

# Michigan



## HANDS & VOICES™

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## Family Picnic August 7, 2010, at Proud Lake

Please join us for some fun at the lake! The Michigan Hands & Voices/Guide By Your Side annual family picnic will be held on Saturday, August 7, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., at Proud Lake Recreation Center (Heavner Canoes) in Commerce Township, Michigan. The day's activities will include canoe and kayak rides, fishing, volley ball, AND MORE! ASL Interpreters will be available as well.

As always, our picnic is **FREE**, and food will be provided. However, we ask that you R.S.V.P. To sign up or for more information, contact Laura at 517-335-8273 or via email at [scottL5@michigan.gov](mailto:scottL5@michigan.gov).

The Proud Lake Recreation Center is located at 3500 Wixom Rd., Commerce Twp. MI 48382.

The web address for the park is: [www.michigantrails.us/oakland-county-michigan/proud-lake-state-recreation-area.html](http://www.michigantrails.us/oakland-county-michigan/proud-lake-state-recreation-area.html). Please visit the Heavner Canoes website for more information as well: [www.heavnercanoe.com](http://www.heavnercanoe.com).



- **Kayaks/Canoes**  
(bumpers avail.)
- **Volley Ball**
- **Scavenger Hunt**
- **Fishing**
- **Face Painting**
- **And MORE!**

**Don't forget to R.S.V.P!**

## EHDI Conference 2011

Every year, the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program hosts a statewide conference for parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, audiologists, early interventionists, and other professionals who work with children who have hearing loss. The conference also includes a pre-conference parent dinner hosted by Michigan Hands & Voices/Guide By Your Side.

Plans are underway, for next year's EHDI conference and EHDI staff would like your input. If you have ideas for presenters and/or topics, please contact Jeff Spitzley, EHDI Coordinator, at [spitzleyj2@michigan.gov](mailto:spitzleyj2@michigan.gov) or (517) 335-8131.



Michigan Early Hearing Detection  
and Intervention Program

## Would You Like to be a Parent Guide? Apply today!



**GUIDE BY  
YOUR SIDE™**

EHDI is seeking Michigan parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing to serve as Parent Guides in the Guide By Your Side™ (GBYS) program. Parent Guides are paid a stipend for home visits and are reimbursed for mileage. Specifically, EHDI is looking for Guides in the thumb area (Saginaw), the northern lower peninsula around Traverse City and Petoskey, and central and southwest Michigan. Spanish speakers, signers, fathers, and parents of children with additional disabilities are especially needed. For more information, contact Laura Scott at (517) 335-8273 or [scottL5@michigan.gov](mailto:scottL5@michigan.gov).



Have an idea or an article for the newsletter?  
Is there something you would like to see H&V offer?  
We would LOVE to hear from you!!!



To Volunteer!

### EVENTS

- Summer Picnic
- IEP Workshops
- EHDI Pre-Conference Parent Dinner
- Mom's Night Inn *New*  
(Hotel stay, spa treatment, etc...)
- Dad's Event *New*  
(Men: we need you to plan an event just for Dads!)
- Holiday Party *New*

### TREASURER

We have a vacancy on our Board of Directors. Contact Laura Scott for more information.

### REGIONAL OUTREACH

Several parents are needed throughout the state to plan and host *at least one* local networking/social event per year in your area (examples include: movies, play dates, museum trips, scrap-booking events, etc. . .)

Contact Laura Scott at (517) 335-8273 or [scottL5@michigan.gov](mailto:scottL5@michigan.gov).

## WHO WE ARE

Michigan Hands & Voices is a chapter of the nationwide non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as the professionals who serve them. We are a parent-driven, parent/professional collaborative group that is unbiased towards communication modes and methods.

We are parents, teachers, audiologists, and interpreters — just to name a few! Our diverse membership includes those who communicate orally, with signs, with cued speech, and/or combined methods.



## OUR MISSION

Michigan Hands & Voices is dedicated to unbiased support of families who have children who are deaf or hard of hearing. We believe that families will make the best choices for their children if they have access to good information and support. Whether we're at work locally or nationally, Hands & Voices continues to be driven by the need to improve educational outcomes and the quality of life for children with hearing loss. We exist to help our children reach their highest potential!

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**We're on the WEB!**



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#### Yahoo Listserv:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/handsandvoices-mi>

#### Facebook:

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(Search "Michigan Hands & Voices" under Groups)

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