

**Current Workshops/Events in the State
As of 2/11/14 Blind Task Force Meeting**

- February 19 Introduction to the Unified English Braille Code
Contact: Julie Ituarte, 417-836-5490 or jituarte@missouristate.edu
- February 21 Introduction to Braille
Contact: Anthony Blades, 660-785-7428 or ablades@truman.edu
- February 27 Braille Challenge at MSB (also MSB's 163rd Birthday)
Contact: Joy Waddell, 314-776-4320, ext 1140 or
joyce.waddell@msb.dese.mo.gov
- March 1 SW Regional Braille Challenge
(March 8, snow date) Contact: Julie Ituarte, 417-836-5490 or jituarte@missouristate.edu or
Aundrayah Shermer, 417- 836-8872 or ashermer@missouristate.edu
- March 5 Vision Professional Group – Kansas City
(Held the first Wednesday of each month at Alphapoint from 1:30-3:30)
March Topic: Unified English Braille Code
Contact: Aundrayah Shermer, 417-836-8872 or ashermer@missouristate.edu
- March 7 Low-Vision Clinic, Springfield, MO Sponsored by Delta Gamma Children's Vision
Center and Blind Skills Specialists SW region.
- March 12-14 VIISA Course I, Session II: Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers with Vision
Impairment and Their Families, Chesterfield Contact: Jennie Mascheck, 314-
776-4320, ext. 1250 or jennie.mascheck@msb.dese.mo.gov
- March 18 Vision Professional Group – Jefferson City – Missouri River Regional Library
Contact: Julie Ituarte, 417-836-5490 or jituarte@missouristate.edu to register.
- March 20 Vision Professional Group – Springfield – Vision Rehab Center of the Ozarks
(Dates vary)
Contact: Aundrayah Shermer, 417-836-8872 or ashermer@missouristate.edu
- March 21 Expanded Core Curriculum for Students with Visual Impairment
Contact: Anthony Blades, 660-785-7428 or ablades@truman.edu
- March 26 How to Prepare a Student with a Visual Impairment in the Classroom
Marshall, MO
Contact: Julie Ituarte, 417-836-5490 or jituarte@missouristate.edu
- March 27 A Free Training on the **Unified English Braille Code: Overview of Changes**
Intended Audience: Service Providers of Students with Vision Impairment on
campus at Missouri School for the Blind, St. Louis. Contact: Jennie Mascheck,
314-776-4320, ext. 1250 or jennie.mascheck@msb.dese.mo.gov

- April 1 & 2 Session III: Hand In Hand: Understanding Deafblindness for Education Teams of Students Who Are Deafblind- Lee's Summit R-VII School District, Lee's Summit
Contact: Susan Bonner, 314-776-4320, ext. 3255 or susan.bonner@msb.dese.mo.gov
- April 2 Vision Professional Group – Kansas City
(Held the first Wednesday of each month at Alphapoint from 1:30-3:30)
March Topic: Unified English Braille Code
Contact: Aundrayah Shermer, 417-836-8872 or ashermer@missouristate.edu
- April 16 Parent Seminar on Visual Impairments
Intended Audience: Parents who have children with visual loss.
Location: McDonald County, 9:30-3:00
Contact: Julie Ituarte at 417-836-5490 or jituarte@missouristate.edu
- April 22 Paraprofessional in the Role of Intervener for a Student with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss with Robbie Blaha from the TX Deafblind Technical Assistance Project, Columbia Contact: Susan Bonner, 314-776-4320, ext. 3255 or susan.bonner@msb.dese.mo.gov
- April 22 Supporting a Student with Vision Loss in the Classroom – Houston, MO
Intended Audience: Special Education teachers, para-professionals and classroom teachers who serve students with vision loss.
Contact: Julie Ituarte, 417-836-5490 or jituarte@missouristate.edu
- May 28 Designing Instruction for a Student with Vision Loss – Sedalia, MO
Intended Audience: Special education teachers, para-professionals and classroom teachers who serve students with vision loss.
Contact Julie Ituarte, 417-836-5490 or jituarte@missouri.state.edu
- June 20 Functional Vision Assessment/Learning Media Assessment
Contact: Anthony Blades, 660-785-7428 or ablades@truman.edu
- July 8-18 STEM Summer Program: *Fantasy Baseball and Real-Life Math*, for visually Impaired students in Grades 8-12. Missouri School for the Blind, St. Louis, MO.
Contact: Joy Waddell, 314-776-4320 or joyce.waddell@msb.dese.mo.gov.
Registration/program information at www.msb.dese.mo.gov.
- July 21-31 STEM Summer Program: *Earth Journey*, for visually impaired students in Grades 5-9. Missouri School for the Blind, St. Louis. Contact: Joy Waddell, 314-776-4320 or joyce.waddell@msb.dese.mo.gov. Registration/program Information at www.msb.dese.mo.gov
- August 1 When You Have a Student with a Visual Impairment
Contact: Anthony Blades, 660-785-7428 or ablades@truman.edu

SUMMER PROGRAMS -

Web site: <http://education.missouristate.edu/bss/>

- Sponsored by **Lighthouse for the Blind in St. Louis, MO**

Contact: Angie York, 314-423-4333, ext. 132 or ayorke@lhbindustries

For applications and more information please go to www.lhbindustries.com/Our-Outreach/Programs

and click on the program that you are interested in.

June 9-27, 2014

SWEEP – South West Expanded Education Program

For students ages 12-15 that are blind and visually impaired in **Springfield, MO**. Three weeks of intensive education and instruction in Orientation and Mobility, Activities of Daily Living and Recreation and Leisure.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2014

June 8-28, 2014

SOAR – St. Louis – Summer Orientation and Mobility and Adaptive Living Resource Program

For students ages 15-21 offering prevocational residential training for blind and legally blind youth emphasizing independence, organization, and career exploration.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2014

June 20-22, 2014

Sports Camp

A residential camp for students ages 12-18 offering an introduction to sports in a non-competitive atmosphere for children who are visually impaired and blind.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2014

July 13-18, 2014

Camp Barnabas

For students ages 7-25 providing children and young adults who are visually impaired and blind the opportunity to enjoy an action-packed week filled with unforgettable adventures.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2014

September 20-26, 2014 **Space Camp**

For students ages 9-18 using the wonders of outer space to educate children who are blind and visually impaired in math, science and technology while promoting teamwork and self-confidence.

Go to <http://education.missouristate.edu/bss/> for application information.

- **Sponsored by Alphapointe in Kansas City, Missouri.**

Contact Shelley Baker, 816-237-2059 or sbaker@alphapointe.org or Clay Berry at cberry@alphapointe.org

July 7-11, 2014

Alphapointe Adventure Camp – Monday – Friday 8:00-5:00

Opens the world of adventure to children and teens ages 9-14 with vision loss. Campers will have the opportunity to learn new skills and experience adventure and independence.

\$50 scholarships are available if needed.

Please fax completed form (Attention: Shelley Baker) to 816-237-2065 or mail to Shelley Baker, 7501 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64312

July 21-25, 2014

Summer Technology Day Camp – Monday through Friday Day Program

Open to students ages 12-18 who have been *nominated by Vision Teacher*. Campers will learn to utilize various technologies that will impact their academic development, improve their internet navigation, and social networking knowledge and safety. In addition to hands-on technology learning, campers will have an opportunity to meet and work with a variety of mentors who have successfully utilized technology in their chosen careers as professionals with vision loss.

Cost: \$50 – Scholarships available if needed.

The camper must attend all five days to receive a free gift for completing camp.

- **Sponsored by Missouri School for the Blind in St. Louis, MO, 3815 Magnolia, St. Louis MO 63110.**

Contact Patty Yocum at Patty.Yocum@msb.dese.mo.gov or Joy Waddell at Joy.Wadell@msb.dese.mo.gov

July 8-18, 2014

Session 1: Fantasy Baseball and Real-Life Mathematics

Nine days for students grades 8-12 offering exciting, interactive opportunities for students to work alongside experienced STEM staff to develop mathematical reasoning and concepts. Students will use state-of-the-art technology specifically designed for students who are blind or visually impaired to create and manage a Fantasy Baseball team.

July 21-31, 2014

Session 2: Earth Journey

Nine days for students grades 5-9 offering exciting and interactive opportunities for students to work alongside experienced STEM staff to develop skills in teamwork and scientific inquiry which will allow them to increase their independence when participating in laboratory-based classes. Students will explore various aspects of our planet while exploring, hiking, researching and studying our ecosystem, plants indigenous to Missouri and exploring environmental issues – all in Missouri's natural habitats and MSB's state of the art Science and Technology Laboratories which are designed specifically for students who are blind and visually impaired.