# National Federation of the Blind logo2019 Summer Programs

The country’s premier training centers for the blind, together with the National Federation of the Blind, offer a variety of summer programs for blind and low-vision children and young adults that help build blindness skills and encourage independence.

NFB Bell Academy  
NFB BELL Academy is a one or two-week summer program that prepares blind and low-vision children to be confident and independent adults. They learn Braille and nonvisual skills through fun, hands-on activities in a daytime or residential setting.  
Ages:4-12 Dates: Varies Location: Nationwide   
More Info: [nfb.org/bell-academy](https://nfb.org/bell-academy)

NFB EQ  
NFB EQ is a week-long summer engineering program for blind and low-vision teens. Participants forge new friendships while increasing their engineering knowledge, problem-solving abilities, self-confidence, and independence.   
Grades: 9-12 Dates: June 16-22, 2019 Location: Baltimore, MD   
More Info: [blindscience.org/nfbeq](https://blindscience.org/nfbeq)

National Convention Youth Track  
Each year at the NFB National Convention, blind youth can participate in a variety of seminars and social activities designed to provide a meaningful convention experience, foster independence, and promote positive attitudes about blindness.   
Ages: Need Ages Dates: July 7-12, 2019 Location: Las Vegas, NV   
More Info: [nfb.org/convention](https://nfb.org/convention)

Youth Outreach Seminars and Transition Workshops  
Youth groups can work with the experts at the NFB national office to develop customized summer programs in areas such as confidence building, skills building, philosophy, employment, and college preparation.   
Ages: Need Ages Dates: Varies Location: Baltimore, MD   
More Info: [nfb.org/contact-us](https://nfb.org/contact-us)

STEP Program  
The Summer Training and Employment Project (STEP) program is an eight-week program where blind teens meet positive blind role models, learn alternative techniques, and gain valuable work experience at a local business.   
Grades: 9-12 Dates: Need Dates Location: Need City, LA   
More Info: [louisianacenter.org/step-program](http://www.louisianacenter.org/step-program/)

Buddy Program (Louisiana)  
This Buddy Program is an innovative summer program that pairs blind children with positive blind role models, teaches them alternative techniques, and includes fun activities like water skiing, roller skating, and horseback riding.   
Grades: 4-8 Dates: Need Dates Location: Need City, LA   
More Info: [louisianacenter.org/buddyprogram](http://www.louisianacenter.org/buddyprogram/)

PREP  
The PREP (Post-Secondary Readiness and Empowerment Program) is an eight-week summer program for blind teens where they learn new skills and become better prepared to attend college and transition into the workforce.   
Grades: 9-12 Dates: Need Dates Location: Need City, MN   
More Info: [blindinc.org/programs/transition-program/prep-program](https://www.blindinc.org/programs/transition-program/prep-program/)

Buddy Program (Minnesota)  
In this Buddy Program, blind children learn important skills, embrace the empowering attitudes and philosophy of the National Federation of the Blind, and explore the wonderful and fun Twin Cities.  
Ages: 9-13 Dates: Need Dates Location: Need City, MN  
More Info: [blindinc.org/programs/transition-program/buddy-program](https://www.blindinc.org/programs/transition-program/buddy-program/)

STYLE  
The STYLE (Summer Transition Youth Learning Experience) program offers three separate five-day sessions for high school students where they learn new skills, gain confidence, and have fun throughout the summer.   
Ages: 14-21 Dates: Need Dates Location: Minneapolis, MN  
More Info: [blindinc.org/programs/transition-program/style](https://www.blindinc.org/programs/transition-program/style/)

Summer Youth Program  
The Summer Youth Program provides a warm, supportive environment for students to learn new skills, share ideas, and participate in activities like rock climbing, white water rafting, and self-defense courses.  
Ages: Need Ages Dates: Need Dates Location: Need City, CO  
More Info: [cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth](https://cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth/)

Confidence Camp  
Confidence Camp is a three-week day program for children who live in the Denver metro area. Children take classes, prepare lunches, learn how to do common household chores, and participate in fun activities.  
Ages: 5-11 Dates: Need Dates Location: Need City, CO  
More Info: [cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth](https://cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth/)

Initiation to Independence  
In the Initiation to Independence program, children learn about independence by meeting blind people in a variety of jobs and experiencing all aspects of independent living in their very own apartment.  
Ages: 12-14 Dates: Need Dates Location: Need City, CO  
More Info: [cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth](https://cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth/)

Earn and Learn  
The Earn and Learn program teaches blind teens how to develop a resume, prepare for an interview, and “dress for success.” Participants in this program also attend the NFB National Convention.  
Grades: 9-12 Dates: Need Dates Location: Need City, CO  
More Info: [cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth](https://cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth/)

Summer for Success  
The Summer for Success program prepares blind high school students for college by teaching them how to navigate a campus, take tests, and enjoy a wide variety of social activities. Participants also attend the NFB National Convention.  
Grades: 9-12 Dates: Need Dates Location: Need City, CO  
More Info: [cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth](https://cocenter.org/our-programs/summer-youth/)