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Announcing

The 45th Annual Convention of the

National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska

October 7-9, 2016

**Ramada Columbus and River's Edge Convention Center**

265 33rd Avenue Columbus, NE 68601

“The only thing that stands between you and your dream is the will to try and the belief that it is actually possible.” – Joel Brown

Join us for the 45th annual state convention of the National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska. Come see how, with love, hope and determination, we can turn your dreams in to reality. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship, stay for the education and empowerment. You won't want to miss the most influential gathering of Nebraska's blind this year!

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Adelmo Vigil, President of the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico and newly elected member of the national board of directors as our national representative.

Friday agenda begins with registration at 9:30 AM with general session to begin at 11:00 AM. Be sure to register for the Friday Lunch, as it will be a group meal, served as part of our general session. Exhibits and breakout sessions will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Highlights include seminars on navigating the muddy waters of SSI/SSDI and their subsequent medical coverage, 1Touch™ Self-Defense, non-24-hour sleep disorder, and so much more. Stop by and visit our exhibit area from 3:00 to 8:00. Venders from various companies with products of interest to the blind, as well as NFBN chapters and divisions will be demonstrating their wears and selling goodies. Later on, show off your mental agility and win prizes at trivia night. Continuing throughout the weekend, we have special events for blind parents, blind youth, parents and teachers of blind children and blind seniors. Saturday morning kicks off with a breakfast meeting of the board of directors of NFBN followed by more breakout sessions, division meetings, an afternoon general session culminating in our Saturday banquet. Sunday morning features interactive activities and information. For more information, please visit:

[www.ne.nfb.org/2016](http://www.ne.nfb.org/2016)

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Phone (402) 564-1492

Mention NFBN for reduced rate of $92.00 per night + 14.3% tax.

The Ramada Columbus, formerly New World Inn and Conference Center has recently undergone a major renovation. This beautiful facility offers a hot complimentary breakfast buffet, and Bistro on the Loup for lunch or dinner and the Whiskey Sands Bar and Grill (open Friday and Saturday from 9pm-1am.). Discovery Island Pool is open from 10am-10pm. and a 24-hour Fitness Center is also available.

CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

Register by September 30th and save yourself a little cash.

Prices listed below will increase by $5.00 per item after September 30th.

Advance Registration Prices per Person

Convention Registration: $20

Banquet: $45

Friday General Session Fun Luncheon: $20.

REGISTRATION

Register and make a secure on-line payment by visiting: <http://ne.nfb.org/2016>-reg

If you prefer to pay by check or money order with a paper registration, print out the form from our website or contact Cheryl Livingston, NFBN Treasurer, at (402)488-2509.

TRANSPORTATION

The National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska has again arranged for a bus to this year’s State Convention in Columbus, Nebraska. The bus will depart Omaha on Friday, October 7, 2016, at 6:00 am. The first pick-up point will be in Omaha, at the college of St. Mary, and the second one will be in Lincoln, at approximately 6:55 am, at the Commission for the Blind offices. There will be a third stop in York, which will be at approximately 8:15 am, at the Super 8 Motel. The bus will arrive in Columbus at approximately9:20 am. The trip, including the passenger pick up points in Lincoln and York, should be approximately three and a half hours. Following the convention, the bus will depart at approximately 1:00 pm, following the conclusion of the Sunday morning session on October 9, 2016. The bus should arrive in Omaha by late afternoon.

The price for the round trip will be $75.00 per person. In keeping with the policy of previous years, any reservations cancelled before September 30, 2016, are fully refundable: however, there will be a $30.00 fee for any reservations cancelled after this date. The bus is being arranged by your state affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska, and the excellent rates for travel are made possible through the generosity of Fontenelle Tours and Arrow Stage Motor Coach Lines.

Reservations can be made when registering for the convention online at:

[www.ne.nfb.org/2016-reg](http://www.ne.nfb.org/2016-reg)

If you are not able for any reason to reserve your seat on the bus using the online link, or if you need additional information regarding the locations of boarding sites, please contact Jeff Altman directly at jaltman@neb.rr.com, or by calling (402) 489-9458 to make other arrangements.

Please remember that seating is limited, and therefore, to insure yourself a seat, please make your reservations early. Some seats may still be available after the deadline, due to cancellations, so you are certainly encouraged to check if you are running late in making your reservations, but remember that the bus tends to fill up very quickly.

We have a packed agenda full of innovation, empowerment, tech savvy and more for the blind of all ages and their families, teachers and professionals. Make plans now to join us in Columbus!

If you have questions, please contact:

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