

Truth about blindness

With proper training and opportunities, blindness can be reduced to a physical nuisance and blind people can compete on terms of equality with their sighted peers.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 1500 blind youth in Wisconsin.

73% of blind people are unemployed or underemployed.

Only 9% of blind and visually impaired people in the United States read Braille.



WABS float during the Susie the duck days festival in Lodi, WI.

It's time to learn!
It's time to live!
Time to grow!
Time to find yourself!
Find your path!
Find your life!
Acknowledge your purpose!

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We serve students of all ages, as well as adults in transition to training or employment.

We Provide:
Educational opportunities,
information, support,
mentoring, services,
resources, socialization,
seminars, along with fun
and challenging events.

**CHANGING WHAT
IT MEANS TO BE
BLIND!**

WABS in action!



Students enjoying convention Banquet

WABS is a division of the National Federation of the Blind of Wisconsin (NFBW). Throughout the year, WABS members have the opportunity to attend three major conventions/seminars. The State convention is held in Wisconsin every fall and the National convention is held in July in major cities. They both offer a chance to explore training centers, technology, libraries, and services available in Wisconsin and across the nation. They also allow students to interact with other blind individuals, mentors, and professionals. Making it easy to attend workshops and meetings geared towards personal interests and goals.

Washington Seminar is held in January. This gives students the chance to meet with their senators and representatives, and lobby for blind rights. They also can tour the nation's capital.



Students lobby for blind rights in DC



Left: A student plays guitar at one of the talent shows



Right: March for independence in Atlanta, GA

EVENTS

We offer a variety of different events during the year ranging from small gatherings to huge seminars. Some past events include: rock climbing, talent shows, camping, parades, swimming, boating, dances, festivals, skiing, seminars, travel trips, water and theme parks, goalball, dinner outings, shopping trips, Harley rides, and many more.

We also have events surrounding fundraisers such as: bake goods, candy bar, and bracelets sales, food stands at festivals, raffles, talent concerts, snack packs, and rallies.



Top: a younger member climbs the hardest level of rock climbing
Left: two students learn how to play goalball.

How to get involved?

WABS has many ways you can get involved and stay updated. There are three different ways you can get your contact information to us.

Internet: We have a mailing list where minutes of the meetings are posted, discussions, and information about upcoming events are given. Go to www.nfbwis.org and go to mailing list, select students, and type in your e-mail, then hit submit and you will receive a confirmation e-mail. Also feel free to contact our president at: wabspresident@gmail.com with questions, concerns, and contact information. Our website is currently under construction at the moment.

Postal Mail: We send out applications to events and a newsletter.

You may send your contact information to:

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Phone: We have meetings that are open to all members who are interested in attending. Meeting times vary and are posted through the e-mail list serve. If you would like to be a part of WABS and would like to sign up over the phone please call our secretary Chelsea at (608) 290-5573.