



**"Education is all a matter of building bridges."**

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

### **RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - August 8, 2018**

**RSD Building Bridges e-Newsletter (BBN):** a digest of news and information for families and friends of [Rochester School for the Deaf](#), about our school and the Deaf community.

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### **IMPORTANT LINKS, DATES, AND INFORMATION:**

- [August 2018 Lunch Menu](#)
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)
- [RSD School Year 2018-2019 Academic Calendar](#)
- **STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!** [Fall 2018 Signs for All ASL community member classes](#) - information, online registration is open and a printable registration form are now posted on the RSD Web site. Deadline for registering/payment is August 29, 2018.

- **REMINDERS:** Friday, August 17, the last day of summer school. September 3: Labor Day - RSD will be closed. Wednesday, September 5: First Day for Students.

- **NEW! RSD Kick-Off Picnic**, Tuesday, September 4 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. RSD Dining Room Forrester Hall. Please RSVP to [ityler@rsdeaf.org](mailto:ityler@rsdeaf.org) by August 24 to attend the picnic. Dorm students / parents move-in 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. More info to follow. Contact: Carrie Fisher, Director of Student Life, [cfisher@rsdeaf.org](mailto:cfisher@rsdeaf.org); VP: 585-286-2804

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## WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW! Deaf Lens: A Filmmaking Workshop**, August 20 - 31, 2018, at Writer's and Books. [Scholarships are available.](#) We are looking for 12 Deaf teens who like to make short films about Rochester's Deaf history. One week shooting videos and one week editing at RCTV - Rochester Community TV studios. Film camp is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and is open to all teens who are Deaf, hard-of-hearing, Children/Kids of Deaf Adults, fluent in ASL, or interested in Deaf culture. Sign up today as space is very limited.

- **NEW! ROC That! Rochester's ASL Event** with host Doug Baker, Friday, August 10, [RRC, 1564 Lyell Ave. Rochester](#). Age 18+ Happy Hours 5-7 p.m. ASL Improv 7-9 p.m. "Whose Sign Is It Anyway" with Vicki Nordquist & Jeff Pratt from RSD, Jackie Pransky, and Joshua Mora. Seating is limited. [Buy tickets online](#) or at the door, if available.

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: Summer is almost over and it is almost time for the kids to return to school! Here are some suggestions to help them (and you) make a smooth transition for going [Back-to-School!](#)

- **NEW! Deaf Hang Out - Where Deaf & Hearing Mingle - ASL Hiking Trip @ [Letchworth State Park](#)**, 1 Letchworth State Park, Castle, NY, Saturday, August 11 starting at 1:00 p.m. Meet in the Highbanks Recreation Area parking lot (where the pool is located). \$10 lunch if reserved by August 8 - Today  
- <http://bit.ly/2NPPU2c> Questions? [NY18@DeafHangOut.org](mailto:NY18@DeafHangOut.org)

- **NEW! KODAs - Kids of Deaf Adults** age 6-13 - hearing & deaf children who sign, are invited to participate in a research study on how language development affects perceptive skills. Participants are paid \$20/hour for 1 to 2 hours of computer-based games and Language & cognitive tests. E-mail: [deafxlab@rit.edu](mailto:deafxlab@rit.edu) if you are interested in having your KODA child participate in this study. Visit: <http://recruit.deafxlab.com> to learn more about the study and to sign up (Parental Consent Information link is top right on the Web page).

- **NEW! REI Co-op in Rochester**, [450 E. Henrietta Road](#), Rochester, NY 14620 free seminars in ASL: [Bike Your Drive: Bicycle Commuting Basics in ASL](#) - Thursday, August 30, 2018 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM; and, [Backpacking Basics in ASL](#), Wednesday, September 26, 2018 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Pre-registration is required.

- **NEW! [RSD Alumni Event - 67th Annual Western NY RSD Alumni Rally](#)**, Sunday, October 7. Terry Hills Banquet, Batavia, NY. \$25/person; 11:00 a.m. Brunch buffet followed by a meeting. Deadline to sign up and pay is Sept. 26, 2018. [Click here](#) to download and print a sign up form.

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## ONGOING

- **Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA) & Deaf Camp is back!** This year's co-directors are Kieran Sommer and Dara Doane. The camp will be held during the week of Aug. 13th to 17th from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Powderhorn Lodge within Powder Mills Park. Open to Deaf, hard of hearing and KODA kids. Fees are \$195 for the first sibling, additional sibling(s) are \$175. Secure your child(ren)'s spot and register at <https://tinyurl.com/KDCamp2018>.

- **STATE FAIR FUN! Deaf Day at the Great New York State Fair**, Monday, September 3 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. \$1 admission and \$5 parking. NO coupons needed. ASL interpreters will be provided throughout the day.

- **MCingo / Community Appreciation Picnic**, Saturday, September 15; picnic starts at 5:00 pm. and MCingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$15 Tickets: [www.mcdhub.org](http://www.mcdhub.org). MCingo only: \$15, at the door. [Moose Lodge, 5375 West Henrietta Road](#). Read the flyer carefully regarding free picnic food for the first 100 picnic tickets sold. Deadline: September 1.

- **Partners in Deaf Health, Inc., of Rochester on Facebook** is a resource-rich blog with information about where and when the next Deaf Health Talk in ASL is and what the topic will be; where, when and how you as a Deaf person can participate in various deaf health research projects and get paid for your time; where and when the 4th Finger Lakes Deaf

Health Fair will be (Sept. 22 at RIT/NTID and it's Free!) and much more. [Go to Partners in Deaf Health on Facebook](#) and see for yourself what healthy living is all about.

- **MONSTER JAM** at the [War Memorial](#), Friday, Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, Discount tickets for all in the RSD Family! [Download this flyer for details](#). Deadline to order is Friday, November 9 at Noon (ET). Special event tickets: \$17 & \$13. Pit Party: Saturday & Sunday, November 17 & 18; \$10 Pit Pass with an event ticket required purchase.

- **The ECC ASL Storytime Videos** collection has added two more brand new stories. Jump over to [RSD on YouTube](#) and look for new ASL Storytime Videos on the playlist.

- **STILL TIME TO ORDER! [RSD Gear is here!](#)** Order and pay from [Fan Cloth online](#) and pick up your apparel items after they arrive at RSD. **The last day to order is August 15th - No exceptions!** When ordering online fill in the name of an RSD soccer or volleyball player as the sales agent, or fill in Mary Cook or Scott Lipitz. Apparel items can be customized with your name or your student athlete's name and a favorite number. **This is the largest selection of Wildcat clothing and accessories RSD has ever offered!** Order and pay on or before August 15th. Questions? Contact: Mary Cook [cookmcook@rsdeaf.org](mailto:cookmcook@rsdeaf.org). Get your gear in time for RSD Homecoming, October 12-13. *GO WLDCATS!*

- [Wildcat Yearbook 2018 Order Form](#) (use the Pre-Order Form) We continue to accept orders for our 45th Big Edition of your 2018 Wildcat Yearbook, complete with a hardcover and full-color pages. Copies cost \$55.00. Free to pick-up at school or \$7 each to ship to family members and friends. The form also has a checkbox for generous RSD family members to

donate a yearbook to a student. [Click here](#) to download the order form. Thank you for supporting the 2018 Wildcat Yearbook. Contact Carrie Fisher in the Student Life Dept. [cfisher@rsdeaf.org](mailto:cfisher@rsdeaf.org) VP: 585-286-2804 if you have any questions.

- **STILL AVAILABLE!!** [RSD P.B.I.S. \(Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports\) T-Shirt Order Form](#): Support your child's P.B.I.S. program by pre-ordering your Elementary - P.A.W.S. or Middle/High School - R.O.A.R. T-Shirts. All shirts are \$15. Cash or checks payable to "RSD" Attention: [Paul Holmes](#)

- **NO KID HUNGRY THIS SUMMER!** Nearly 4 million children in the United States face hunger in summer months <https://goo.gl/KWcpJP> Parents Grandparents Caregivers Text FOOD (Spanish: COMIDA) to 877-877 FREE breakfast & lunch near your address or zip code NO KID HUNGRY is a free program available across the country.

- National Center on Deaf Health Research (NCDHR) of University of Rochester has launched a [New York State-wide Deaf Health Survey online in ASL](#). The survey is for Deaf NYS residents and all data collected is kept secure and confidential. Your participation will help the Deaf community know about its own health. The survey will help set health priorities in the Deaf community. And, data from the survey will support the need for health-related services in the Deaf community. The future health of Deaf communities in New York State is in your hands. [Take the survey today!](#)

- [Official NTID 50th Anniversary Reunion T-Shirts](#) are available to anyone who would like to buy one (or more). These Ts come in Unisex, Womens',

and Youth sizes in a variety of colors. Use "NTID10" Promo Code and get free shipping. You know they are great because they are made by Route 66 Promotions, a Deaf-owned company. Get your NTID 50th T-shirts today!

- **15% off all Sonic Alert** products for all RSD Wildcats friends & fans Use code: RSDWildcats18 when you order from the Sonic Alert Catalog <https://goo.gl/T3xpcg> Stay safe & Live better with quality & reliable Sonic Alert altering & hearing products. This offer applies to all 4201 Schools.

- If you give to the **United Way of Greater Rochester** consider directing your gift to support students at **Rochester School for the Deaf**. The Designation Number for RSD is **1162**. Thank you for your generous and thoughtful support.

- **Support RSD just by shopping locally and online** - [Introducing eScrip.com](#) where over \$400 million is given back to schools and nonprofits like Rochester School for the Deaf. [Sign up securely today](#), get the app and start shopping. As you shop locally or online or dine out you make a difference when you choose to support Rochester School for the Deaf. [Watch this quick video](#) to learn more.

- **Shopping on Amazon Smile can also be a bonus to RSD**, and we have made it easy. [Just click here](#) to go to the "Shopping Supports RSD" page and shop thruAmazon Smile or eScrip. You get what you want easily and conveniently and RSD gains additional funds to enhance and enrich educational programs for our students.

- [The American Society of Deaf Children \(ASDC\)](#) is constantly seeking diverse families with Deaf and hard of hearing children and young adults who are empowered to embrace full access to language-rich ASL and English environments. Individual and family memberships to ASDC are free and include: *The Endeavor* news magazine, information about conferences

for families, free Described and Captioned Media Program membership, website and social media channels with links and resources, monthly e-mail blast for members, and more. RSD families who are not yet members of the ASDC can [click here for a free](#), membership. RSD member families of ASDC can also use this form to extend your free membership yearly. Please join or renew today!

- To honor the life and volunteer service to RSD of the late Gilman Perkins, great-grandson of RSD's founders, Gilman and Caroline Perkins, Gil's children have established [The Gilman Perkins Fund for RSD Student Needs](#). This fund is intended to help RSD students overcome financial obstacles that may impede them from achieving academic, social or career success. [Click here](#) to learn more about The Gilman Perkins Fund and how you and others can contribute to it towards the success of all RSD students. Thank you.

- [Deaf Events - Rochester](#) on Facebook

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