

# National Federation of the Blind Youth Slam

A STEM Leadership Academy

July 26-August 1, 2009  
College Park, Maryland

**Observe...** your surroundings, your life, your world.

**Discover...** your talent, your knowledge, your dreams.

**Evolve...** into the person you dream of becoming.

The key to **evolution**, to teaching **science**, and to teaching the **blind** about science is **opportunity**.

—Geerat J. Vermeij, blind biologist



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Launching rockets. Discovering science in sports. Touching the stars. This is no ordinary summer camp. This summer, instead of going to a camp with the same old activities, come chill with us!

Two hundred blind and low vision students from all across the country will attend this five-day adventure that will engage, inspire, and encourage the next generation of blind youth to consider careers falsely believed to be impossible for the blind.

While staying at the University of Maryland, College Park, students will be mentored by blind role models during fun and challenging activities designed to build confidence and increase science literacy. Participants will also have the opportunity to attend workshops on topics such as leadership, career preparation, and blindness. In addition, students will have time for fun and mingling during social activities, such as karaoke, recreation night, and a talent show. The NFB Youth Slam will culminate in an inspiring rally and march in Washington DC.

Interested students who will be entering high school in the fall of 2009 or are currently in high school (including those graduating in the spring of 2009) should complete an application by March 1, 2009. Students need not have a strong interest in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) in order to participate, enjoy, and benefit from this extraordinary experience.

For more information, or if you are interested in being a student or mentor participant in the NFB Youth Slam, please visit [http://www.blindscience.org/ncbys/Youth\\_Slam.asp](http://www.blindscience.org/ncbys/Youth_Slam.asp), or e-mail [youthslam@nfb.org](mailto:youthslam@nfb.org).

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