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*For Deaf Youth, By Deaf Youth, About Deaf Youth.*

Deaf Youth USA is an emerging organization with its launch event set to happen in New Orleans during July 3 - 7, 2008, prior to the National Association of the Deaf conference. Deaf Youth USA (DYUSA) is a political, advocacy and activism organization for Deaf Youth in America, between the ages of 18 - 30(+).

There are 47,000 deaf people in America between the ages of 18 - 30, and we have yet to see an emergence of a united voice to confront different issues facing us today. DYUSA sets out to change that.

This summer, the young organizers of DYUSA have set up a camping event with planned forums and discussions to give an opportunity for young adults of America to converge and express views on a myriad of issues - from voting for the next presidential candidate, quality of education and employment opportunities, to representation of the deaf in media and in empowering ourselves through the use of what kind of tools? tools, striving for equality and social change.

*Deaf Youth USA is committed to social justice through media and activism.*

Young deaf people all over America are welcome to join DYUSA and be a part of this first-time ever event! It costs only \$50.00 for attendees to join a four-day weekend of workshops, discussions, networking, and fun! Our favorite saying is: BRING YOUR ACTION. All the information is available on our website, [www.deafyouthusa.org](http://www.deafyouthusa.org). Feel free to shoot us emails at [deafyouthusa@gmail.com](mailto:deafyouthusa@gmail.com).

In order to make this event a successful one and to create opportunities, inspire, empower, and give tools to deaf youth, DYUSA welcomes your donations. Your community support will inspire us to continue our rallying voices to fight for a better America.

We are specifically in need of the following:

- Food
- utensils, plates and cups
- tent to host group meetings
- 2 nights in a hotel for committee members to meet before the official event.

- If you can assist with any of the above items your contribution will be greatly appreciated. We will recognize your donation through our website and brochure. Your contribution is also tax deductible.

Please send a check, money order, or donations to National Association of the Deaf, for DYUSA, at this address: 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 820, Silver Spring, MD, 20910-3819. We thank you for your philanthropy towards the next biggest thing to hit the Deaf community!

*The goal of DYUSA is to give the deaf youth of America a representational voice.*

Sponsored by:

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