



— 2024 —

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF UTAH 67TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Launch into action! Be strong enough to stand on your own,
smart enough to know when you need help, brave enough to ask!*

APRIL 11-13 | SALT LAKE SHERATON
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IF YOU ARE USING SOCIAL MEDIA DURING OUR CONVENTION:

#NFBU24

The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future.

Everyday we raise expectations because we know that low expectations create barriers between you and

your dreams. You can live the life you want;

blindness is not what holds you back.

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND PLEDGE

I pledge to participate actively in the efforts of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the programs and policies of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

NFB OF UTAH MISSION STATEMENT

In the National Federation of the Blind of Utah the blind and interested sighted persons come together to create programs to improve the quality of life of the blind; to provide a means of collective action for parents of blind children; to promote the vocational, cultural, and social advancement of the blind; to achieve the integration of the blind into society on a basis of equality with the sighted; and to take action which will improve the overall condition and standard of living of the blind. We work toward the removal of legal, economic, and social barriers to full participation by blind people in all aspects of community life. The NFB of Utah is the blind speaking for ourselves.

CONVENTION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION CHAIRPERSON:

Jerry Nealey, *Weber/Davis Chapter*

DOOR PRIZE CHAIRPERSON:

Danielle Frampton, *Salt Lake Chapter*

AUCTION CHAIRPERSON:

Stephanie Cordova, *Salt Lake Chapter*

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON:

Dr. Ned Lindholm, *Board of Directors*

VENDOR FAIR CHAIRPERSON :

Willie Black, *Board of Directors*

REGISTRATION:

Convention registration is **\$5 per person!** Registration will be open before all general sessions (*any additional times are stated in the agenda below*). You may pay for meals, Banquet, and Membership Dues with cash or card. Registration will be held in Bryce Canyons Foyer.

MEALS:

There will be a **\$5 Welcoming Dinner** on Thursday evening, April 11, beginning at 6pm.

On Friday and Saturday, Plated Lunches will be available for \$10 per person.

On Saturday evening, Banquet Dinner will be \$25 per person.

You can pay for meals ahead of time by going to www.nfbutah.org and selecting the donate button. There you will be prompted by Paypal. Please place the word "meals" in the note field.

Affiliate Membership Dues are \$1. You must pay membership dues in order to vote during elections and resolutions.

VIRTUAL GENERAL SESSIONS & SELECT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Join us on Zoom. Everyone will be muted and cameras will be disabled.

<https://zoom.us/j/8061136194>

or call 17207072699,,,8061136194#

or stream the convention on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXJU3pIPw9tcmE72GLauB1w>

DOOR PRIZES:

We will draw for a variety of door prizes during each general session and at the banquet. You must be registered with the convention in order to have your name placed in the drawing, and you must be present when your name is called in order to win. You may win multiple door prizes, so be sure to arrive on time and attend every session.

GUIDE DOG RELIEF AREAS:

There is a courtyard area in the middle of the hotel lobby near the restaurant and breakout rooms. Please be courteous and pick up after your dog.

HOTEL LAYOUT:

Upon walking into the Sheraton, there will be a Starbucks on your left and the hotel store on your right. As you continue forward you will get to the lobby area. There is a bunch of seating in front of the check in desk, so be aware that you may have to maneuver around the furniture. To the right of the front desk there is more seating and a fireplace. If you are facing the fireplace, to the left is the corridor to the elevators and to the right is the restaurant/bar. Before entering the restaurant, you will step on to a tile walkway, if you make a left on the walkway, this will take you to the atrium where the dog relief area is and this will take you to the hallway that leads to all of the breakout rooms. Continuing through the breakout room hallway, you will eventually make a right and this will lead you to the large meeting rooms for our general session and meals. Just outside of these meeting rooms will be the registration table and the vendor fair. If you continue on past the vendor fair area, you will end up back towards the front entrance by the gift shop and lobby. Aira is a free access location at the Sheraton, so happy exploring!

NFB OF UTAH WELCOMES OUR **2024 CONVENTION HONORED GUESTS**

NFB NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: DENISE AVANT

Denise is a member of the American Bar Association and a long time prominent disability rights attorney in Chicago Illinois. She is a former member of the National board of Directors and immediate past President of the NFB of Illinois. Denise is an avid skier and very active in her community. She serves as the current Chair of the NFB Membership committee.

SPECIAL COMCAST SPONSORED GUEST: LINDSAY YAZZALINO

Lindsay Yazzolino is a non-visual designer with backgrounds in cognitive neuroscience research and public transit accessibility, or in other words, brains and trains. After graduating from Brown University with her BA in cognitive science, Lindsay spent several years as a researcher investigating how blindness shapes cognitive abilities such as Braille reading, language, and touch and sound perception. Totally blind herself and a lifelong technology enthusiast, she currently works as a digital designer at CVS Health, where she and her team create accessible and inclusive digital experiences for customers and employees with and without disabilities. She is also a tactile design specialist, working with scientists, museums, and product developers to create multi-sensory, hands-on experiences which are not only eye-catching, but irresistibly “hand-catching” as well. Since 2022, she has served as an ambassador for Mission: AstroAccess!, a disability-led organization researching and developing accessible spaceflight design. She is preparing to embark on her second 0-gravity flight during which she will research and test non-visual designs for future blind spaceflight participants. She loves adventures of all kinds, especially when they involve air travel, bat-watching, tandem biking, eating sushi, and meeting fascinating people.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

SPONSORSHIP DINNER:

6:00 p.m. • Zions Ballroom

Come and meet our National Representative Denise Avant and our special guest Lindsay Yazzalino!

Thank you to our title sponsor Comcast!

Come and hear from many of our sponsors and exhibitors!

ACCESSIBLE FAMILY GAME NIGHT WITH PARENTS DIVISION:

7:00 p.m. • Canyons

Bring an accessible game or play one provided!

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING:

7:30 p.m. • Arches

Resolutions Chairperson: Karl Smith, 2nd Vice President, NFB of Utah.

Come and hear about the policies being considered for 2024. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

7:30 a.m. • Bryce Canyons Foyer

Registration is \$5 per person.

Membership Dues \$1 per person.

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FRIDAY MORNING GENERAL SESSION

VIRTUAL ON ZOOM:

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:

9:00 a.m. • Canyons

Invocation: Zachary Ledford, *NFB Salt Lake Chapter*

National Anthem: Ron Roberts

A presentation from a student at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind

Color Guard Presentation: Nathan Osterguard, *President, Utah Blind Veteran Association*

SALT LAKE CITY STANDS ALONE:

9:20 a.m. • Canyons

Welcome and remarks from Mayor Erin Mendenhall!

THE NFB IS READY TO LAUNCH!:

9:40 a.m.

Hear what we are doing on a National level from Denise Avant, *National Representative*

VIDEO REMARKS FROM CONGRESSMAN BLAKE MOORE

10:15 a.m. • Canyons

Congressman Moore, Congressman First District, UT

WHY I AM A FEDERATIONIST:

10:35 a.m. • Canyons

Milo Waddoups, VP Red Rocks Chapter

AUDIO BOOKS, BRAILLE E-READERS, NFB NEWSLINE AND MORE!

10:55 a.m. • Canyons

Lisa Nelson, Director Utah Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

WE LOVE GUIDE DOGS!:

11:20 a.m. • Canyons

Raul Gallegos, President, National Association of Guide Dog Users

LIVE RADIO BROADCASTS AT UTAH JAZZ AND THE DELTA CENTER:

11:40 a.m. • Canyons

A partnership with the NFB of Utah and the Utah Disability Law Center with guests from the Utah Jazz

ADJOURN

12:00 p.m.

NFB OF UTAH BOARD OF DIRECTORS LUNCHEON:

12:10 p.m. • Bryce

Invocation: Cheralyn Johnson, 1st VP Board of Directors

Special Guest Speakers with Presentations

Reports from Chapter and Division Presidents

Reports from Groups

Other Business

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

****HUGE DOOR PRIZE. BE SURE TO BE ON TIME.****

CALL TO ORDER AND 2024 SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST PRESENTATION:

1:45 p.m. • Canyons

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT IN UTAH:

1:50 p.m. • Canyons

Presidential report Everette Bacon, *President, NFB of Utah*

OUT OF THIS WORLD BRAVERY:

2:10 p.m. • Canyons

Lindsay Yazzalino, *Astro Access*

INTRODUCING THE BRAILLE MONARCH:

2:30 p.m. • Canyons

Kevin Hughes and Joel Zymba, *Humanware*

UTAH SHINES BRIGHT WITH OUR NFB TEACHERS OF TOMORROW:

2:50 p.m. • Canyons

Krista Gruebele, *TVI Alpine School District*

Lacy Gofarthe, *TVI Davis School District*

EAT WELL AND BE WELL:

3:20 p.m. • Canyons

Stephanie Jones, *Menus 4 All*

NFBU AND DSBVI LEADING THE WAY:

3:30 p.m. • Canyons

Danielle Frampton, *Residential Manager DSBVI*

Tina Reisner, *Employment Specialist*

NFB Leadership Seminar Attendees

ADJOURN

3:50 p.m.

NFB OF UTAH VENDOR FAIR:

4:00pm • Bryce Canyons Foyer

Special Thanks to all of our sponsors and exhibitors listed at the end of the agenda!

DSBVI REUNION:

5:00 p.m. • Powder Mountain

Anyone who has attended training classes at DSBVI are welcome!

PARENTS DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING & INCLUSIVE IEPS WORKSHOP:

5:30 p.m. • Arches

Leah Charles, *Charter School SpEd Director*

Parents of Blind Children & Blind Parents

NFB OF UTAH GUIDE DOG USERS GROUP:

7:00 p.m. • Powder Mountain Room

Tina Reisner, *Group Chair*

UTAH'S GOT TALENT:

8:00 p.m. • Zions

Networks and Agents are Casting for New & Current Shows such as: Dizziney, Pickelodeon, NEckFIX, UhaveBO, SOX & more!

We launch dreams in convention entertainment, YouTube & TikTok – you could be the next star we're searching for!

- No Fee to Audition -

Cheralyn Johnson & Zachary Ledford

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

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7:30 a.m. • Bryce Canyons Foyer

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Membership Dues \$1 per person.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

9:00 a.m. • Canyons

Lindsay Yazzalino and Joel Zymba

Meet our blind Astronaut and check out the Braille Monarch!

UTABS ANNUAL MEETING:

10:00 a.m. • Canyons

Zachary Ledford

BUCKLE UP FOR YOUR BEST WITH UTABS!:

10:00 a.m. • Powder Mountain

All are welcome to join our lively division as we dive into all things blind students! Registration begins at 9:30 AM. Register for and attend our Spring Seminar for a chance to win a door prize. Only members who have completed our membership process before the time programming starts will be eligible to participate in official business.

NFBU SPANISH DIVISION:

10:00 a.m. • Divisions

Alejandra Reyes, President

The Spanish division has been hard at work this year. Join us for a great meeting. Come learn about our upcoming Seminar and other ways on how you can be involved with our movement.

NOON VENDOR FAIR:

10:00 a.m. • Bryce Canyon's Foyer

FOOD AND FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

2024 NFBU ANNUAL AUCTION:

12:00 to 1:30 p.m. • Bryce Canyons

Auctioneer: Nick Reisner, *Salt Lake Chapter*

Auction Chairperson: Stephanie Cordova, *Salt Lake Chapter.*

One hundred percent of funds raised through the annual auction are used for funding a summer braille enrichment program for elementary school children, and collegiate scholarships.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

WELCOME AND BIG DOOR PRIZE!

STANDING FOR OUR RIGHTS: A REPORT ON WASHINGTON SEMINAR:

2:05 p.m. • Canyons

Melissa Heck, *SLC Chapter*

OUR UTAH BELL ACADEMY IS GLOWING AND GROWING!:

2:20 p.m. • Canyons

Tara Briggs, *Coordinator*

Kourtney Barton, *Teacher*

SCIENCE WITHOUT SIGHT: NFBU STEM2U!:

2:40 p.m. • Canyons

Dr. Ned Lindholm & Stephanie Cordova

WHAT'S NEW ABOUT BUYING A HOME?:

3:00 p.m. • Canyons

Justin Lundy, *President Lundy LLC*

RED ROCKS CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT:

3:15 p.m. • Canyons

Jesse Kramer, *President*

NFB OF UTAH SECRETARY REPORT:

3:30 p.m. • Canyons

Barbie Elliott, *Secretary NFB Utah*

NFB OF UTAH TREASURER REPORT:

3:40 p.m. • Canyons

Mark Turley, *President*

NFB OF UTAH RESOLUTIONS REPORT:

4:00 p.m. • Canyons

Karl Smith, 2nd V.P. and Committee Chair

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS:

4:30 p.m. • Canyons

ADJOURN

5:00 p.m.

2024



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE:

NATIONAL FEDERATION
OF THE BLIND OF UTAH'S

2024 BANQUET

THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL

AT SIX-THIRTY IN THE EVENING

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MR. EVERETTE BACON

PAC PLAN CHAIR

CHRIS WYKOFF

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

DENISE AVANT

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

DR. NED LINDHOLM

OTHER AWARDS AND FINAL AUCTION

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all our 2024 sponsors and vendors,
without you we couldn't put on such
a wonderful convention. It takes the
love and support of our local and
national community sponsors to
make what we do happen.*

Thank you!

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FSIG



FSIG was started in 1996 as a “kitchen table” support group formed by two Fabry patients and a supportive family member with the hope that their particular understanding of this disease, combined with experience at gathering information and working with doctors could benefit others. FSIG is a continually growing and expanding organization constantly looking for new opportunities to assist in improving patient’s lives.

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