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Message
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Editor

Spring is Here & Camp is Coming!

**SUMMER
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ISSUE**



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Welcome to a special edition of SGO. Since getting ready for camp is right around the corner we went searching Ohio and Michigan for summer camps for children with special needs. There is a great selection of things to do this Summer so we hope everyone is ready to have some fun!

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*The best and most
beautiful things in the
world can not be seen
or even touched-they
have to be felt with
the heart.*
-Helen Keller



Summer Experience Camp for Teens Leader Dogs for the Blind Saturday, June 23–30, 2017

There is no better way to spend a week of summer vacation than by hanging out with kids your own age, spending time with a friendly dog, doing lots of fun indoor and outdoor activities, and learning how to use a new piece of technology—a GPS device. Better yet—it’s all free.

Soon after you arrive at Leader Dog you will be issued your new HumanWare Trekker Breeze+ GPS device so you can start learning how to use it to navigate your new environment. Training is done in a group setting and contains very little classroom time. You will quickly be out on the streets using your GPS to plan routes and find new and interesting places to go.

You’ll practice using your Trekker Breeze+ as you complete many fun activities including tandem biking,

kayaking and socializing with other campers. After you are comfortable using your GPS, you will learn more about another travel aide — a Leader Dog.

You will be paired with a trained, friendly Leader Dog who will become your partner for several days of camp. Besides learning how to care for a dog, basic obedience and canine massage techniques, you’ll get to experience the freedom and independence of walking with a guide dog. It won’t take long until your partner wiggles their way into your arms, and your heart.

Our Summer Experience Camp is a residential program for girls and boys ages 16 and 17 years—headed by our orientation & mobility specialists who are with you every step of the way. You will stay at our beautiful campus in Rochester

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All Leader Dog programs are offered free of charge to the client. Leader Dog pays for all costs associated with the program including travel to and from Leader Dog, the Trekker Breeze, housing, meals, activities and related training.

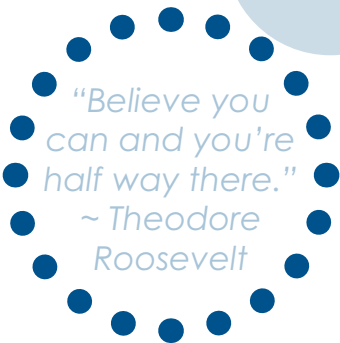
For more information on Leader Dog’s free Summer Experience Camp or to start the application process, visit our website at LeaderDog.org or call our client services department at 888/777.5332.



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OOD/BSVI News and Opportunities:

BSVI has updated and posted its annual compilation of Vision Loss and Hearing Loss Resources. The document primarily contains Internet links and other information on general resources, Advocacy Groups, Media and Communications Access, Hearing Aid Assistance, Learning Resources and other information. The resources are divided as useful for deafness, blindness and deaf/blind community members. This is a downloadable Word document accessible to screen reader users. Note: document may take 30-60 seconds to download. <http://ood.ohio.gov/Core-Services/BSVI/Vision-and-Hearing-Resources>

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) has launched a new job portal called OOD works.com. This website allows applicants to learn more about what vocational rehabilitation is, take a self-assessment and apply for services. Anyone interested in vocational rehabilitation resources may visit www.OODWorks.com.

Applications now open for OOD's Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) held in Columbus from July 30th to August 3rd. Ohio YLF is a five-day leader-

ship training program for 11th and 12th grade students with disabilities who are interested in developing their leadership ability. Delegates from all over the state learn about choosing a career, the history of disability as a culture, available technology and resources, and self and systems advocacy. Students get to meet professionals with disabilities and have an opportunity to develop their own Personal Leadership Plan to reach goals in their education, employment and community development. Students not already working with OOD need to apply for VR services by March 31. To complete the YLF application and for additional information, visit <http://www.ood.ohio.gov/Programs/Youth-Leadership-Forum>

Other Benefits Access

The Veterans Administration offers an easy referral form if you know of a blind or visually impaired veteran (not necessarily service related) in need of assistance. Just email for a Field Service Officer to contact. [mailto: bva@bva.org](mailto:bva@bva.org), subject = Blind Veteran in Need of Help

In December, Social Security launched a new service

for my Social Security account holders. Now the public can check on the status of an application for benefits or an appeal filed with us. The service will provide detailed information about retirement, disability, survivors, Medicare, and Supplemental Security Income claims and appeals, whether these are filed online at [socialsecurity.gov](https://www.ssa.gov/) <<https://www.ssa.gov/>> or in any field office in person. Details here: <http://blog.socialsecurity.gov/coming-soon-improved-check-your-application-or-appeal-status-service/>

The American Foundation for the Blind recently launched Learn Tech, an access initiative that features free online tutorials to help people who are blind or visually impaired improve computer and technology skills. The newest examples; tutorials on Google Docs and Google Drive. www.afb.org/learntech

Community Opportunities and Resources

This exhibit held Feb. 18-May 23 at the Massillon Museum will feature ten abstract paintings from the collection, each translated by community members who are blind into



OOD/BSVI News and Opportunities:

sonic iPad touch-screen apps. Tactile models and typewritten and Braille labels will explain the art. Sighted visitors can borrow macular degeneration simulation goggles to gain a sense of the exhibition experience for patrons with low vision. Details here: <http://www.massillonmuseum.org/upcoming-exhibits>

If you are interested in Uber or Lyft taxi service but don't have a smart phone or feel uncomfortable using one, this source can dispatch rides for you at a nominal fee. <https://gogograndparent.com/>

This resource lists blind-accessible games to enjoy with anyone. Some examples:

Blindfold Trivia Match – Just like Jeopardy.

Blindfold Snakes and Puzzles – Snakes and Ladders but with trivia or arithmetic puzzles

Blindfold Soccer Kick – Soccer – European Football – Kick-

ing and Blocking.

Blindfold Cat and Mouse – A two player card game similar to solitaire, but much easier.

Braille Spin and Solve – Practice your braille contractions. Inspired by Wheel of Fortune.

<https://blindfoldgames.org/apps-we-built/#content>

American Printing House for the Blind produced this Braille history timeline, starting with finger reading from the 1786 production of raised-letter books, ending with the 2017 release of the Orbit Reader, a low-cost alternative to traditional Braille displays. <http://www.aph.org/news/>

This new website posts a directory of all known existing Braille trails and sensory gardens, listing them by state and by country. You'll see 140 of them in 17 countries, including 89 in 30 different U.S. states.

The website also provides information and links for schools and summer camps for the blind and other educational resources, plus organizations for blind sports. www.naturefortheblind.com

If you know of any additional Braille trails or sensory gardens not listed on the website, or if you have other outdoor or educational resources to share, please email evan.barnard@nature4all.org.

If you enjoy gardening or if you have a farm, this impressive array of fact sheets from AgrAbility will provide you with lots of safety and best practice tips. <http://agrability.osu.edu/resources/factsheets#main-content>

Related, this website categorizes resources for home assistive technology and disability work tools in the outdoors. <http://disabilityworktools.com/>

Are you interested in earning credits or just want to learn more about a range of topics related to the education of students with visual impairments? Perkins School for the Blind offers lots of online classes, including many that are self-paced.

Watch the latest videos or sign up for an upcoming webinar!

Find out more here:

www.perkinselearning.org/professional-development

To see the calendar of upcoming events, visit: www.perkinselearning.org/events-monthly





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Social Security Column

By Erin Thompson, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist, Toledo, OH

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Social Security has been a cornerstone of financial security for over 80 years. As you might already know, a lifetime of measured discipline can ensure a comfortable retirement. Social Security can help you plan, save, and see plenty of green in your golden years.

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Scholarship and other Contest opportunities for the Visually Impaired and Blind listed by due date

Due March 31st: Ensuring that people with disabilities have opportunities to achieve higher education is important to The Ability Center. ACT provides college scholarships to area students with disabilities. Last year, The Ability Center and our Auxiliary collaborated to give out several college scholarships totaling \$20,000. The deadline for the 2017-2018 academic years is Friday, March 31, 2017. <http://www.abilitycenter.org/we-can-help/programs/center-resources/scholarship-application/>

Due March 31: National Federation of the Blind (NFB) offers blind U.S. college students scholarships worth from \$3,000 to \$12,000. All scholarships are based on academic excellence, community service, and leadership. Details here: <https://nfb.org/scholarships>.

Due April 1: Scholarships of \$2,000-\$3,500 from American Foundation for the Blind; various fields/requirements detailed here: <https://www.afb.org/info/afb-2017-scholarship-application/5#content>

Due April 17: National Center for College Students with Disabilities seeking student videos and YouTubes for posting. Top winners will be awarded cash prizes. We're especially interested in examples of what works for students, classrooms, or access. Details at <http://www.nccsdonline.org/video-competition.html>

National Federation of the Blind announces the 2017 NFB Youth Slam, a weeklong learning opportunity for student's grades 9 through 12 in a wide-variety of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines. One hundred blind and low vision students from across the country will be selected to attend this weeklong adventure at Towson University (Maryland) next July 23 to 29. Applications due May 7. For more information and to learn about volunteer opportunities, see: <http://blindscience.org/nfb-youth-slam>

For additional questions, call (410) 659-9314, extension 2418, or email STEM@nfb.org

Entries Due August 10, 2017: The International Tactile-Illustrated Book Prize, a competition to encourage quality and quantity of tactile books for children with visual impairments.

Visit this link for rules and entry forms and to see last year's winners

www.aph.org/tactus-international-tactile-books-competition

Submit your tactile book appropriate for children age 3 to 12 to the American Printing House for the Blind.

Questions? Contact Rob Guillen, rguillen@aph.org



Special Needs Camp is July 7-9, 2017

"4-H is for everyone," but sometimes accessibility issues deny youth with multiple handicaps the opportunity to attend camp. In Ohio, a statewide 4-H camp is held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio for multiple handicapped youth and their caregivers. Being a typical kid is what Camp is all about and it is no different for special needs youth. Being handicapped does not mean you do not want to do all the things that typical children do.

Special needs youth need the availability of a camp which can accommodate their varying medical, physical and emotional needs. Ohio 4-H Special Needs Camp is designed with special needs youth in mind and is tailored to their needs. It gives youth a chance to try new things in a safe environment while building relationships. When campers and caregivers were asked about the camp, 100% of those surveyed stated that they want to return next year and one caregiver stated, "Everyone helps all the kids have a great time. No one is left out." Campers feel the same way – one camper listed their favorite memory as, "Seeing all of the kids, staff, counselors & parents."

The camp allows special needs youth to actively participate in activities such as environmental science, crafts, music therapy, outdoor education,



aquatic skills, and self-reliability. The youth, along with their caregivers, enjoy 2 nights and 2 days of a camping experience that would have not been available otherwise through 4-H.

With events like camp, there are always many hands working behind the scenes to ensure that things happen. Volunteer counselors and staff go out of their way to rearrange camp to prepare for our campers, parents and caregivers are always willing to help new families find where they need to be and we are grateful of the outpouring of community support for our camp! Thanks to the generous support of the Ohio 4-H Foundation, costs are kept to a minimum and campers are exposed to experiences including archery, music, crafts, nature, campfire and even horseback riding. New in 2015,

thanks to support from the South Central Power Company Foundation, Canter's Cave 4-H Camp was able to purchase several motorized paddleboats, which allowed campers the chance to take aquatic science to a whole new level while they explored Engle Lake with the help of dedicated staff & counselors! More than half of the campers had never been on a boat, and as one camper stated, "Boating helps you be calm and learn to take charge as the captain of your boat. You have to learn to be a good leader as a captain and I want to be that one day!"

If you would like more information about attending or supporting Special Needs Camp at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp, please contact Michelle Stumbo, Camp Program Director, at 740-992-6696 or Stumbo.5@osu.edu.



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Exhibitors

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Field Tests and Surveys Tactile Graphics for Health Education

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• Diet and Nutrition

Nutrients, measuring portion sizes, food labels, body image

• Personal Health

Personal hygiene & grooming; medical maintenance; physical activity & health; mental, emotional & social health

• Sex Education

Anatomy & physiology; sexuality and birth control; sexually transmitted diseases

• Diseases and Disease Prevention

Communicable diseases; noncommunicable diseases; seeking medical help, vaccines

• Injury Prevention and Safety

Water, gun, and fire safety; CPR & first aid; social media; travel safely

E-mail all suggestions to Monica Vaught-Compton at mvaught@aph.org.



All-In-One Board Product Feedback and Ideas

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New Technology Website from Perkins School for the Blind

Paths to Technology <http://www.perkinselearning.org/technology> is a website designed to assist educators, families and students to learn about and stay current on ever-changing technology for students with visual impairments and blindness (VIB). Paths to Technology is building a community of practice to address the unique needs of teaching students with VIB about technology. Educators are using the website as a technology resource as they

work with a gamut of students: toddlers learning about cause and effect tablet games and 'scribbling' with a refreshable braille display; low vision students using magnification options and a screensharing app to view the Smartboard; students with CVI learning to use their vision functionally; and, students transitioning to college who are using a computer and screen reader to write a term paper and the latest smartphone navigation and bus apps.

"Paths to Technology is just what I need! Finally there is a resource that deals specifically with this unique, rapidly changing subject matter. In this day of technological advancements, it has become impossible for one person to keep up with it all, and P2T provides a network for students, parents, teachers and specialists to contribute and share information."

– Belinda Rudinger, VI Assistive Technology Consultant, Region 10 ESC.





2017 OSSB Summer Camp Offerings!

This summer OSSB will be offering a variety of exciting and educational summer camp opportunities.

Camps are filled on a first come first served basis and is open to the first 16 participants. If you have any questions, please email SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov, or call Donna Trapani at 614-468-8869.

To register, please send completed forms (below) either by email to SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov or mail directly to:

Ohio State School for the Blind
 Re: 2017 Summer Camp
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<p>Little Astronauts Camp <u>Grades 1-2</u> Join us for an exciting week exploring outer space during our Little Astronauts day camp! We will learn about the earth and it's rotation, sun, moon, stars, and planets. Students will learn what it is like to be an astronaut. There will be a field trip to COSI and to the Perkins Observatory in Delaware. There will be hands on activities such as cooking, art projects, music, reading, writing and many fun meaningful experiences for students to participate in. Date: June 12-16 Cost: \$25</p>	<p>Special Needs Camp <u>Grades 3-7</u> This camp will have hands on activities to work on appropriate social skills for children with multiple disabilities. Children attending this day camp will focus on increasing self esteem, developing appropriate social skills, and engaging academic work. Activities will include music, movement activities, cooking, and lots of fun! Academic and expanded core curriculum for the visually impaired will be addressed through socialization, games, and art. This week will provide opportunities to make new friends and learn new skills! Date: June 26-30 Cost: \$25</p>	<p>Braille Camp <u>Grades 3-7</u> This camp is for students with a visual impairment who currently use Braille as a means for written communication and accessing information, and need to improve their Braille Skills. (Student should be involved in statewide testing.) Students will work to improve and enhance existing Braille skills through fun and educational science activities based on Ohio's Learning Standards. Activities will include instruction in Braille usage, science, letter writing, storytelling, and journal writing skills. Students will also be given assessments to identify and establish Braille proficiency skills. The Summer Braille Immersion Camp will be aligned with Ohio's Learning Standards in the areas of English Language Arts, which include reading, the writing process, and science. Date: June 11-16 Cost: \$25</p>	<p>STEM Camp <u>Grades 8-12</u> If Science and Math are your thing, come join us at The Ohio State School for the Blind for the 2017 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Camp. This year's camp will focus on Life Science, Ecology and Biodiversity and will include a multitude of activities related to those fields of Science. Math and Technology will be integrated into the study of the Ecology of Ohio. Some of the activities will include an exploration of animals and plants common to Ohio, a study of Ohio's wide variety of ecosystems, hands on activities on the OSSB campus, field trips and much more! Date: June 18-23 Cost: \$25</p>		
<p> Ohio State School for the Blind Summer Camp Opportunities For more information please visit www.ossb.oh.gov, email SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov, or call Donna Trapani at 614-468-8869</p>				<p>All camps are residential unless noted otherwise.</p>	<p>Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis. Please register by May 12</p>
<p>Math & Movement Camp <u>Grades 3-7</u> The program will focus on learning through movement and student involvement. The curriculum for the camp will be based on Ohio's Learning Standards for mathematics, language arts, and physical education. Students will participate in learning activities, which will be reinforced through the concept of total body movement and active participation in the learning process. Camp will include both individual and group activities, featuring aquatic and track and field events. Date: July 9-14 Cost: \$25</p>	<p>ECC Camp <u>Grades 8-12</u> ECC Camp will focus on various areas of the Expanded Core Curriculum for students who are visually impaired. Campers will learn to prepare meals and sharpen independent living skills. Campers will learn about standard and accessible technology and complete educational and fun projects related to all things technology. They will also participate in activities related to vocational skill development, leisure, orientation & mobility, social skills and communication. Date: July 9-14 Cost: \$25</p>	<p>Sports Camp <u>Grades 8-12</u> This camp is designed to provide instructional and recreational opportunities to youth who are blind or visually impaired. Whether they are beginners or working on personal goals, athletes participate at their own level. We provide adaptive equipment to participate in specialized sports, such as goalball and other types of recreational activities. We instruct campers on the importance of active and healthy living while fostering a team motivational approach to encourage and support! Your child will have fun while staying fit! Date: July 16-21 Cost: \$25</p>			



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Founded in 1928, Highbrook Lodge has been providing a unique summer camp experience for those of all ages who are blind or have low vision. Highbrook Lodge, one of the first camps in the United States built specifically for individuals with vision loss, utilizes the benefits of the natural environment to promote friendship, growth, independence and self-sufficiency through traditional camp activities adapted to the needs of our campers.

Spanning over 63 acres in Chardon, OH, Highbrook Lodge serves individuals with vision loss and blindness, those who are deaf and blind, and individ-

uals who have other disabilities in addition to their vision loss. In addition, the camp serves parents and siblings of campers through various week-end family sessions.

Highbrook Lodge has something for everyone, offering week-long sessions specifically for kids, teens and adults and weekend sessions for families. In addition, one-day trips are held to allow campers new and old to experience a day in the life at Highbrook. Activities and programs are offered in a variety of areas including arts & crafts, music & drama, nature,



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outdoor living, sports & recreation and swimming.

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For more information, visit www.clevelandsightcenter.org/highbrook-lodge or call 216-791-8118. Highbrook Lodge, 12944 Aquilla Rd., Chardon, OH 44024



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for 5 – 8 year old children with vision impairment/blindness
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Highbrook Lodge provides a unique summer camp experience for those of all ages who are blind or have low vision, including those with multiple disabilities. We utilize the benefits of our natural environment in Chardon, Ohio to promote friendship, growth, independence, and self-sufficiency in campers.

For more information and the 2017 camp schedule, visit www.clevelandsightcenter.org/highbrook-lodge or call **216-791-8118**.





The 3rd Annual Beeping Easter Egg Hunt for Blind/Visually Impaired



When: Saturday, April 8, 2017 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 7800 Erie Street, Sylvania, OH 43560

NWO Parents of Blind/Visually Impaired are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Beeping Easter Hunt. Blind and visually-impaired children, along with their sighted siblings, may participate in this fun and free event.

- Beeping Egg Hunt will start at **10:30am**
- Egg Hunt for sighted siblings will immediately follow beeping egg hunt.
- Each blind/visually-impaired child will have a sighted guide if wanted/needed and will have the opportunity to hunt for Easter eggs that make a beeping sound. Feel free to bring your own basket, container/bag to place the eggs. We will also have some on hand if you forget, no biggie!
- There will be light refreshments and food/snacks.
- Each child will take home a bag full of candy and/or snacks.

To register your child & family, **please RSVP by April 6th** for event planning purposes. (A parent or guardian must be present at all times.) You can also find us on Facebook under: [Toledo & NWO Parents of Blind/Visually Impaired](#)

Contact Michelle Ballard to register for this event. Call/Text: (419) 787-5752.

E-Mail: mmballard4@gmail.com Feel Free to scan the QR code as well:



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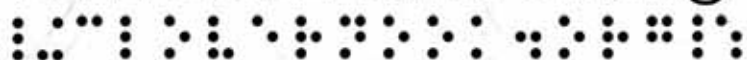
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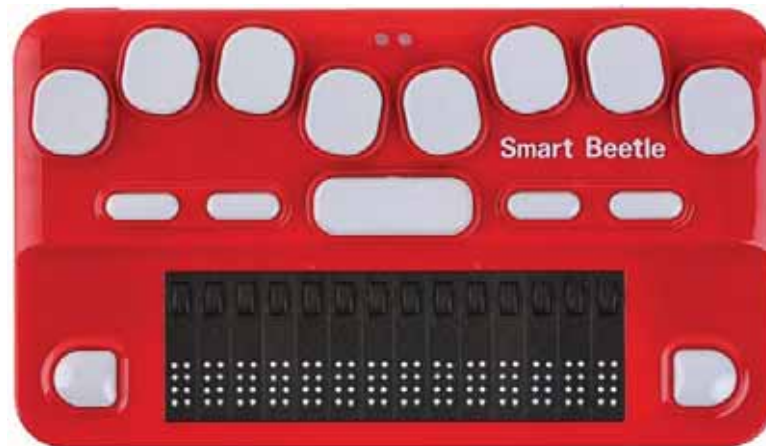
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NIP Events

April 19, 2017
The APH Intervention Con-
tinuum
Newark, NJ
April 23-25, 2017
Strategies for Teaching
Students with Cortical Visual
Impairment
Minneapolis, MN

CIP Events

April 17, 2017
Illinois State University Training
Normal, IL

Exhibits/Presentations

March 29-April 1, 2017
AOTA 2017 (American Oc-
cupational Therapy Association)
Annual Conference
Philadelphia, PA
March 31 – April 2, 2017
Iowa Family Conference
Vinton, IA
April 2-5, 2017
POSB Math & Science Institute
Austin, TX
April 5-7, 2017
National Council of Teachers of
Mathematics Convention 2017
San Antonio, TX
April 19-22, 2017
Council for Exceptional Children
2017
Boston, MA
April 26-28, 2017
Penn-Del AER Conference
2017
Harrisburg, PA

Conferences

March 29-April 1, 2017
International Brain Injury As-
sociation World Congress
New Orleans, LA
April 5-8, 2017

Tactile Reading Conference
Stockholm, Germany
April 25-27, 2017
National Leadership Consor-
tium on Sensory Disabilities
(NLCSD) Mentoring Meeting
San Antonio, TX
April 26-28, 2017
Penn-Del AER Conference
2017
Harrisburg, PA
May 7 – 10, 2017
Society for Technical Communi-
cation Summit 2017
National Harbor, MD

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website www.mpviweb.org



APRIL

- April 1, 2017- Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience Camp Registration Deadline April 1. Camp is June 23-30, 2017 www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at 888-777-5332.
- April 27-28, 2017-MAER Annual Conference in Livonia- Parents Welcome <http://www.maerbvi.org/conference.htm>
- April 8, 2017 NFB-MI- Michigan Birdbrains- Birding at Environmental Interpretive Center, UM-Dearborn-Donna Posont donnabutterfly50@gmail.com

- April 22, 2017 -MDELIO Family Nature Club @ Camp Tuhsme-heta- Spring Gardening Brenda Mahoney 517-373-2887 <https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events>

MAY

- May 6, 2017 -MDELIO Family Nature Club @ Camp Talalahi (Howell, MI)- Equine Adventure- Brenda Mahoney 517-373-2887 <https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events>
- May 7-9, 2017- WMU VI Junior Sports Camp (9-12yrs.)-Registration still open! michigansec@gmail.com or https://mbaa-mi.com/Sports_Camp_HNNF.html
- May 10-13 ,2017- WMU VI Senior Sports Camp (13-17yrs.)-Registration still open! michigansec@gmail.com or https://mbaa-mi.com/Sports_Camp_HNNF.html
- May 19-21, 2017 MPVI & MDELIO Family Camp @ Camp Tuhsme-heta-Canoeing & Camping- Brenda Mahoney 517-373-2887 <https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events>

JUNE

- June 10, 2017 10am-3pm NFB-MI-Birding by Ear and Beyond Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Contact Donna Posont, donnabutterfly50@gmail.com
- June 10, 2017- VI Sports Day in Grand Rapids. This is a fam-



Upcoming Events

Events are subject to
change. Call ahead to
confirm.

ily event! Contact Person: Gwen Botting gwen@oubmichigan.org

- June 19-30, 2017 Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) College Assessment Program (High School age) Contact your BSBP Counselor

- June 12-28, 2017 Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) College Prep Program-Assessment (High School age) Contact your BSBP Counselor

- June 28-Aug.18, 2017 Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) College Prep Program-WMU Summer II Class (High School age) Contact your BSBP Counselor

- DATE TBD- Braille Beats Fine Arts Program @ Bear Lake Camp- Music, Art, Mobility, Independence- www.braillebeats.com - braillebeats@gmail.com or (248) 790-8065

- DATE TBD- Summer in the City -Students participate in a series of independent living and employment readiness activities. Students complete an "amazing race" around Grand Rapids using public transit and participate in a job shadow experience. Contact Shannon McVoy 269-337-3449 mcvoys@michigan.gov

- June 19-23, 2017 Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind Goalball & Fitness Camp - 9 am-12 noon, Monday - Friday Ages 8-18. 10 campers accepted. This camp is a goalball clinic for skills development, games, conditioning. Location: New Directions Facility, 28000 West 9

Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI. Contact Mary Beth Kullen or Malaika English at GDABVI for registration materials – 313-272-3900, Kullen@gdabvi.org or English@gdabvi.org.

- June 18-23, 2017- Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind (OUB) Service Leadership (ages 16-18) www.oubmichigan.org/camps-and-events-schedule For registration please go to www.oubmichigan.org/registration

- June 21-23, 2017- Project Venture Program (ages 16-18+) @ Michigan State University is proud to present an exciting college transition program for high school students with disabilities. A unique on-campus pre-college experience. Project Venture offers students the chance to try on university life through an interactive experience at MSU, and develop critical skills toward success in a higher education setting. <https://www.rcpd.msu.edu/programs/venture> or venture@rcpd.msu.edu

- June 25-June 30, 2017- Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind (OUB)- Cookin' and Jammin' Camp (Culinary and Music Camp) (ages 7-14) For more information on each camp please go to www.oubmichigan.org/camps-and-events-schedule For registration please go to www.oubmichigan.org/registration

- June 23 – June 30, 2017 Summer Experience Camp @ Leader Dog for the Blind (ages 16-17) Registration Deadline April 1, space limited to 20 people www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at 888-777-5332.

More at www.mpviweb.org

Ohio Accessible Playgrounds

Beachwood: Preston's H.O.P.E. — Located on the property of The Mandel JCC, 26001 South Woodland Rd. The largest fully accessible playground park in Northeast Ohio.

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Circleville: Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Community Park – A Boundless™ Playground is located off Rt. 188 on Pontius Road.

The City of Ravenna: Ravenna Community Playground – Located in Chestnut Hills Park, on North Chestnut Street in Ravenna.

Colerain Township: Clippard Park Boundless™ Playground — 10243 Dewhill Road.

Columbus: Carriage Place Park – 4900 Sawmill Road.

Dayton: W.S. McIntosh Memorial Park—W Riverview Ave Located a half-mile from a historic Wright Brothers site.

Euclid: Playground of Possibilities – located at Bexley Park.

Mason: Thomas P Quinn Park – 880 Tradewinds Drive. This neighborhood park features a handicap accessible playground along with tennis, basketball.

Newark: Newark Rotary Accessible Playground—located on Sharon Valley Road just north of the OSUN/COTC campus.

Powell: Liberty Township Boundless™ Playground – 2507 Home Rd.

Stow: Stow Outdoor Accessible Recreation Playground — located at Silver Springs Park, 5027 Stow Road.

Warren: The Valley's Inclusive Playground – located within Perkins Park, 391 Mahoning Ave.

Wauseon: Sara's Garden 620 W Leggett St, Wauseon, OH 43567

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Doe, et al. v. State of Ohio, et al.

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

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