The Blind Leading the Blind into the Future

 Leading to Equality

DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus - Worthington

175 Hutchinson Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43235

**NFB 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 policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

**2019 BELL Academy Affiliate Training**

**Ohio**

**Friday Afternoon – German Village Room**

3:00 Introductions

3:20 Administration

 1. Recruiting

 2. Registration and Release Forms

 3. Insurance and Other Legal Matters

 4. Volunteers

 5. Transportation

 6. Lunches and Snacks

 7. Supplies (Art, ADL, etc.)

 8. Field Trips

 9. Theme and Give-aways

 “Hands on Art” Intact Sketch Pads

5:20 Break

5:30 Daily Schedules

 1. First Day

 2. Last Day

 3. Every Day

6:10 Lesson Demo and Debrief

6:35 Another Lesson Demo and Debrief

7:00 Adjourn for Dinner

**Saturday – Cedar Room**

9:00 Guiding Principles

9:45 Discuss BELL Academy Site

10:00 Lesson Demo and Debrief

10:30 Another Lesson Demo and Debrief

11:00 Parent Education

12:00 Learning-Shade Lunch

1:15 Classroom Management

 1. Establishing the Rules

 2. Getting Attention

 3. “It’s not what you can see; it’s what you can do!”

 4. Transitions

2:15 Fundraising and Budget

3:00 Break

3:10 Reporting and Program Assessment

 BELL is funded by grants from Wells Fargo. To continue receiving

 these funds, we must generate reports documenting our work. States who submit reports on time receive a share of the funds.

3:50 Final Q & A

4:00 Adjournment

**Sunday – Cedar Room**

Agenda: Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 A.M. -- Call to Order: Richard Payne, NFB OHIO Affiliate President

Roll Call: Eric Duffy, NFB of OHIO Secretary

 Introductions of audience

 Approval of January meeting minutes

Financial report: Sherry Ruth, NFB of OHIO Treasurer

Braille literacy class update: Marianne Denning and Debby Baker, NFB of OHIO Braille Instructors

Update on the Bell Academy: Eric Duffy, NFB of OHIO Bell Coordinator

Best practices for financial record-keeping for chapters and divisions: Sherry Ruth, NFB of OHIO Treasurer

Butler County Chapter

Student division

National Convention Assistance

Contributions to various funds

A: Kenneth Jernigan Fund

B: Sun Shares

C: White Cane

D: Imagination Fund

E: tenBroek Fund

Note: TenBroek Fund check should be written to the tenBroek Fund. The other checks should each be written on a separate check to the NFB that identifies the fund in the memo portion of the check and then placed in a separate envelope that is also identified on the outside, with the name of the affiliate, the fund name and the amount (including both checks and cash) included, and the pledge amount written on the envelope.

 Other business

 Date of next state board meeting

 Adjournment

 Noon – lunch sponsored by Magnifiers and More, Debbie Kogler

Leadership Seminar

1:30 P.M. -- Funding the movement and the relationship to active membership

Richard Payne, NFB OHIO Affiliate President

2:00 P.M. -- The importance of leadership and building the Federation

Mark Riccobono, National Federation of the Blind, National President

2:45 P.M. -- The difficulties of running meetings and committees and the importance of playing the presidential release

President Richard Payne and Vice President Sheri Albers along with other leaders

3:00 P.M. -- Writing and distributing press releases and other aspects of his job

Chris Danielsen, NFB Public Relations

3:45 P.M. – 15-minute break

4:00 P.M. -- Effective communications strategies

NFB Director of Communications, Stephanie Cascone

4:45 P.M. -- Announcements and Instructions

5:00 P.M. -- Dinner

7:00 P.M. -- The membership onboarding process

Suzanne Turner, NFB OHIO membership committee Co-Chair

8:00 P.M. -- The pledge and message of the National Federation of the Blind

Barbara Pierce, NFB of OHIO board member

8:30 P.M. -- How the Federation is changing the lives of blind people all over the world

Richard Payne and Eric Duffy, NFB OHIO Presidents in Action

9:00 P.M. -- Adjournment

Legislative Seminar

**Monday – Cedar Room**

9:00 A.M. -- Assembling legislative packets

9:45 A.M. -- Mobility and best practices for using the white cane

Dave Perry and other members of the Federation

Meet in the lobby of the hotel.

11:00 A.M. -- Lunch on your own

1:00 P.M. -- Welcome

Richard Payne, Ohio Affiliate President, National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Introductions

Michael Leiterman, NFB of OHIO Legislative Committee Co-Chair

1:10 P.M. -- Legislative process in the Ohio House of Representatives

2:15 P.M. -- Break

2:30 P.M. -- Testimony at committee hearings

Lisa Wurm, Disability Rights Ohio

3:30 P.M. -- Presentation etiquette

Barbara Pierce, NFB OHIO board member

4:00 P.M. -- The importance of follow-up and being persistent

Michael Leiterman, NFB of OHIO Legislative Committee Co-Chair

4:30 P.M. -- Fact sheets and packet distribution

4:45 P.M. -- Break

5:00 P.M. -- Great gathering-in banquet

**Buckeye Rooms 1 & 2**

7:00 P.M. -- Legislative agenda review and Q/A

9:00 P.M. -- Adjournment