



We would like to introduce you to **BEA e-News**, a monthly e-mail communication to Bionic Ear recipients. Every month you will be receiving timely information on a variety of topics to enhance your hearing journey!

It is Time to Get Ready for Summer!

We are moving swiftly into summer travel season. To help you prepare for this fun and busy time of year, we would like to share some tips that are sure to help make your summertime activities more enjoyable.

Air Travel

Many of you have experienced first hand the ever-changing air travel regulations. Trying to keep up with the current rules can leave even the most experienced traveler feeling a bit jet lagged! We have assembled some air travel tips to guide you as you make your way through US-based airports. Would you like to know whether you can fly with rechargeable batteries or if you need to turn off your processor while in flight? Please click on the following link to review our Air Travel FAQs (frequently asked questions). This information will help you fly the friendly skies with a bit more confidence!

[*Advanced Bionics Air Travel Tips*](#)

Processor Moisture Protection

For many people summertime includes picnics, pool parties, sporting events, gardening and many other outdoor activities that while fun, can make your sound processor vulnerable to water. So you may enjoy all of this summer fun, the Auria and Harmony BTEs are designed to resist moisture. We do recommend regular use of a drying kit such as a Dri-Aid Kit or Dry and Store. For your added peace of mind, we offer a processor warranty and a sound processor replacement program that will minimize the time you are without your processor should repairs be necessary.

To learn more about what to do if more than your favorite swimsuit gets wet, please review your user guide by visiting the link below:

[*Advanced Bionics Product User Guides*](#)

Stay Connected Online

On-Line Community News

Meet fellow Bionic Ear recipients to share journeys, find support and reach out to others new to the cochlear implants by visiting our online community at [*HearingJourney.com!*](#)

Currently we hold regularly scheduled Online Community chats on **Thursday evenings at 7 PM Pacific/10 PM Eastern** in the **General chat room** at [*HearingJourney.com*](#). We are expanding our chat schedule to include **a new series of monthly educational chat sessions** to discuss the contents of the eNews. The chats are open to all BEA members and cochlear implant candidates. The first eNews chat will be held on **June 2, 6 PM Pacific/9 PM Eastern** in the chat room [*located here*](#).

New On-Line Learning Courses Posted!

In honor of Better Hearing and Speech Month, recorded versions of recent Live Web Classes are now available:

- Sing Your Way Through the Day!
- Exploring Hearing Loss and Communication Options

Furthermore, you can enhance your knowledge by taking any of our **eLearning courses!** To visit our eLearning Library [*click here*](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

Awareness Walks, sponsored by Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell), are taking place throughout the United States. To locate a Walk in your area, [*click here*](#)

HLAA and AG Bell national conventions are scheduled for the month of June, 2008. To learn more about these events, [*click here*](#)

Volunteer Corner

Thanks to our Volunteers

Over the years many dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly to offer support and mentoring to countless people seeking information about cochlear implants. We thank you for all that you do to support others on their journey to hearing!

Volunteer Program Update

We have had numerous inquiries from volunteers who wish to continue their service as well as those interested in participating for the first time as a BEA Volunteer. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and commitment to this program! We are in the process of updating our website and will be posting many volunteer opportunities for all to consider. Stay tuned for further information.

If you have questions about any of the information you received today, please contact our BEA audiologists at [*hear@advancedbionics.com*](mailto:hear@advancedbionics.com), or call 1-800-678-2575 and ask to speak to the BEA.