

NDVS/SB OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

NDVS/SB provides individualized services and resources to infants, children, and adults with visual impairment to empower them in achieving their goals.

Push Your Limits at Camp

If your student or child is interested in attending a camp or program just for blind or low vision students, consider one of these great options! All programs run annually, so keep these options in mind as your child grows.

Teen Summer Camp at Leader Dogs for the Blind

Dates: June 22-28, 2025

Cost: Free, including transportation, accommodations and meals

Location: Rochester Hills, MI

Criteria/Program: For 16-17-year-olds who are legally blind. Program combines fun activities with exploring mobility options, discovering leadership skills and building friendships with peers facing similar challenges. Campers receive a free HumanWare GPS to help increase their travel independence. They also have the opportunity to learn about living and working with a guide dog.

Applications due: April 4

More info: [Leader Dogs Teen Summer Camp](#)

Camp GDB at Guide Dogs for the Blind

Dates: June 23-27, 2025

Cost: Free, assistance is available for transportation

Location: Sandy, Oregon

Criteria/Program: For blind or low vision teens between the ages of 14 and 17. Participants explore the companionship, independence, and responsibility of a partnership with a guide dog. There are hands-on and unique activities with dogs, as well as fun activities like hiking, swimming, and fireside s'mores (of course)!

Applications due: March 31

More info: [Camp GDB](#)

Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS)

Dates: September 28 – October 2, 2025

Cost: \$1395 - \$1539, depending on program; scholarships available

Location: Huntsville, AL

Criteria/Program:

- Space Camp & Aviation Challenge MACH 1 – Ages 9-11, grades 4-6 at the time of camp
- Space Academy & Aviation Challenge MACH 2 – Ages 12-14, grades 7-9 at the time of camp
- Advanced Space Academy & Aviation Challenge MACH 3 – ages 15+, grades 10-12 at the time of camp

All camps are coordinated by teachers of the visually impaired and are accessible.

Applications due: early June 2025

More info: [Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students](#)

NDVS/SB Summer Programs

Summer Adventure

Grades: 7th-12th

Dates: June 8-11

Location: Devils Lake

Registration will be shared later this spring. Email Cindy Williams at ckwillia@nd.gov for more information.

Elementary

Grades: 1st - 6th

Dates: August 3-6

Location: Grand Forks

Resource Spotlight: Vision Resource Center



Far left, the shelves of Twin Vision books in the VRC. Near left, a close up of a few Twin Vision books, including The Three Ninja Pigs.

by Michele Willman, Vision Resource Specialist

The Vision Resource Center (VRC) includes books in braille and large print for all ages and reading levels, but perhaps our largest collection is Twin Vision books. Twin Vision books contain both braille and regular print and usually have colorful pictures, like many children's books. These books are great for kids to read alone, but even better for kids and parents or caregivers to read together!

Twin Vision books were designed in 1960, by Jean Dyon Norris to enable visually impaired parents to read to their sighted children or sighted parents to read with their visually impaired children.

We have hundreds of Twin Vision books just waiting to be read by you! Our collection includes many popular characters like Pete the Cat, Amelia Bedelia, and the Berenstain Bears and popular authors like Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle and Mo Willems. You can meet new friends in Twin Vision books like Clark the Shark, or re-visit old friends like Frog and Toad in *Frog and Toad Together*. A personal favorite is *The Three Ninja Pigs* where three pigs learn to stand up to the Big Bad Wolf with their awesome ninja moves.

To borrow Twin Vision books or anything else from our collection, you can search our collection on our website: [Vision Resource Center | North Dakota Vision Services](#). Just scroll down to "Click here to search" to see what we have available. Then, you can fill out the form [VRC Materials Request | North Dakota Vision Services](#) to request materials. You can also contact librarian Michele Willman directly at mwillman@nd.gov or 701-795-2781. I am happy to help you find what you need. Most materials can be mailed out and returned with no cost. Happy Reading!

NDVS/SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND PRESENTS:

SAVE THE DATE

ALL ABOARD FOR FAMILY WEEKEND 2025

APRIL 4 & 5
REGISTRATIONS TO FOLLOW

Any questions, contact
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OCCURRING IN MINOT, ND
ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HAMPTON INN.
SATURDAY LOCATION: BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL.