



8th December 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

You are receiving this Expression of Interest Letter because your child has been selected by their support network, and they have been kind enough to forward this to you.

We are in the early stages of organising a weekend camp for Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Child of Deaf Adults (CODA) children in the Bay of Plenty region which we propose will be held at Lakes Ranch Christian Camp, in Rotorua from Friday 17th April to Sunday 19th April 2026.

The Goal of this Deaf Children Camp:

Deaf Club Tauranga has achieved an incredible milestone by receiving a \$20,000 grant, with \$8,000 allocated to our second NZSL Camp, empowering us to offer even more meaningful support to the deaf community in the Bay of Plenty region.

It's disheartening to note that Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in the Bay of Plenty area currently lack the opportunity to experience the transformative benefits of attending a camp. By participating in a camp, these children can develop their confidence, cultivate lasting relationships, and foster a sense of belonging and identity.

Furthermore, they can gain valuable insights into Deaf culture and New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL). Our vision for this camp extends beyond just providing a memorable experience. We aim to involve the children in the planning process and empower them to become leaders for future camps, not only for themselves but also for their families. By championing the rights of all Deaf members in the Bay of Plenty, we aspire to lay a solid foundation within the Deaf community. Together, we can create a brighter future for all.

Together, we can create a brighter future for all. To register your interest in having your child attend this camp, please complete the Expression of Interest form (follow link <https://forms.gle/U3u4payt3fmLJpf7A>) or email deafcampaop@gmail.com with your contact details.

From there on, we will be in direct contact to inform you of all updates. Any information that you provide will be kept entirely confidential by all involved. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Leah Proctor

Deaf Children Camp Project Leader