



# Specialty Summer Programs 2022



*Focusing on programs for people who are blind or visually impaired*

*The following list of programs is informational only and is listed in no particular order. We are not in a position to recommend one program over another and encourage you to contact programs to determine which may best meet the needs of your child.*

## **WISCONSIN PROGRAMS**

### **EmployAbility Program**

**Where:** Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**Contact:** David Ballmann: 608-758-6149 / [david.ballmann@wcbvi.k12.wi.us](mailto:david.ballmann@wcbvi.k12.wi.us)

**Dates:** Pre-employment activities: June 19 to July 1 / Employment experience: July 10-22

**Ages:** 16-21

**Limit:** Four students

**Description:** It is geared for Wisconsin students who are blind or visually impaired who are ready and willing to participate in two weeks of classes to learn Employment Skills, Independent Living Skills and Orientation and Mobility/Community Safety and then take those skills and have two weeks of employment experience. Jobs will be on-campus or virtual on campus.

**Website:** <https://www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us/news/2022-wcbvi-summer-programs/>

### **WCBVI Adult Program**

**Where:** Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**Contact:** David Hyde: 608-758-6152 / [david.hyde@wcbvi.k12.wi.us](mailto:david.hyde@wcbvi.k12.wi.us)

**Dates:** July 24-29

**Description:** Learn daily living skills and connect with other adults who are blind or visually impaired to discuss life's challenges.

**Website:** <http://www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us/>



## WSBVI Youth Programs

**Where:** Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**Contact:** Bri Hansen: 608-758-5343 / [Brianne.Hansen@wcbvi.k12.wi.us](mailto:Brianne.Hansen@wcbvi.k12.wi.us)

**Dates:** Program I: A Day in the Life of WSBVI: July 10-15  
Program II: Build It: July 17-22

**Description:** Each program is a week-long residential experience with classes focusing on the Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) at the school during the day and events in the dorms in the evening.

- “A Day in the Life” is a program designed for middle & high school students who want to experience what it’s like to live on campus and be a WSBVI student. Students will rotate through classes and get a taste for our adaptive curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and dorm events.
- “Build It” is a program designed for school aged students who have an interest in building their cooking, literacy, independent living, self-care, and manual skills, including large-scale and fun engineering projects.

**Website:** <https://www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us/news/2022-wcbvi-summer-programs/>

## 5th Annual KAMP-OUT!

**Where:** Hartman Creek State Park near Waupaca

**Contact:** Diane Gafney: [kampoutwisconsin@gmail.com](mailto:kampoutwisconsin@gmail.com)

**Dates:** June 24-26

**Ages:** Wisconsin families who have a student who is blind or visually impaired. The child must be between the ages of **three (3) and 21**, who is currently receiving services from a Teacher of the Blind/Visually Impaired.

**Description:** KAMP-OUT (Kids\* Active\* Motivated\* Physical - OUTdoors) experience for families. Families will have many activities to choose from. The park has biking and hiking trails, a beach, playground and equipment rental options.

A waiting list will be started once the maximum 15 camper families' applications have been received.

**Deadline:** June 1





**Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

## **Wisconsin Lions Camp**

**Where:** Wisconsin Lions Camp, 3834 County Road A, Rosholt

**Contact:** (715) 677-4969 / (877) 463-6953

**Dates:** Blind or Visually Impaired Adults: June 5-10 *Theme: Game Show Extravaganza*  
Blind or Visually Impaired Youth: July 3-8 *Theme: To Infinity and Beyond*

**Description:** The Wisconsin Lions Camp, a part of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc. has offered quality programs for Wisconsin youth and adults with disabilities since 1956.

**Space in each camp is limited** and they reserve the right to accept or deny applications.

The Lions Camp also offers programs for Young Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism (June 12-17), Youth with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism (June 19-24 & June 26-July), Youth who are Blind or Visually Impaired and Youth with Epilepsy (July 3-8), Youth with Diabetes (July 10-15 & July 17-22), Youth who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (July 24-29 & July 31-August 5), and Adults who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (August 15-19)

**Website:** <https://www.wisconsinlionscamp.com/summer-camp/>

**Please confirm camp status and all information prior to travel.**





## DAY PROGRAMS

### ARCh Camp Pow Wow

**Where:** Menomonee Park (W220 N7884 Town Line Road, Menomonee Falls)

**Contact:** 262-542-9811 / [camp@archchangeslives.org](mailto:camp@archchangeslives.org)

**Dates:** June 27-July 1, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

July 18-July 22, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

August 1-August 5, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$700

**Ages:** 5-21

**Description:** ARCh Camp Pow Wow welcomes children and adults with learning disabilities, cognitive challenges, autism spectrum disorders, physical health difficulties and a variety of other diagnoses. Some campers use wheelchairs, walkers or other devices to enhance mobility, while others require a regimen of medications or diligent monitoring of blood sugar.

ARCh Camp Pow Wow provides a summertime opportunity to build on progress made through special education and therapy. Kids thrive in an atmosphere where they maintain gains in fine and gross motor skills, speech and language, and socialization.

**Deadline:** April 18

### Rainbow Day Camp

**Where:** The Albert & Ann Deshur JCC Camp in Fredonia  
W3985 Trails End Road Fredonia, Wisconsin 53021

**Contact:** Emily Zajork, 414-615-0179 / [ezajork@vision-forward.org](mailto:ezajork@vision-forward.org)

**Description:** Featuring adapted sports, kayaking, art, music, cooking and more! Children will make connections with other youth with vision loss as they participate in a variety of activities at the beautiful 110-acre campsite.

**Dates:** July 18-21 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Fees:** \$40 per person

**Ages:** 5-18

**Deadline:** June 27

**Website:** <https://vision-forward.org/news-events/summercamp2022/>





## **BOLD: Blind Outdoor Leisure Development**

**Where:** Generally Southeast Wisconsin

**Contact:** 262-224-5517 / [Tweedale@charter.net](mailto:Tweedale@charter.net)

**Description** BOLD's purpose is to allow the blind and visually impaired to experience outdoor sports and leisure activities while developing their social and athletic skills.

**Activities:** Year-round and vary with the season, includes downhill skiing, pumpkin farm trip, holiday parties, picnics, bike rides, swimming, canoeing, snow tubing, water skiing, hayrides, bowling, roller skating, organized games, hikes, and much more.

**Website:** <https://www.wisconsinbold.com/index.php?p=home>

## **Other Wisconsin Summer Programs of Interest:**

*Both traditional and day*

[Camp AweSum](#)

[Camp AweSum Family Camp](#)

[Camp David](#)

[Camp Wakonda](#)

[Camp Woodbrooke](#)

[Challenge the Outdoors](#)

[Chatter Matters! Communication Camp](#)

[Easter Seals Summer Respite Camp](#)

[Joyful Hearts Camp](#)

[Milwaukee Public School Recreation Division Enrichment Camps](#)

[Team Up! For Fun Day Camp](#)

[UW-W Coed Wheelchair Basketball Camp](#)

[UW-W Women's Wheelchair Basketball Camp](#)

[WisconSibs](#)

[Wisconsin Badger Camp](#)

[Wisconsin Youth Leadership Forum](#)

[YMCA Camp Glacier Hollow](#)



## **OUT OF STATE PROGRAMS**

*Providing information regarding outside and out of state programs is informational only and is not meant as an affirmation of the quality of the program.*

### **Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind**

**Where:** Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Contact:** Aric Wallace: 248-227-9855 / [aricwallace@gmail.com](mailto:aricwallace@gmail.com)

**Dates/Ages/Fees:** June 12-17 Cookin' and Servin' Camp (ages 10-19) – \$25

June 19-24 Discovery Camp with Day Camp Option (ages 7-14) – \$25

June 26-July 1 Cookin' and Jammin' Camp (ages 7-14) – \$25

July 2 Family Day – all are welcome – FREE!

July 5-7 Day Camp 9 AM – 4 PM (ages 7-19) – \$25

July 12-23 Adventure Camp to the UP (ages 12-19) – \$150

**Website:** <https://www.oubmichigan.org/camps-and-events-schedule/>

### **Lions Bear Lake Camp**

**Where:** Lapeer, Michigan

**Contact:** 810-245-0726 / [info@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:info@bearlakecamp.org)

**Dates:** July 10-16

Campers that attend our first session are guaranteed to have an unforgettable experience during an overnight camp out and making their dinner over the campfire. Campers will work as a team during our annual field day to compete in some crazy activity challenges both at the field and of course at our waterfront. Some of our daily activities may include arts and crafts, nature, swimming, swim lessons, boating, challenge course, archery, and beep ball.

**Ages:** 7-15

**Website:** <http://www.bearlakecamp.org/index.php/summer-camp/visually-impaired-blind-youth-session>

### **BLIND Inc. : Buddy Program**

**Where:** Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Contact:** Michell Gip: 612-872-0100, Ext. 231 / [mgip@blindinc.org](mailto:mgip@blindinc.org)

**Dates:** August 6-20

**Ages:** 9-13

**Description:** “Buddies” will gain important blindness skills along with the empowering attitudes about blindness and exposure to the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) while exploring and experiencing the wonderful Twin Cities.

**Cost:** \$700

**Deadline:** April 30

**Website:** <https://www.blindinc.org/programs/summer-programs/buddy-program-2022/>



### **BLIND Inc.: PREP Program**

**Where:** Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Contact:** Michell Gip: 612-872-0100, Ext. 231 / [mgip@blindinc.org](mailto:mgip@blindinc.org)

**Dates:** June 11-July 31

**Description:** (Post-secondary Readiness & Empowerment Program)

This exciting summer program is designed to prepare students to reach their personal, academic, and professional goals as they transition to adulthood.

**Deadline:** March 31

**Website:** <https://www.blindinc.org/programs/summer-programs/prep-program-2022/>

### **NFB BELL Academy**

**Where:** Varies with program

**Dates:** [In home](#): July 18-August 5

**Contact:** [BELL@nfb.org](mailto:BELL@nfb.org)

**Deadline:** May 1. Space is limited

**Ages:** 4-12

**Description:** This summer two-week-long sessions of NFB BELL Academy will take place at 11:00 a.m. EDT and at 6:00 p.m. EDT. Each session will last for 45 minutes.

**Ages:** Pre-k-8<sup>th</sup> grades

**Where:** [In person](#): Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina

**Contact:** [BELL@nfb.org](mailto:BELL@nfb.org) / 410-659-9314, extension 2418

**Cost/Deadline:** The cost to attend and deadlines to apply differ

**Ages:** 4-12

**Website:** [https://nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-bell-academy?mc\\_cid=88a0ce9a58&mc\\_eid=63986be140](https://nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-bell-academy?mc_cid=88a0ce9a58&mc_eid=63986be140)

### **Heather's Camp**

**Where:** Elmdale, Kansas

**Contact:** [programs@envionus.com](mailto:programs@envionus.com)

**Dates:** August 3-6

**Ages:** 7-18

**Description:** Kids have a traditional camp experience in an inclusive environment.

Heather's Camp is a great opportunity to build independence, make new friends, and gain confidence – regardless of vision level.

**Cost:** \$700

**Deadline:** April 30

**Website:** <https://www.envionus.com/youth-programs/heathers-camp-for-bvi-kids>



## Other Out of State Programs of Interest:

[APH Virtual ExCEL Summer Camp Archives](#) - Virtual

[Camp Webber](#) - Alaska

[Camp Abilities Tucson](#) - Arizona

[Camp Tatiyee](#) - Arizona

[Camp Bloomfield](#) - California

[Camp GDB](#) - California

[Enchanted Hills Camp](#) - California

[Colorado Center for the Blind](#) - Colorado

[Colorado Lions Camp](#) - Colorado

[Lighthouse Of Collier](#) - Florida

[Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc.](#) - Georgia

[Camp Lions](#) - Illinois

[Timber Ridge Camp](#) - Indiana

[Camp Courageous](#) - Iowa

[Lions Camp Crescendo](#) - Kentucky

[Louisiana Lions Camp](#) - Louisiana

[Camp Lawroweld](#) - Maine

[Lions Camp Merrick](#) - Maryland

[The Carroll Center for the Blind](#) - Massachusetts

[Camp Tuhsmeheta Outdoor Adventure Camp](#) - Michigan

[Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience Camp](#) - Virtual & Michigan

[North Star Camp](#) - Minnesota

[Camp Barnabas](#) - Missouri

[Camp Allen](#) - New Hampshire

[Camp Marcella](#) - New Jersey

[Camp Abilities Brockport](#) - New York





[Lions Camp Badger](#) - New York

[VCB Family Week](#) - New York

[Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youths & Adults \(HKNC\)](#) - Virtual & New York

[Camp Dogwood](#) - North Carolina

[S.E.E. Outdoor Adventure Camp](#) - North Carolina

[Highbrook Lodge](#) - Ohio

[OWL Camp](#) (Oklahomans Without Limits) - Oklahoma

[Camp Spark](#) - Oregon/Washington

[Blind Sports Organization](#) - Pennsylvania

[Connxions Children Program](#) - Pennsylvania

[Camp Leo](#) - South Carolina

[LEAP](#) (Learn, Earn, and Prosper) - Virtual & Vermont

[Sunset Lake](#) - Washington

[Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp](#) - Wyoming

## **For more specialized summer programs, please explore...**

[Very special camps](#)

[NeedyMeds camps list](#)

[NeedyMeds camps in Wisconsin](#)

[Perkins list of Summer Camps for Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired](#)

[Council of Schools and Services for the Blind](#) list of camps

[KidsCamps.com](#) list of camps for children with visual impairments

[National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability](#) list of camps

[American Camp Association](#) - find a camp page (can search by disability)

[Family Voices of Wisconsin](#) – a list of camps from 2018



## Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

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