

# Blindness: Learning In New Dimensions (BLIND), Inc. Buddy Program 2017:

**Come to gain blindness skills, and leave with lifelong friends!**

Apply today to the 2017 Buddy Program, a summer program for all blind/low vision students ages 9-13!

**When:** June 10, 2017-July 1, 2017!

**Where:** BLIND, Inc.; 100 East 22nd St. Minneapolis Minnesota, 55404.

**Application deadline:** April 15, 2017.



Photo: Female student holding a bird.



Photo: Students grilling with instructor.

**What:** “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.

**Program:** Buddies will stay in the beautiful BLIND Inc. mansion, which once belonged to the Pillsbury family. They will learn Braille reading and writing, cane travel, adaptive technology, independent living skills, and much more! Buddies will also have the ability to craft new friendships with their blind/low vision peers that will last a lifetime! Buddies will have an educational and recreational experience with program counselors, most of whom are blind college students. Buddies will learn to prepare meals under the supervision of the instructors. Buddies will also learn how to travel effectively using the award-winning Minneapolis public transit system! These skills will be beneficial for a lifetime!



Photo: Female student baking with instructor.



Photo: Students hiking.

**Other Activities:** Buddies will also participate in other activities around the Twin Cities. Activities may include: visiting the Mall of America, going to a water park, a petting zoo, paddle boating, indoor rock climbing, and many other fun activities! Buddies utilize the skills they are taught in the program while participating in these fun activities.



Photo: Students working in industrial arts.

**Cost:** The Buddy Program costs \$900. Contact Michell Gip, Youth Services Coordinator, at 612-872-0100, Ext. 231, or [mgip@blindinc.org](mailto:mgip@blindinc.org) for more information or an application. We accept payment plans, and some funding may be available for those in need. Contact us for more details!

**Apply today to ensure your space in the 2017 Buddy Program!**

Information about our summer programs can also be found at <https://www.blindinc.org/programs/summer/>