

## **“The Road Lies Ahead” ... 2015**

The Road Lies Ahead for all of us, but in order to follow it, we must know where it is, or we must create our own. Either way, we must determine where we are and where we want to go, and we must have the freedom to get there. Blind people are often taught they must follow the lead of others, but we teach that blind persons can claim their own freedom to set their own course and find their own way.

The Road Lies Ahead navigation program uses newly developed strategies to bring blind children and youth through unique navigational and recreational experiences that help participants become more aware and more confident to manage themselves more freely and effectively in any environment or situation without the need to rely on others. At the core of the program lies the FlashSonar process, which teaches the brain of a blind person how to use sound to gain visual images of one's surroundings. Some of the activities include swashbuckling, various ball games, target practice, scavenger hunt/geocaching, and explorer (all with the central theme of self-reliance) — along with maps, compasses, intro GPS, and sensory activities. The instructors teach the methods they use to independently travel the world.

Join us in finding or creating the Road that Lies Ahead.

### **Two Sessions during August 2 – 8, 2015 at CAMP TUHSMEHETA (Camp T) – Greenville Michigan.**

**Session I: Ages 8 – 13; August 2 – 5.\***

**Session II: Ages 13 – 19; August 5 – 8.\***

\*Family information sessions Sunday afternoon August 2 and Saturday afternoon August 8. Contact us for details.

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## The ROAD LIES AHEAD CURRICULUM

The exact activities may vary somewhat from group to group, and may be adjusted to suit student profiles, weather, and other environmental determinants. Schedule is to be determined. Activities may include the following:

- ✧ Presentation and discussions about blind freedom perspective, and story telling;
- ✧ Introduction to full length cane with feather-touch cane technique;
- ✧ FlashSonar activities:
  - object location (finding where things are),
  - orientation (students learn to know where they are),
  - navigation among objects (obstacles, bunches of trees, other arrays of objects),
  - object identification (detecting and identifying object characteristics),
  - “scene analysis“ (determining the nature and layout of a surrounding “scene”),
  
  - ball games,
  
  - target practice (water pistols),
  
  - swashbuckling (using swords that make sound),
  
  - hide and seek (with FlashSonar);
- ✧ Climbing Tower;
- ✧ Work with compass and maps;
- ✧ Scavenger hunt / geocacheing;
- ✧ Introduction to travel technologies including GPS and detection technologies;
- ✧ Introduction to the brain and perception with models and tactiles
- ✧ Perception activities; Tactile skill enhancement;
- ✧ Astronomy – our place in the universe (if time allows)