

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND
OF LOUISIANA**



**INVITES YOU TO THE
2011 STATE CONVENTION**

APRIL 8 – 10, 2011
Holiday Inn Shreveport West
5555 Financial Plaza, Shreveport, Louisiana

You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 Annual State Convention of the National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana (NFBL). The NFBL is an organization of blind and visually impaired Louisianians who believe that with the appropriate training, attitude and opportunities, blind people can (and do) achieve their dreams; not the scaled-down dreams resulting from low expectations, but the dreams that all people have. We believe that it is never too late to learn new techniques and new ways of thought.

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TOPICS PRESENTED

The convention will cover a wide range of topics, including:

- How to obtain assistance from the Social Security Administration and other human services agencies
- How to deal with day-to-day activities such as reading mail, transportation, preparing meals, clothing care, and socializing
- How to become comfortable with my blindness
- How to know when I need to use a white cane, or when to learn Braille
- How to get help for my blind child
- How the newest technology could benefit me
- What types of employment opportunities are possible
- How a blind person can fully participate in hobbies such as camping, rock climbing, horse back riding, river rafting, acting in a play, and shopping (to name a few)!

EVENTS OUTLINE

Pre-convention seminar for parents and teachers of blind children will be held April 7th and 8th. Call 318-257-4554 for more information. Registration for pre-convention seminar will begin at 8:00am on April 7th.

Convention Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2010. Check the website at www.nfblla.org for opportunities to pre-register or contact 800-234-4166 for pre-registration forms. Registration will be \$20 if pre-registered, and \$25 for onsite registration. Pre-registration forms must be in by March 18th. Pre-registration is non-refundable.

Room Rates: \$80 per night (singles, doubles, triples, etc.), plus tax. Please make your reservations directly with Holiday Inn Shreveport West by calling 318-688-3000. Be sure to mention that you plan to attend the state convention of the NFBL to receive the convention rates. Rates and availability cannot be guaranteed after March 8th.

Meals: FREE supper on Friday night, FREE lunch on Saturday, and continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning for persons registered. Banquet meal on Saturday night (tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the registration desk or through pre-registration).

Child Care will be provided during scheduled meetings and the banquet on Saturday evening.

Entertainment: In convention tradition, Friday night will offer dinner and an auction. In addition, the convention will host bingo, a dance, Gospel Explosion, an original play performed by Louisiana Center for the Blind actors, adaptive technology exhibits, Sensory Safari display, and of course, DOOR PRIZES GALORE!!!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact Pam Allen, President, NFBL at 800-234-4166 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or 318-251-1511 in the evenings. To schedule free transportation from New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, Alexandria, and Ruston contact Susan Clark at 800-234-4166 by March 18th (Space is limited).

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(Voice of the Nation's Blind