

# YOURPARTNER

Central/Western Nebraska Partnership for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

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## Coordinator's Corner

Have you checked out the Funding Toolkit and Scholarship documents?

Stay connected to the latest activities and trainings offered by the Central/Western Nebraska Partnership at our website:  
<http://cwp.esu9.org>

If you have an idea for the newsletter, please submit it to Laura at:  
[lbarrett@esu13.org](mailto:lbarrett@esu13.org)

Trying to figure out how to pay for new hearing aids? Do you need some assistance paying for your child's assistive technology? Is there a high school senior in your family that is headed to college? If you answered yes or even maybe to any of these questions, you should check out our Funding Toolkit and Scholarships for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Both of these resources bring together a variety of funding sources that are available only to people who are deaf or hard of hearing. You can download either document at our website: <http://cwp.esu9.org/toolkit.html>.

*A sample of the applications included in the Funding Toolkit:*

- First Hand Foundation
- HIKE Fund
- TPA Scholarship

*Some of the scholarships included in the Scholarships for Students document:*

- AG Bell Association
- Nebraska Cochlear Implant Sertoma Club

# Space Camp - Kansas Cosmosphere - October 9-14, 2011

"If we work as a team, we can accomplish many things."



"I learned how back in history they figured out how to fly a rocket."

Honoring the Past and Inspiring the Future of Space Exploration



"Being deaf or hard of hearing shouldn't stop you from your career choice."



"I now have a friend that is completely deaf!"



"I learned that you can overcome your fears. **JUST DO IT!**"

"We also launched a satellite!"

"I learned to make rockets and we shot them in the sky. It was the best time of my life."



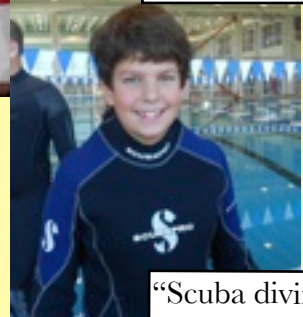
"My biggest challenge was the final mission because there were so many buttons to use to launch the shuttle."

"I liked the last mission. My team had a successful landing. I'm proud of me."

"There are some things that you just can't do by yourself."



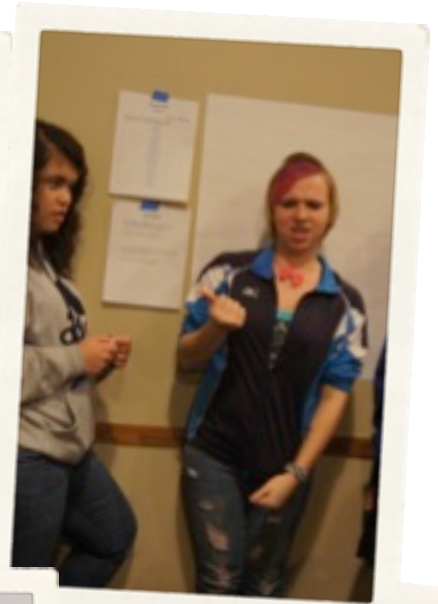
"Scuba diving was fun, but the real reason we went was so that we could feel what the astronauts feel in space, weightless."



"At first I was scared, but I went two times. I was proud of myself for trying."

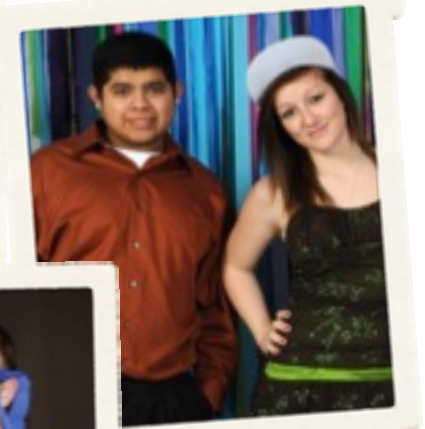
"Scuba diving was the best. I learned how to breathe underwater. I also learned how to talk using different signs."

# Technology Seminar How to be safe in today's online world



## Dancing the night away Under the sea

This year we combined the dance with a technology seminar to keep everyone in the loop with the latest issues regarding technology for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. One of our Teachers of the Deaf, Mike Brummer, helped make the day informative and fun.



## Apps We Love

If you have an iPod touch or iPad that you are looking to use with your child, we've got some ideas for you. Check out some of our favorite FREE apps:



### Evernote Peek

Studying with an iPad has never been more natural. Simply peek under the cover to prepare for a quiz, practice a language or strengthen your memory. Adding your own study materials to Peek is easy, just connect Peek to your Evernote account. If you don't have Evernote, get it for free on your iPad, desktop or mobile device.



### PreSchool Lite

Preschool Lite is a powerful educational tool for the toddlers, approved by teachers, parents and toddlers; it's a great tool for learning that helps kids to explore different words, letters, animals, sounds, colors, etc in a fun and exciting way.



### Show Me

ShowMe allows you to record voice-over whiteboard tutorials and share them online.



### K12 Timed Reading Practice Lite

K12 Timed Reading Practice Lite lets readers in grades K-4 practice fluency, the ability to read smoothly and quickly.

## Nebraska RID Conference

*Excerpts from those who attended. Look for the full write-ups in the professional newsletter:*

Can you imagine holding a beating heart in your hand? How about a kidney? Your thigh bone? Well, in a way, the interpreters who attended NeRID's Fall Conference did just that. Real live hearts??? Well no; but we learned to use classifiers to represent organs, muscles, etc. to make our interpretations clear. The human heart is about the same size as a fist, so it makes a perfect model to "take out of body" and show the 4 chambers as well as the major blood vessels leading in and out.

----Myla Thompson, Interpreter for the Deaf

On Saturday, Jonathan Scherling, a third generation Deaf professor from UNO, spoke to us about growing up as a Deaf student in a Nebraska mainstreamed school. Jonathan's personal narrative of life in a public school gave us a better understanding of the struggles that our students face on a daily basis. He also expanded our knowledge on a variety of signs that are unique to Nebraska.

----Justin Cyboron, Interpreter for the Deaf

I...opted for the Nebraska native signs... I had a lot of ah ha moments when I saw the native signs or signs that had origins in Nebraska. My parents although from Kansas used some of these signs plus similar ones. Sad to see that most are used by the older generations.

----Mary Sweat, Interpreter for the Deaf



## Coming Soon: Senior Spotlight

Are you a senior this year?

Do you know of a senior who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing that has participated in CWNP and Statewide activities?

We will be spotlighting those seniors in our May issue, so please let us know if you would like to be included. For more information, please contact Laura Barrett [lbarrett@esu13.org](mailto:lbarrett@esu13.org). All information needs to be in by April 1 to be included in the spotlight.

This summer I went to Explore Your Future (EYF) in Rochester New York. This was a wonderful new experience for everyone involved and it really helped me think about my own future.

I attended academic and career counseling classes. I also explored different kinds of careers and what I might be interested in. I learned about different learning styles too. After attending, I have decided to be a photographer or a social worker or doing something where I can help.

I met many new people through the social activities we did at EYF. The 3 activities that were my favorites were bowling, ice skating, and riding on a roller coaster for the first time. I met people from different states and made many friends that I still talk to through texting and on facebook.

If you would like to have new experiences and meet new people, you should apply to go to EYF online. You have to be at least a sophomore going into your junior year to be able to go. I recommend it.

Nicole Daake  
Senior, Elwood Public School



## EIPA Workshop DVD's Available

If you have not been able to attend an EIPA Video Conference, here is your chance to acquire that information by borrowing a DVD from CWNP. Take advantage of these materials – log-on to [at4all.com](http://at4all.com) to check them out.

“Space, the Next Frontier: Keeping the Signing Field Organized” presented by Frances J. Beurivage, RID C.I./C.T., includes spatial relationships, reference points, verb agreements, indexing, prepositions and locatives in sign language. These unique linguistic features allow the interpreter

to take advantage of space in order to generate visual images. This set includes 2 DVD's and a CD of the powerpoint.

“Who Did What to Whom?” presented by Frances J. Beurivage, RID C.I./C.T. In this video conference, Frances covers some of the linguistic features and techniques used in sign language to effectively establish and maintain subject, object, and verb agreement to clearly convey who is doing what to whom. This set includes 2 DVD's and a CD of the PDF file for printing

# Upcoming Events

Feb 3-4-Extravaganza – Omaha (grades 3-6)

March 3-Dr. Seuss Day – Kearney Area (birth – 2nd grade/families)

March 7-Dr. Seuss Day – Scottsbluff Area (birth-3rd grade)

March 28-SEAC Meeting – Milford

March 30-31-Art Festival (grades 3-6) - Omaha

April 14-CCDHH - Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Omaha (grades 7-12)

May 2-Peer Activity – Scottsbluff area (details - TBA)

May 4-5-Spring Fling – Grand Island (grades 7-12)



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