

# FAQs-Deaf Pioneers Day

## 1. What is Deaf Pioneers Day?

A one-day career exploration event designed for deaf and hard of hearing Middle School and High School students. This event is presented in a variety of formats, including presentations by deaf and hard of hearing panel members, videos, visual demonstrations, and hands-on activities to provide experiential learning for all participants. The objective of this event is to expose deaf and hard of hearing students to adult role models working in this field so that they can better understand how to envision a career in this field.

## 2. Where is this event held? How can we participate?

The event will be held at Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) in Austin Texas. But there are two different ways to participate.

- 1) Bring your class to the on-site event at TSD or
- 2) Watch the same event via live stream in your classroom without traveling to Austin. We will live stream the morning portion of the event and will ship activity kits to schools for use in the hands-on activities in the afternoon.

## 3. When will this event be held?

The next *Deaf Pioneers Day* is scheduled for *September 25, 2019* from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

## 4. How can I register my class?

Teachers must register their classes by filling out the registration form at

[www.tiny.cc/DeafPioneersDay](http://www.tiny.cc/DeafPioneersDay)

If a student is homeschooled, the adult responsible for teaching the student must register the student(s).

## 5. What age student may participate?

This event is designed for students in middle school and high school academic levels. Teachers from anywhere in the United States may register for this event. However, there will be a maximum number of people accepted for the on-site version due to space limitations. Groups will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

## **6. Why is registration for this event important?**

If a group is coming on-site for this event, we need to plan for the parking of buses and vans. We also need to plan for lunches, materials and supplies, etc. It will be important to know well in advance how many people to plan for. In addition, if you are accessing this event via live stream, we will need to prepare your activity kits and ship them to your classroom in advance. **Deadline to register for this event is September 9, 2019.**

## **7. What if students or staff have special dietary needs?**

We will plan to provide a basic box lunch, which will probably include a sandwich, chips and a piece of fruit. If anyone has dietary needs that this does not accommodate, please plan to bring a lunch for that person.

## **8. Will it be accessible for deaf and hard of hearing students?**

Yes, the morning presentations will be provided in sign language and captioned. Most adults participating in the program will also have sign language skills. There will be some additional interpreters available to adapt as needed for student access.

## **9. Where do I find more information about presenters, etc?**

We will be posting additional information as the planning for this event evolves. You can go to [www.tiny.cc/DeafPioneersDay](http://www.tiny.cc/DeafPioneersDay) periodically to learn more about the day.

## **10. Will there be video of this event after September 25?**

Yes, we will post the video of the presenters after the event for teacher access.

## **11. Will there be a registration fee for my class?**

No, the presentation, hands-on activity kit and lunch will be FREE.