

Registration Fee:

\$10 per adult attendee - Children FREE

Make checks payable to:

ND School for the Blind Foundation

Registration Deadline:

April 4th, 2022

Accommodations:

A block of rooms is reserved under ND School for the Blind. The rate: King Bed \$99 and Double Queen Beds \$109, plus tax per night. Rooms will be reserved until April 1st. Hotel phone number - (701) 356-3232.

A limited number of scholarships are available to assist families with transportation and room costs. To request assistance, please contact your regional coordinator.

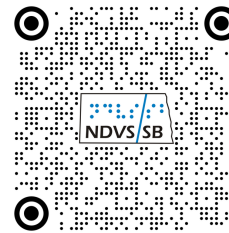
If you are not able to attend in person, there will be virtual sessions available through Zoom at no cost.

Message from our Superintendent Paul Olson

Family Weekend is an amazing once a year opportunity to really connect with other families who understand your needs and hopes. NDVS/SB staff and the parent planning team look forward to this weekend all year because of the positive energy and fun that everyone experiences. If you have attended in the past, please come again and share what you have learned. If you are considering coming for the first time, know that this is a fun, informal and supportive setting. You will not be disappointed! Come and let's get to know each other.



Scan the QR Code for online registration/info on Family Weekend.



Our Mission

Our mission is to empower families so that they may access information on topics relating to their child's visual impairment, develop an awareness of services and resources available on a regional and national level and become more effective advocates for their child.

What is Family Weekend?

This is an opportunity for families who have a child with vision loss (including those with additional disabilities) to listen to informational speakers. One can meet other families from across North Dakota and staff from North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind.



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Kirsten Baesler, State Superintendent

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**NORTH DAKOTA
VISION SERVICES/
SCHOOL FOR THE
BLIND PRESENTS:**

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN'T DO IN 2022!

**FAMILY WEEKEND
APRIL 22ND & 23RD**

April 22nd - 6:00PM
Holiday Inn Express SW I-94
4711 19th Ave South
Fargo, ND 58104

April 23rd - 8:30AM
First Lutheran Church
619 Broadway North
Fargo, ND 58102



2022 - Family Weekend Agenda

Friday, April 22, 2022

at Holiday Inn Express SW I-94

6:00-8:00 Meal & Games with
Trampes Brown

Saturday, April 23, 2022

at First Lutheran Church

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30-9:00 Introductions

9:00-10:00 Neva's Journey

10:15-11:00 Neva's Tips

11:00-11:30 Trampes Brown in the
Gym with families

11:30-1:00 Lunch & Awards
Program

1:00-2:30 CVI with Tara Tompai or
ECC Breakout Sessions

2:30-3:00 Kristi Thiseth-Taking
Risks

3:00-3:15 Closing - Evaluations

Family Weekend Presenters



Tara Tompai

Tara began her journey into the field of visual impairments in 2002 when she graduated from the Intervenor for Deafblind Persons Program. She continued her education and became an orientation and mobility specialist in 2003. She worked at CNIB (now known as VLRC) as an orientation and mobility specialist for nine years. Her passion for early intervention grew and she decided to pursue early childhood education. Currently, Tara Tompai works as an Early Childhood Vision Consultant at Surrey Place since 2012. In her role she supports families who have children from birth to five years old that have a diagnosis of a visual impairment. In addition to Tara's role as a vision consultant, she is the provincial mentor supporting vision consultants across Ontario.

For Additional Information

Contact: Lanna Slaby

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Trampes Brown



Trampes Brown is the current president of the North Dakota Association of the Blind and chairperson of the Sports & Recreation Committee. As a person with a visual impairment, Trampes understands the importance of inclusive sports and how participating in group sports can teach life skills and build confidence. He strives to be both a personal and system advocate in his personal and professional life, finding opportunities every day to educate the general public and advocate for himself and other individuals with visual impairment.



Neva Fairchild

Neva Fairchild, MS, of Flower Mound, Texas, is the National Aging & Vision Loss Specialist at the American Foundation for the Blind, where she has worked since 2008. She was employed for over 15 years by the state of Texas as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and as an Employment Assistance Specialist. She began her career in vision rehabilitation at the Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind as a Vocational Evaluator in 1991. She served on the International Board of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired for three non-consecutive terms, beginning in 2008, before being elected as President Elect in 2019. She has served in leadership roles in Division 2, Division 5 and Division 15, as well as serving as secretary and then President of the Texas Chapter of AER.