



## **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES NOW BEING OFFERED!**

*Are you interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL)? Learning ASL will allow you to communicate using the 4<sup>th</sup> most common language used in the United States. ASL is now recognized as a foreign language at the college level and is beginning to be offered in more high schools as a foreign language as well. Learning to sign can open many opportunities for growth in both your personal and professional life and it's a lot of fun too!*

**Location: Ike Owings Center located at Hunter Memorial Park, 8830 Gurley Road, Douglasville, GA 30134**

**Dates:** Thursdays – April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 2018 (6 weeks in length)

**Time:** ASL Club – 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Intermediate Class: 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m., Beginner Class: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** ASL Club - \$25 for 6 weeks, Beginners/Intermediate Classes - \$85 for 6 weeks; each class is 1 hour in length with the exception of May 31st which will be a full 2 hours from 5:15-7:15 p.m. The ASL Club will still meet for 1 hour on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Online Registration:** Register online at the City of Douglasville Parks & Recreation Website located at: <http://www.ci.douglasville.ga.us/25/Parks-Recreation> Once on the website click on *Online Registration*, then *Recreation Programs*, then *American Sign Language*.

**In Person Registration:** Visit the information desk at Hunter Memorial Park located at 8830 Gurley Road, Douglasville, GA 30134.

### **Materials:**

All printed materials for both classes are included in the registration fee; however it is suggested you bring a binder or folder to store handouts. Access to the internet at home is recommended for independent study. A pot-luck “Silent Dinner” party is planned for the last night of classes in Douglasville on Thursday, May 31st This potluck dinner will run the full two hours from 5:15-7:30 p.m. with both classes combined. More details will be discussed in class regarding the party.

(see reverse side for course, ASL Club descriptions and instructor information)

*Learn Something New*  *Become Bilingual*  *Make New Friends*

## **Class Descriptions:**

**Beginner ASL (Level 1)** No previous knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) is required. This class will introduce students to basic grammar, vocabulary, fingerspelling (ASL Alphabet), numbers, the history of ASL, Deaf Culture, and much more. Vocabulary signs will focus on family signs, color signs, food signs, emergency signs, simple conversational phrases, songs in sign, and much more through a variety of hands on activities, games, small group activities, guest speakers and lectures. All materials for the class are covered in the registration fee.

**Intermediate ASL (Level 2)** This level 2 class is designed for students that have completed the Beginner ASL (Level 1 class) or have been introduced to American Sign Language previously and have a basic understanding of the vocabulary signs outlined in the class description for level 1. The level 2 class is designed to build on the basic knowledge covered in level 1 with a more in-depth study of the grammatical structure, syntax, handshapes and classifiers of ASL. It is required that students have already taken the Beginner ASL class before enrolling in the Intermediate Level 2 class or have a conversation with the instructor for placement purposes.

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**ASL Club:** You must have already completed or be currently enrolled in either of the classes in order to be a part of the ASL Club. The ASL Club is designed to provide additional time with the instructor outside of class time to practice signing with other students, have questions answered, play games, and have discussions related to ASL, Deaf Culture, etc. There will also be an opportunity to help fundraise for various deaf schools and community organizations in our area.

## **About the instructor: Angela K. Easter**



Angela graduated from the University of Florida with her B.A. in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Speech Language Pathology & Audiology). While at UF, Angela was a member of the Signing Gators Club and volunteered countless hours working with deaf, hard of hearing and special needs children and adults. She also took ASL I, II, III, while in college as well as several classes after graduation. Angela is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) and holds a proficiency rating of Advanced on the Sign Language Proficiency Interview Rating Scale (SLPI) which is a scale for rating sign language communication skills that is based on highly skilled, knowledgeable native-like signers. In 2006, Angela moved to Georgia and began working at The Georgia School for the Deaf. She had the unique opportunity to attend an intense 2 week ASL Immersion

Course at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC., the world's only university in which all programs and services are specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students. She is an active volunteer at our local schools, daycare centers and community theaters teaching ASL, deaf awareness and acceptance as well as signs to incorporate into theatrical performances to students, teachers and members of our community. For the past 8 years Angela has offered private tutoring to deaf, hard of hearing and hearing individuals in both English and ASL in West Georgia. Angela resides in Villa Rica, GA and is the mother of three children, ages 11, 4, and 2. Angela can be contacted via email at [iluv8tr@gmail.com](mailto:iluv8tr@gmail.com) or via phone/text at 706-936-7310.