



“Codas and Deaf Siblings Come Together”

A Retreat for Codas and their Deaf Siblings at CSD Fremont!

~~July 19-21, 2010~~

(Prior to CODA 2010 Conference in Fremont, CA)

EVENT POSTPONED

Codas, have you wanted to share your family experiences with your deaf sibling? Well now you can! Join us for a retreat for Codas and their deaf siblings from families with Deaf parents. This will be a great opportunity to explore and celebrate our unique sibling bonds as Coda-Deaf siblings in our Deaf families.

Deaf and hearing siblings with deaf parents have a unique experience straddling both the hearing and Deaf worlds. The sibling relationship is a powerful peer influence in childhood as well as adulthood. Often deaf and hearing siblings attend different schools, have different communities and different cultures under the same roof. This can create richness as well as tension in the sibling relationship. This retreat will explore this sibling experience in order to gain deeper understanding and wisdom to pass onto the Deaf and Coda communities.

This workshop will be presented by Deaf-Coda siblings in ASL (interpreters provided) and will include large and small group discussions.

Retreat Goals:

1. To provide an opportunity to share and discuss our sibling experiences in order to honor our family relationships and our lives in both the hearing and Deaf communities.
2. To explore our adult roles as deaf parents and Coda parents as well as our roles as aunts and uncles with our Deaf, Coda, and hearing nieces and nephews.
3. To investigate our multi generational pattern of Deaf-Hearing-Codas that continues in our families often due to the strong genetics of deafness that we have in our families.
4. To consider how to share our experiences with future generations of Coda-Deaf Siblings growing up with Deaf parents.

This exciting adult event with 3 days of meals and snacks is only \$135. Cottage Housing is available for only \$15 per night. Space is limited and deadline is June 18, 2010.

Please visit website for complete registration details.
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Event Agenda:

- Sunday, July 18: Evening: CSDF Cottages, check in 7-8pm
- Monday, July 19: Morning: Registration for Sibs Retreat (CSDF Cottages Check in available)
8am CSDF Summer Camps Check In for kids ages Kindergarten to Seniors
(Separate registration: see CSDF website: www.csdf.k12.ca.us for day and overnite camps)
Afternoon Program
Evening Program
- Tuesday, July 20: Morning Program
Afternoon Program
Evening Program
- Wednesday, July 21: Morning Program
Afternoon Program: Sibs Retreat Program Closing
- Thursday, July 22: CSDF Cottages--Check out by noon.

3 Easy Steps for Event Registration



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Mail registration to:
Double Pride
Attn: Coda/Sibs Retreat
1025 San Pablo Ave. Suite 5
Albany, CA 94706

- 1) Download and Print "Event Registration Form"
 - 2) Complete 2-page form and include check or money order made out to "Double Pride"
 - 3) Mail complete form and payment to address above
- Visit www.doublepride.com for details

Separate Events hosted by CODA 2010: www.coda-international.org

- Wednesday, July 21: CODA 2010: Pre-Conference "Community Dinner" at CSDF
- Thursday, July 22: CODA 2010: Pre-Conference Sightseeing Trips (Winery and Winchester Mystery House)
- Thurs-Sun, July 22-25: CODA 2010: Conference
- Sunday, July 25: CODA 2010: Post Conference events in SF (Afternoon/Evening)

Coordinator Biographies:

Lisa Jacobs, M. Ed, is a deaf sibling of an OhCoda (Only Hearing Child of Deaf Adults). 18 months apart in age, Lisa is also 4th generation deaf in her family. When her koda daughter was younger, she served as a core member of the Maryland KODA (Kids of Deaf Adults) chapter for five years. She facilitated the identification of practical strategies for developing a strong home-school partnership with Deaf parents and a positive learning environment for koda students which resulted in material development for deaf parents and school professionals about kodas at schools and how to have an effective home and school partnership. **Lisa is currently the director of Gallaudet University Mid-Atlantic Regional Center.**

Sheila Jacobs, MFT is the only hearing person in a large Deaf family. Her parents, sister, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and some cousins are deaf. Her studies in intercultural communication and cross-cultural psychology educated her extensively about issues deaf and other multi-cultural groups face daily. She worked for fifteen years as a freelance interpreter earning a national reputation, and taught ASL and interpreting for ten years at Vista College in Berkeley, California. She is now a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the San Francisco Bay Area, specializing in deaf/hearing, multicultural, and couples counseling. **Blending her life experiences as a Coda (child of deaf adults), with her experiences as a counselor and as an interpreter, Sheila founded the innovative company Double Pride, and launched DP at Home, DP at Work and DP at School.**

Julia Petersen, MA is a 3rd generation culturally Deaf individual and has both personal and professional experiences with KODAs/CODAs. Julia is grateful for her rich bi-lingual and bi-cultural background growing up with a hearing sibling and deaf parents. With her Deaf husband, she enjoys parenting their 10 year old and 12 year old kodas. Approximately 30% of her clients' parents do not speak English, therefore both sign language and the family's native language interpreters are provided in therapy. She also facilitates a support group for parents of D/HH children in an early intervention program and gives presentations nationally. **Julia has been a Mental Health Therapist for the past 20 years.**

Laura Petersen, M. Ed, is an organizational development consultant, a certified k-12 educator and an ASL interpreter. She enjoys applying her expertise and degrees in Psychology and Education to finding creative solutions to corporate challenges as well as more personal issues. Laura appreciates the perspective she gains from both her Deaf family and her current hearing family, consisting of her husband and two kids ages 9 & 7. She brings her bi-lingual/bi-cultural sensitivity to many aspects of her life. **Laura is co-owner of The Art of Work, helping individuals, teams, and families achieve excellence.**

