



BRIDGING THE GAP NEWSLETTER

**JUNE, JULY, AUGUST
2026**

mission of Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services is to support the independence of Deaf, deafened, and Hard of Hearing persons by providing services to enhance their quality of life.

Celebrating our Community

Children's Festival of Saskatchewan

SDHHS was excited to participate in the Children's Festival of Saskatchewan from June 4–7. Our booth featured a Saskatchewan Animals theme with a fun camping atmosphere.

We enjoyed meeting Deaf, Hard of Hearing and hearing children and their families, as well as connecting with professionals who wanted to learn more about our Early Childhood and Family Services (ECFS) program and other SDHHS services. Our booth also gave children, families, and community members the opportunity to learn some ASL, connect with our team, and experience Deaf culture in a fun and welcoming way. A heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers & staff. We were fortunate to have youth, adults, and seniors, both Deaf and hearing, help at our booth. Their time and enthusiasm made the event a success.

Before the festival, we also provided a basic ASL session for the Children's Festival staff and volunteers. It was wonderful to see so many people eager to learn ASL and help create a more welcoming and inclusive community. We're looking forward to next year.



Saskatoon Pride Festival

At the end of June, fourteen SDHHS staff members/volunteers participated in the Saskatoon Pride Festival, both by marching in the parade and by setting up a tent in the Community Services Village. It was a great opportunity to support the LGBTQIA+ Community and spread the word about SDHHS' important services.

Approx. 10,000 people lined the streets to watch the parade. As we marched, we handed out 200 brochures with homemade Dragonfly suncatchers. At the Community Services Tent, we had over 530 people stop by for a visit and talk about SDHHS and the Deaf/HH community.

It was a great weekend with tons of energy and laughs – we're looking forward to participating again in 2027!



Camp Dragonfly: Where Language, Laughter, and Lifelong Connections Take Flight



Designed for Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth. Camp Dragonfly is a vibrant, Deaf-led camp where learning happens naturally through play, adventure, shared experiences, and meaningful connections. Our incredible Deaf staff—Rae-Mairi, Denny, Mustafa, and Fatima—lead engaging instructional sessions that immersed campers in American Sign Language (ASL), Deaf culture, and the joy of communication.

One of the unique aspects of Camp Dragonfly is the participation of Educational Assistants from schools across the province. By learning and using ASL alongside the campers, they expand the communication opportunities available to the students they support, helping create a world where Deaf and Hard of Hearing children can connect with more people, more confidently, every day.



Lighting up Regina City Hall blue for Deafblind Awareness Month!



The City of Regina displayed blue lights from June 26–28 in recognition of Deafblind Awareness Month.

Deafblind Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about people who are deafblind, celebrate their contributions, and promote greater understanding, accessibility, inclusion, and equal opportunities within our communities.

I would like to take a moment to thank Ashley Nemeth for sending a letter to the City of Regina requesting the blue light display. This is the second year that the City has recognized Deafblind Awareness Month in this special way.

On June 26, we gathered at City Hall to celebrate Deafblind Awareness Month and watch the blue lights. It was a very special evening, and it was wonderful to come together as a community to recognize and celebrate the deafblind community.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support and celebrate with us. Your presence made the evening even more meaningful. Together, we continue to raise awareness and build a more inclusive community for people who are deafblind.

Patricia Spicer

Summer Day Camp 2026 was successful again this year! SDHHS hosted kids from July 27–31 with an exciting Ocean theme! Summer Day Camp 2026 was successful again this year! SDHHS hosted kids from July 27–31 with an exciting Ocean theme! Campers immersed themselves in activities that let them imagine life under the sea and while building friendships within the Deaf community. We welcomed Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and CODA children, supported by two SDHHS staff and three summer students. Throughout the week, campers challenged themselves at Peak Warrior, took a snorkelling lesson and went on swimming adventures. They explored the UofS Museum of Natural Sciences, cooled off at Brighton Core Spray Park, and wrapped up the week with bath bomb making, a scavenger hunt, and a movie afternoon featuring Moana 2. Along the way, they enjoyed ocean-themed snacks, and had opportunities to expand their ASL vocabulary. A heartfelt thank you to our SDHHS staff, summer students, and our funders for making this memorable week possible and for supporting children as they grow, connect, and gain the sense of belonging in the Deaf community.



This summer we have welcomed three summer students to our team! They have helped us run events, and have tackled a variety of office projects, making sure everything continues to run smoothly. Thank you Mohamad, Erin and Chyenne for your hard work and great energy.



We are excited to welcome Carla Klassen to our interpreting team. She is transitioning from our freelance roster to join the Saskatoon team as a part-time staff member.

Upcoming Events

SDHHS. COMMUNITY BBQ SAVE THE DATE!

Regina

August 27, 2026
11:00am-1:30pm
Candy Cane Park

Saskatoon

September 19, 2026
Time TBA
Floral Community Centre

SDHHS will provide the food and games!
Bring your own chair, blanket, bugspray/sunscreen, etc.
Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect!



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To RSVP:
Scan this QR code
or contact the
SDHHS front desk!



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES FALL 2026 SEASON

THE DETAILS:

CLASSES START WEEK OF SEPT. 28 2026
10 WEEK COURSE, TWICE WEEKLY, 7PM-9PM (40 HOURS)
REGISTRATION / PAYMENT DEADLINE: SEPT. 23 2026

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THESE CLASSES:

- ASL 101 ONLINE (MON/WED)
- ASL 101 ONLINE (TUES/THURS)
- ASL 102 ONLINE (TUES/THURS)
- ASL 201 ONLINE (TUES/THURS)
- ASL 202 ONLINE (MON/WED)
- ASL 101 IN PERSON SASKATOON (MON/WED)

CLASSES: \$240.00 TEXTBOOK: \$125.00

THE REGISTRATION FORM:

**SCAN THIS QR CODE
FOR THE REGISTRATION
FORM!**



THE FINE PRINT:

- CLASS AVAILABILITY IS DETERMINED BY REGISTRATION TOTALS.
- MUST BE 16+ TO REGISTER.
- 1-YEAR SDHHS MEMBERSHIP IS INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION.
- A TABLET OR COMPUTER IS REQUIRED FOR ONLINE CLASSES. PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED.
- NO REFUNDS.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL SASKATOON@SDHHS.COM OR CALL 306.665.6575



Klass A Auctions



**Klass A Auctions on Facebook
will host our 2026 online auction
Wednesday, September 30th -
Friday, October 16th, 2026**

**Watch SDHHS' social media
for the start of the auction!**

4C Preschool 2026 Fall Registration is OPEN!

4C IS A BILINGUAL, BICULTURAL
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE & ENGLISH
PRESCHOOL FOR DEAF, HARD OF HEARING,
DEAFPLUS, & CODA STUDENTS.
4C PRESCHOOL ADHERES TO THE MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION'S EARLY LEARNING PRINCIPLES
OF CHILDREN AS COMPETENT LEARNERS &
HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT.

**St. Augustine Elementary School
602 Boychuk Dr, Saskatoon, SK**

For more information,
here is our website:
WWW.SDHHS.COM

OR CONTACT US:
Phone: 306-665-6575
Email: saskatoon@sdhhs.com
Text: 306-229-2010

To register your child for 2026/2027
please email: saskatoon@sdhhs.com

Share & Follow!

@ccccpreschool

Check our our community events calendar at [SDHHS.com](https://www.sdhhs.com) for more Deaf friendly events in Saskatchewan like WEGO on August 30th!

Upcoming Events Continued



S.A.L.T.S.
SAIL AND LIFE TRAINING SOCIETY
May 25-28 2027

Saskatchewan DHH Youth, Ages 13-25
Deposit to save your spot: \$100
There are only 22 spots on this trip. So sign up fast!

For all the information about S.A.L.T.S. here is the S.A.L.T.S. website: www.salts.ca

Must attend info session and participate in fundraising to qualify.
(parents and youth must attend info session if youth is 19 or younger)

To sign up for the information session please email: youthworker2@sdhhs.com before September 15th 2026!

Info session will be held in late September or early October date and location will be emailed to those who show interest.



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HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET

SAVE THE DATE!

November 7
Southland Mall
Regina

November 8
Midtown Mall
Saskatoon

Now accepting vendor registrations!
Priority given to Deaf/HH vendors.
Scan QR code for registration form, or email saskatoon@sdhhs.com



Saskatoon

Fall Family Fun

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Saturday October 17th 2026

FAMILY SWIM
3:00PM - 5:30PM

PIZZA & SOCIAL TIME
5:30PM - 7:00PM

\$10 PER FAMILY
Each family can be 2 adults & up to 5 children

Scan QR Code to receive more info & register your family before: Monday Oct 12 at 3:00pm

Got questions? Please email Robyn@sdhhs.com



All Aboard! for Holiday Cheer!

Regina: Dec. 5, 2026
Winston Knoll Collegiate

Saskatoon: Dec. 12, 2026
Circle Drive Alliance Church

Save The Dates!

More information to come.

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