

Signing for the Deaf

Each participant is aided by an audio recording of each selection. We strive to keep all selections at a moderate speed. Please practice songs and scriptures at slow and fast speeds and some medium speeds too, in order to be well prepared. In addition, the words to the song and/or scripture will be provided by the event coordinator, no outside copies or enlarged lyrics please. This event aims to help students grow their sign language vocabulary while following the current year's theme. Older participants are expected to be able to do a little more. Coaches and participants are responsible for knowing and following ALL event rules.

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PURPOSE:

To develop abilities and grow in knowledge, to learn new vocabulary for the purpose of communicating with those who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, to glorify God and His Church.

PROCESS:

Each participating congregation will:

- Insure participants select proper grade division, understand and complete requirements for their division.
- Signed Exact English (SEE) uses the grammatical structure of English, initialized signs and syntactical changes (i.e. prefixes and suffixes).
- American Sign Language (ASL) Conceptual Signing uses signs that convey the literal meaning, which often changes the original words and figurative language of the passage. This category is also appropriate for those signers using visual grammar or syntax. Features such as classifiers, non-manual markers, facial grammar and mouth movements are appropriate for this category, but are not necessary.
- Pidgin Signed English (PSE) a combination of SEE and ASL.
- Obtain from www.hoaltc.org on the Manual and Study Guide page, a copy of the words to each song and scripture to be used. If it is not there when you need it, or have any questions, please send an e-mail to sign.language@hoaltc.org
- Insure participants get a complete and current copy of the event rules
- Insure that participants are registered for signing only for the given time period. A participant may move up a grade level to avoid a conflict. No one will be allowed to participate in an event if they have a conflict with another event.
- Please note on registration if interpreting services are needed and at what specific event/time. Also inform the signing coordinator if you are registering participants with disabilities that may need special accommodations.

The Event Coordinator will

- Report to the Awards Committee
- Provide critique sheets for each participant

Participant Rules:

1. A participant may not watch other participants in the same level until he/she has completed his/her event. Participants are encouraged to watch higher levels or other events.
2. The event coordinator will provide the recordings for the convention. No other recordings may be used. Event recordings will NOT be distributed for the purposes of preparing for the event.
3. Participants will sign to the recording provided by the event coordinator at the convention.
4. No signs or coaching instructions can be given to the participant while performing. In the event this should happen the judges can request that the people involved leave the room for the duration of the performance.
5. A solid color blouse/shirt/dress contrasting with skin tone should be worn while signing. This helps count toward final scoring.

6. All Participants will be pre-registered, by their church coordinator, in the appropriate time slots and in specific rooms. If a participant's name is not on the list or other changes need to be made, see the event coordinator for resolution prior to the event.
7. All participants must meet at their assigned room 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time.
8. Each participant must note on his/her registration form: Grade Division/Level Grade Levels
9. There are three grade divisions in this event: Grades 3-6, 7-9, and 10-12 Event Rules
10. The participant will finger spell their own name and the title of the selection(s) being signed. On selections chosen by the judge, the participant will finger spell their name and the selections chosen by the judges.
11. The participant will sign the selections to a recording provided by the event coordinator at the convention.
12. The participant must insure the version of the song follows the publication in this year's signing rules
13. Once the judge has announced the selection, no changes will be made to the selection.
14. Participant may use a copy of the words for the song and/or scripture provided by the event coordinator.
15. Insure that the participant is ready to sign the selections as described in each category: Standard requirements, Introduction, Preparation, Movement, Finger Spelling, Understandability/Sign Clarity, Confidence, Expression, Vocabulary

LEVEL 1 – grades 3-6

Each Participant will select one (1) song OR one (1) scripture from the selections provided by the event coordinator (on the web or via e-mail).

LEVEL 2 – grades 7-9

Each participant will select one song AND one scripture for level 2 participants provided by the event coordinator (on the web or via e-mail).

LEVEL 3 – grades 10-12

Each participant will learn ALL the songs and scriptures for level 3 participants provided by the event coordinator. The judge will select one song AND one scripture for the participant to sign.

Judging Categories for all levels include:

Standard requirements, Introduction, Preparation, Movement, Finger Spelling, Understandability/Sign Clarity, Confidence, Expression, Vocabulary

Please note: Participants are also judged on correctly observing both participant and event rules listed above (i.e.: proper dress, finger spelling, etc.) To avoid scheduling conflicts and to ensure observers do not miss seeing specific participants, individual performer's times will NOT be rearranged. In other words, if Johnny is scheduled for 10:30 and the three people scheduled ahead of him are no shows, Johnny will still sign at 10:30. His time will NOT be bumped up.

Resources for learning sign language include, but are not limited to:

[Learning Sign Language: Visual and Audio, Videotapes and Computer Programs clerccenter.gallaudet.edu](http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu)

Updated listing of videotapes, software and other materials related to learning American Sign Language (ASL) ... Information on Deafness > Learning Sign Language: Media Resources.

[Learning American Sign Language ASL and Signed English \(SE\) www.lessonstutor.com](http://www.lessonstutor.com)

Index of free articles, reproducible lesson plans, and printable worksheets for teaching and learning American Sign Language (asl) and Signed English (se)

Local bookstores and the Internet are great places to look for resources too!

Please remember during the Signing Event

- Spectators may not enter or leave the room while a participant is signing
- Applause is appropriate as a display of appreciation. If you learn to clap in sign it would be even more fun, please think to teach your audience how to applaud. (Raise hands, fingers spread and palms facing out, to shoulder height or higher and rotate wrists slightly so that palms face each other and then out again repeatedly.) Enjoy!

Genesis

Journey of Faith

LEVEL 1: Grades 3 - 6 Each Participant will select one (1) song OR one (1) scripture from the selections provided by the event coordinator (on the web or via e-mail).

LEVEL 1

Song choices:

560 (vs 1, 3, chorus) Living by Faith

410 (vs. 1, vs. 3, chorus) He Leadeth Me

READ THIS

*Please note that the participant will sign the verses and the chorus as indicated above

LEVEL 1

Scripture choices:

Genesis 12:1-3

Hebrews 11:1-3

LEVEL 2: Grades 7 – 9 Each participant will select one song AND one scripture provided by the event coordinator (on the web or via email).

LEVEL 2

Song choices:

560 (vs 1, 3 chorus) Living by Faith

410 (vs. 1, vs. 3, chorus) He Leadeth Me

452 (vs. 1, vs. 2, vs. chorus) Standing on the Promises

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LEVEL 2

Scripture choices:

Genesis 12:1-3

Hebrews 11:1-3

Proverbs 3:5-7

LEVEL 3: Grades 10 - 12 Each participant will learn ALL the songs and scriptures provided by the event coordinator. The judge will select one song AND one scripture for the participant to sign.

LEVEL 3

Songs:

560 (vs 1, 3) Living by Faith

410 (vs. 1, vs. 2, chorus) He Leadeth Me

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LEVEL 3

Scriptures:
Genesis 12:1-3
Hebrews 11:1-3

LTC 2011
Words for Songs and Scriptures
“Journey of Faith”
LEVEL 1/ grades 3-6

#560 (vs 1, 3 chorus)

Verse 1

I care not today what the morrow may bring,
If shadow or sunshine or rain,
The Lord I know ruleth o'er everything,

Verse 3

Our Lord will return for His loved ones some day,
Our troubles will then all be o'er;
The Master so gently will lead us away,
Beyond that blest heavenly shore.

Chorus:

Living by faith in Jesus above,
Trusting, confiding in His great love;
From all harm safe in His sheltering arm,
I'm living by faith and feel no alarm.

#410 He Leadeth Me

Verse 1

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Verse 3

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Chorus:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

#452 Standing on the Promises

Verse 1

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Verse 2

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Hebrews 11:1-3

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LEVEL 2/grades 7-9

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⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.^[a] ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

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