Seattle, Sprint** and **HOVRS** have made this camp a reality.

Deaf Teen Leadership Camp (DTL) is sponsored by **Washington Student Leadership**, a program of the **Association of Washington School Principals**. Deaf Teen Leadership Camp is held in Randle, Washington at the Cispus Learning Center.

The Cispus Learning Center

The Cispus Learning Center in Randle serves more than 16,000 students and adults each year and is the premiere outdoor education center in western Washington. Cispus is home to the Association of Washington School Principals' student leadership programs, including summer leadership camps, which serve thousands of students and advisors each year.

One unique characteristic of the Deaf Teen Leadership Camp is a focus on challenge and experiential learning. This is accomplished through the use of the Cispus Challenge Course. Using the philosophy, theories and tools of adventure-based experiential education, the Cispus Challenge Course facilitates specific learning goals; emphasizing personal awareness, group awareness and skill development. Campers learn how to take healthy risks, acquire skills in teambuilding, and gain self-confidence.

Washington Student Leadership

AWSP has a long tradition and strong commitment to developing future leaders. Guided by the goals and objectives of Washington Student Leadership, AWSP's student leadership program is recognized as a national model of excellence.

The Association sponsored its first student leadership conference in 1956. Since that time, AWSP has continued to grow and adapt its student leadership programs to meet the changing needs of both students and schools. In fact, Washington State's programs are routinely recognized by both the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Student Councils for their outstanding dedication to the development of successful student leaders.

Deaf Teen Leadership Camp is a continuation of that strong leadership legacy. This camp is specifically designed for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students entering grades 9-12 who wish to make a positive difference in their school. The camp consists of five intense days where students are trained in these areas: goal setting, organizational techniques, communication, group process, problem solving, and human relations. Deaf culture and tradition is explored in a constructive camp atmosphere. Students leave camp positive, trained, and ready to make a difference in their own lives, schools, and the community.