

**November 26, 2018**

The Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD) at Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) is excited to launch our revamped **2019 Summer Camps & Programs at TSD** in Austin, Texas, with new specialty camps and programs not been previously offered.

Summer Camp, for students up to 8th grade, are recreational in nature, combined with goals to enhance one's self-esteem and social skills, while Summer I Can! Programs are more specialized. I Can! Programs for older participants, ages 14-22, aim to encourage campers to chase their dreams, empower them as successful fledgling adults, expose them to a variety of vocational careers, and help prepare for their soon coming transition to life after high school.

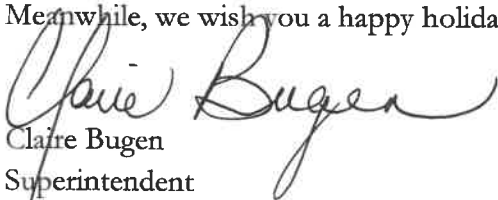
Our new I Can! Programs:

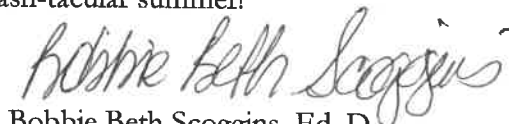
- Participants in *I Can! Learn STEM* will learn about the many types of scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians (STEM), in careers today, what job duties are involved, and what education and preparation paths are necessary. With a visit to the University of Texas' environmental engineering lab, students will meet STEM professionals and take part in STEM experiments.
- Led by experts working in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers today. Participants in *I Can! Code* will work right alongside professionals from Apple, Inc., and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology to program robotics and drones, and explore a wide range of STEM career opportunities that involve coding.
- For college-bound young adults, ages 16-22, *I Can! Gear Up for College* will take participants through intensive preparation for college by learning and exploring different communication access options, diving into different college degree plans, and understanding the different college and university application procedures. Participants will also benefit by learning best practices to prepare themselves for the ACT/SAT entrance exams, develop good study habits, time management, research skills, self-advocacy, how to set and achieve goals, and be workplace ready on a path toward gainful and meaningful employment.
- *I Can! Drive* programs are offered for both teen learners and adult drivers. Both our Teen Driver Education, for ages 15-17, and Adult Driver Education, for ages 18-22, are presented by certified driving instructors who are deaf and hard of hearing in American Sign Language, in conjunction with interpreters for participants who prefer oral instruction or other modes of communication. Participants will learn how to best approach driving behind the wheel, gain a thorough understanding of Texas driving laws and proper automobile/tire maintenance, as well as what alternative transportation methods exist, and how to plan and use public transportation.

You are welcome to duplicate and share any of the provided materials to parents, teachers, counselors, and any other interested parties. An electronic version of the Summer Camps & Programs booklet is available for download at [www.TexasDeafEd.org/SP](http://www.TexasDeafEd.org/SP) or by email request to [Rachella.Moore@tsd.state.tx.us](mailto:Rachella.Moore@tsd.state.tx.us), with your mailing address and number of booklets needed.

**Registration for 2019 Summer Camps & Programs opens December 15, 2018 and closes on March 15, 2019.**

Meanwhile, we wish you a happy holiday season while also dreaming of a splash-tacular summer!

  
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