

# About OYO Camp

OYO Camp is an exciting collaboration involving members of Ohio's Deaf community, Advocates for Kids in Columbus ([advocatesforkids@adv4kids.org](mailto:advocatesforkids@adv4kids.org)), Camp Nuhop in Perrysville ([nuhop.org](http://nuhop.org)), Ohio Association of the Deaf in Cleveland ([oad-deaf.org](http://oad-deaf.org)), and 10 Centers throughout Ohio that serve Deaf/HH kids: Akron ([greenleafctr.org](http://greenleafctr.org)), Canton ([triadds.org](http://triadds.org)), Cincinnati ([hearingspeechdeaf.org](http://hearingspeechdeaf.org)), Cleveland ([chsh.org](http://chsh.org)), Columbus ([dsc.org](http://dsc.org)), Dayton ([dcrcoho.org](http://dcrcoho.org)), Mansfield ([catalystlifeservices.org](http://catalystlifeservices.org)), Portsmouth ([dsc.org](http://dsc.org)), Toledo ([dsc.org](http://dsc.org)) and Youngstown ([easterseals.com/mtc](http://easterseals.com/mtc)).

## Mission Statement

To provide an overnight camp without communication barriers that empowers each kids with a hearing loss to realize their full potential through the celebration of their individual identity!

## Vision Statement

We envision the creation of an inclusive, educational, fun, barrier-free environment where kids with a hearing loss recognize their full potential through the development of communication skills, leadership potential, self-actualization and empowerment.

## Core Values

Physical and emotional safety is our highest priority.

All children with hearing loss are equally encouraged to participate.

Experiential education cultivates important life skills: communication, cooperation, leadership and understanding.

Communication accessibility is provided in a manner that matches each child's preferred mode of communication.

The values and rules of each camper's culture are to be respected.

We respect individuality: every person is gifted with unique learning and communication styles, talents, aspirations, strengths, weaknesses and culture. All of these characteristics must be recognized and respected.

Self-awareness arises from emotional understanding, self-confidence and self-worth.

Teamwork and multiple approaches effectively solve problems and promote self-actualization.

OYO Camp is designed to promote a sense of belonging, understanding, trust and pride.