Blindness: Learning In New Dimensions (BLIND), Inc.

Buddy Program 2023:

Challenge yourself. Conquer your fears. Create new memories.

Apply today to the 2023 Buddy Program, a summer program for all blind and low vision students ages 9 to 13!

**When**: June 11 - June 25, 2023

**Where**: BLIND, Inc.; 100 East 22nd St. Minneapolis Minnesota, 55404

**Application Deadline:** April 15, 2023

**What: “**Buddies” will gain important blindness skills along with the empowering attitudes about blindness and exposure to the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) while exploring and experiencing the Twin Cities.

**Program:** Buddies will learn Braille reading and writing, Orientation and Mobility (O&M), access technology, independent living skills, and much more! Buddies will also have the ability to craft new friendships with their blind/low vision peers that will last a lifetime! Buddies will have an educational and recreational experience with program counselors, most of whom are blind college students. Buddies will learn to prepare meals under the supervision of the instructors. Buddies will also learn how to travel effectively using the public transit system! These skills will be beneficial for a lifetime!

**Confidence Building Activities: Buddies** will participate in other activities around the Twin Cities. Activities may include: visiting the Mall of America, exploring a museum, amusement park, adaptive cycling, swimming, and more! Buddies utilize the skills they are taught in the program while participating in these fun activities.

Contact Michell Gip, Youth Services Coordinator, at 612-872-0100, Ext. 231, or [mgip@blindinc.org](mailto:mgip@blindinc.org) for more information or an application.

**Apply today to ensure your space in the 2022 Buddy Program!**