



*The Deaf Youth Sports Festival, Inc.*  
**MDO**  
*Founded 1983*

Hello MDO Participant and Parents!

It will soon be time for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Deaf Youth Sports Festival!

MDO will be held at the Iowa Deaf School in Council Bluffs, IA for the first time! Full details can be found at [www.mdoyouth.org](http://www.mdoyouth.org). Here is some important information to help you prepare for MDO.

- **Emergency Contact:** E-mail [TeamMDO@gmail.com](mailto:TeamMDO@gmail.com). **317-446-8095** for **Emergencies** only. E-mail and voice mail are checked nightly. Festival Location: Iowa Deaf School, 3501 Harry Langdon Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.
- Please send in applications with **complete** information as soon as possible. Incomplete forms may delay your acceptance. **See Payment, Fundraising and Scholarship info on the website.**
- **Parking** at ISD is free. Speed limit (15 mph) is strictly enforced. **MDO accepts NO responsibility for tickets on campus.** Please follow posted speed limits!
  
- **Registration** begins Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm.
  - Bring luggage and belongings to registration.
  - After dropping off Participants and their luggage in dorm
    - **Participants** go with Coach to practice for Opening Ceremony
    - **Parents** go to the VIP Reception. Follow signs.
  - **Registration closes at 3:00pm.** Late arrivals will register after Opening Ceremony.
  
- **Opening Ceremony** will begin at 3:30pm. Parents are welcome. Follow signs.
  - After Opening Ceremony
    - **Participants** go to dinner with their teams
    - **Parents** stay for a special presentation before leaving campus
  
- **Friday Night Banquet and Dance** is open to all Participants and Authorized Volunteers. Other volunteers, Parents, relatives and friends may purchase tickets (\$50) at Headquarters. Theme is 'Wicked'.
  
- **Closing Ceremony** is Saturday, July 19, 2025, 9:00am – 10:00am. **AFTER** checking out with coaches, Participants will be released to their parents. Follow signs.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Deaf Youth Sports Festival! As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. MDO VP is 317-493-0537. During MDO week, we will have VP's available at ISD and that contact information will be given at the Parent presentation after Opening Ceremony.

See you soon!!!

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