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**Fun Fact**

Facts about California

California is known variously as The Land of Milk and Honey, The El Dorado State, The Golden State, and The Grape State. There are more than 300,000 tons of grapes grown in California annually. California produces more than 17 million gallons of wine each year. The redwood is the official state tree.

**Quote**

What you think you become, What you feel, you attract,what you imagine, you create.

News Alerts

Father’s Day is on June 19, 2022 is honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as fathers in society. Happy Father’s Day to all the fathers in the world.

The first of summer is June 21,2022 Have happy summer.

Juneteenth 19th,2022 is a holiday celebrated on 19 June to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, slaves were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

**Social Security Administration Kiosks:**  
The NFB continues to monitor the Social Security Administration’s (SSA) implementation of our 2020 settlement agreement regarding visitor-intake-processing kiosks. With SSA field offices recently reopening, we are gathering information about the accessibility of SSA’s current visitor-intake-processing methods. If you have visited an SSA field office since their reopening in April 2022, please contact Valerie Yingling at 410-659-9314, extension 2440, or [vyingling@nfb.org](mailto:vyingling@nfb.org) to share your experience. We are specifically gathering information on whether the field offices are using kiosk, web-based, or human check-in processes, and whether these processes are accessible to blind individuals.

Calendar of Events

NFB of California Senior Division will meet on Friday, June 24 ,2022 at 7:00pm to 8:30 pm

The zoom meeting is listed below

Zoom information:  
Join Zoom Meeting.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81959498714?pwd=c09aRk1Vbkd2a0hDR3JHbFllVjhDZz09>  
  
Meeting ID: 81959498714  
Passcode: 204239  
  
To call in:  
One tap mobile  
669 900-6833  
Meeting ID: 81959498714 then hit pound  
Passcode: 204239

The National Federation of the Blind California Affiliate has implemented Interest Groups.  
Our PURPOSE is to Incorporate inclusion for ALL Chapters, Divisions and Committees within the California Affiliate, which will lead to increasing membership and providing unlimited access to tools and resources. In order to build the California Affiliate Membership, we must be more  
inviting, welcoming, and embracing to one another. One of the ideas is to create Interest Groups that would bring more blind and visual impaired persons together, where they can engage, share information, and enhance their knowledge of the organization.  This will entail having members from various chapters head up an Interest group.  They will lead the group and oversee the content. The Lead may also have an outside consultant. Some examples of groups are:  
Cooking, Music, Book Club, Outreach, Sports, Technology, Arts and  
Crafts and Fitness etc.  
  
ALL Interest groups will be held via ZOOM.  This will allow more  
members to get involved and potentially bring in new members.

If you have an interest in chairing or participating in one of the interest groups, you can contact

Cheryl Thurston  
NFBC Board Member  
President Inland Empire Chapter

NFB Membership Coordinator  
National Federation of the Blind of California  
909 821-9589  
[Cthurston74@gmail.com](mailto:Cthurston74@gmail.com)

The National Federation of the Blind Convention is the largest gathering of blind people in the world.

It is the premier event for training, support, and information for the blind community. It also serves as a governing body, democratically electing our [leadership](https://nfb.org/about-us/leadership)and establishing each year' s organizational priorities.

Although the convention is open to all, our [constitution](https://nfb.org/about-us/history-and-governance/constitution) states that only members of the NFB have the right to participate in decision making when it comes to organizational policy. If you are not already a member, [join the NFB today](https://nfb.org/get-involved/join-us).

2022 Date and Locations

July 5 through July 10, 2022  
New Orleans, LA   
New Orleans Marriott

Reserve Your Stay

The Main Hotel: New Orleans Marriott at 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130. Reserve a room now at the Marriott by calling 855-821-4288 ensuring you’ll be in our headquarters hotel. If you wish to stay in our overflow hotel directly across Canal Street, call 855-516-109 0 to book a room at the Sheraton New Orleans.

More information available in the January 2022 Braille Monitor article, [New Orleans Site of 2022 Convention](https://nfb.org/images/nfb/publications/bm/bm22/bm2201/bm220102.htm).

The schedule for the 2022 convention is:

Tuesday, July 5: Seminar Day

Wednesday, July 6: Registration and Resolutions Day

Thursday, July 7: Board Meeting and Division Day

Friday, July 8: Opening Session

Saturday, July 9: Business Session

Sunday, July 10: Banquet Day and Adjournment

Registration

Online registration is now closed. Registration is available onsite. Registration for the 2022 National Convention is $30 per person. Banquet tickets for Sunday, July 10, are $75 per person. Please review our [2022 National Convention Safety Protocols](https://nfb.org/get-involved/national-convention/2022-national-convention-safety-protocols) and the [National Federation of the Blind Code of Conduct](https://nfb.org/about-us/history-and-governance/code-conduct) prior to registering.

[Register online now!](https://nfb.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=479)

Will NFB22 be your first National Convention?

Learn about the [Kenneth Jernigan Convention Scholarship](https://nfb.org/get-involved/national-convention/kenneth-jernigan-convention-scholarship) that helps active NFB members, blind or sighted, attend their first NFB National Convention.

2022 Convention Virtual Experience

We are excited to offer opportunities for engagement and connection to participants who are unable to attend in-person convention. Details and registration for the 2022 National Convention Virtual Experience, a dedicated online space for exclusive convention activities, are coming soon. Registration for the virtual experience will be at no cost.

[Register for the 2022 Convention Virtual Experience!](https://nfb.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=481)

Zoom Training

The 2022 NFB Muslims Group zoom training drop-in hours will be on Zoom, June 18, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. eastern time.. Please see the zoom information to join the training below. All are welcome regardless if needed for beyond the #NFB22 virtual experience. We will be working one on one or in small groups depending on the turnout. If you have any questions or in need for a specific zoom skill training beyond the basics, please email our group after subscribing at [nfb-muslims@nfbnet.org](https://nfbnet.org/mailman/listinfo/nfb-muslims_nfbnet.org) or email the chair, Tasnim Alshuli, and our group at [nfbmuslims@gmail.com](mailto:nfbmuslims@gmail.com).

Join Zoom Meeting: 867 7955 6646  
Password: 284340  
One tap mobile: +16027530140,,86779556646#

Career Fair

The Career Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. convention time in New Orleans. Location TBD. This will be an in-person event with opportunities for interview screenings and employment workshops. Registration in advanced is required. Deadline to register is June 21.

[Career Fair Job-Seeker Registration](https://nfb.org/form/career-fair-jobseeker-registration)

[Career Fair Employer Registration](https://nfb.org/form/career-fair-employer-registration)

The National Federation of the Blind of Maryland will be hosting a cruise fundraiser from December 3 – 10, 2023.  All are welcome, including members of the NFBMD, other affiliates, families, colleagues, and friends.  For additional information, please contact our travel agent, Cindy Kiper at [ckiper@dreamvacations.com](mailto:ckiper@dreamvacations.com) or 813-418-0647.

Details are as follows:

Ship: Carnival Legend

Date: December 3 - 10, 2023

Port of Departure: Baltimore, Maryland

Number of nights: 7

Ports visited: Nassau, Bahamas; Princess Cays, Bahamas; and Freeport, Bahamas

 Key Dates:

-              First Deposit due: July 31, 2022 or until all cabins are booked, whichever is sooner - $25 per person

-              Second Deposit due: March 31, 2023 - $250 per person plus full names of sailors

-              Final payment due: August 15, 2023

Types and prices of cabins (this is a per person price based on double occupancy and includes cabin fee, port charges, and taxes); we have a limited number of cabins, so prices may change once our block is filled.

-              Balcony cabin (extended balcony) = $787.86 per person

-              Balcony cabin (standard balcony) = $782.86 per person

-              Ocean-view cabin = $617.85 per person

-              interior cabin = From $527.86 to $537.86 per person

-              if anyone needs a triple or quad cabin, they should let us know.

Note: Cabin types are going first come first serve, so please email to inquire about availability.

 Initial Deposit of $25 per person can be made in one of two ways:

- Mail checks payable to NFB of Maryland, 1800 Johnson Street, Suite N1, Baltimore, MD 21201

- Pay online at <https://nfbmd.org/blindcruising>

\*Online payments add an additional $2 per person for processing.

 We hope you will join us on this incredible trip.

2022 VENTURA COUNTY Edition - Golden Future 50+ Expo

Saturday, June 11th 2022

Time:  9:00am - 1:30pm

Oxnard Performing Arts & Convention Center

Inside the Ventura and Oxnard Ballrooms

800 Hobson Way

Oxnard, CA 93030

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR VENTURA COUNTY](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/golden-future-50-senior-expo-ventura-county-edition-tickets-269915694107)

FREE Food Senior Distribution 60+ through the COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM. **\***

**Food kits provide a selection of fruit, juice, vegetables, milk, cheese, grains, protein, and much more!**

**\*Participants will need a form of identification with their date of birth and proof of address. A mailed document can be provided if address on identification is not current.**

**\*Proof of income is NOT required. Participant will be asked to self-declare income. Income guidelines: 1 person $1473 and 2 people $1984.**

**\*All individuals in the household 60+ may apply individually to each receive assistance.**

**\*Distributions will be held once per month. More dates to come following. Announced on a quarterly basis.**

**For more information, visit FeedingIE.org.**

**FREE Food Senior Distribution 60+ City of Chino Senior Center**

**Chino Senior Center**

**13170 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710**

**Thu, Jun 23, 9:00 AM**

Chino Senior Center • Chino, CA

Free

**Feeding America Riverside, San Bernardino**

**Thu, Jun 23, 12:30 PM**

Montclair Senior Center • Montclair, CA

**Free**

**Feeding America Riverside, San Bernardino**

**Friday, Jun 3,2022 8:30 AM**

**Grace Vargas Senior Center in Rialto, CA**

**Free**

**Feeding America Riverside, San Bernardino**

**Friday, Jun 3, 12:00 PM**

**Fontana Community Senior Center • Fontana, CA**

**Free**

Birthday for the month of June 2022

No Birthday’s for this month