**NOPBC**

**National Organization of Parents of Blind Children**

**JULY 8 – 13,2025**

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***The 2025 NATIONAL SEMINAR for Parents and Teachers***

**THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF**

**PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN IS A PROUD DIVISION OF THE**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND**

**WELCOME TO THE 2025 NOPBC SEMINAR!**

***\* Insider Information \****

*The NFB National Convention is a complicated week of events, so we’ve prepared these tips to help you stay organized & make the most of your convention experience.*

***ANNOUNCEMENTS—NOPBC GROUPME***

Join the NOPBC Announcements GroupMe for up-to-date announcements on Convention workshops, meetings, and events, and “be sure not to miss” presentations in the NFB General Sessions, all right on your phone. After convention stay connected to receive information on future NOPBC webinars, NFB programs, legislative actions, and so much more!

For more information and instructions on joining visit <http://www.nopbc.org/GroupMe>

***REGISTRATION INFORMATION***

The NOPBC Seminar, NFB Convention, & NFB Child Care each have separate registration and fees. For our special hotel rate, be sure to register for the NFB Convention in addition to registering for the NOPBC Seminar.

**NOPBC Seminar Online Registration**: <https://nopbc.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=4> Online NOPBC registration will remain open throughout Convention week. Please register both adults and children (FREE for children 18 and under).

**NOPBC Onsite Registration**: Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 – 8:45 AM, outside Studio 2, Marriott New Orleans.

**Youth Track Online Registration**: <https://nopbc.org/youth-track-registration> (ages 11 -18)

**Youth Track** **Onsite Registration:** Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 – 8:45 AM, outside the NOPBC Seminar, Studio 2, & in the Youth Track room throughout the week. Pick up a Youth Track agenda for times, places, and details of the week’s activities. Pick up your teen promptly at the end of Youth Track sessions or plan to meet elsewhere. In addition to Youth Track, children and youth might enjoy the Cane Walk and activities of the National Association of Blind Students (NABS). Schedules appear toward the end of this agenda.

**NFB Online Convention Registration:** Now closed

**NFB Onsite Convention Registration & Packet Pick-Up**: Tues., July 8 - Wed., July 9, 9 AM – 5 PM Salons A, B, C, and at other times during the week. See the NFB agenda for further details.

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**NFB Child Care Registration (aka NFB Camp):**

NFB Child Care (ages 6 wks. – 12 yrs.) requires preregistration, but you can see if space is still available by visiting the NFB Camp Child Care room, Balcony K. Schedule appears toward end of this agenda. Questions—email nfbcamp@nfb.org.

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***INFORMAL FAMILY GATHERING—MONDAY, JULY 7, 6 PM at the Pool***

***We will meet by the pool for an informal family get-together at 6 PM on Monday, July 7, the day before the Seminar. We welcome you to join us!***

***SEMINAR DAY INFORMATION—TUESDAY, JULY 8, 9:00 AM***

On Seminar Day, Tuesday, July 8, drop your child off at Child Care and get to Seminar registration early! There is usually a line and we like to get started on time. Register & pick up your agenda. We begin at 9 AM.

We start the day with a special greeting from NFB Pres. Mark Riccobono. If you’d like your child to meet the president and ask him a question, you can bring your child to the session and then drop him/her off at child care when the session is over.

After the opening session comes Workshop Group A.

After Workshop Group A comes Lunch. Pick up your child from child care and meet up with your teen for lunch on your own.

After lunch, drop kids off at Child Care & Youth Track. Attend Workshop Groups B & C.

***SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES ALL WEEK LONG***

Details for certain special NOPBC activities for parents, children, and youth **are listed only in this agenda,** so **keep this agenda throughout the week**.

Other activities that you & your child might enjoy are listed in the NFB Convention agenda (this is a separate document). Pick it up at Convention registration or in advance at <https://nfb.org/get-involved/national-convention/2025-national-convention-agenda>. Read both agendas to be aware of all events!

***A SAMPLING OF THE WEEK’S ACTIVITIES:***

* NOPBC parent & teacher events in this agenda, including the Seminar, Cane Walks, and IEP Sessions
* NFB Convention sessions: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 11 – 13
* Tactile art, talent show, accessible movie, tech demos & access, digital maps & apps, AI, training center info, programs for kids & youth, personal finances, cooking, career fair, Braille, legislation & advocacy updates, mock trial, social security info, inclusive sports & rec, state caucuses, & more!
* NFB Division, Group, & Committee activities: Blind Students, Deaf-Blind, Blind Parents, Braille, Sports and Rec, Crafts, Performing Arts, NFB in the Kitchen, Guide Dog Users, Employment, Educators, Lawyers, Journalists, Scientists, Engineers, Technology, Computer Scientists, AT Trainers, Writers, culture & religious groups, and more. Open to all!
* The Independence Market & our incomparable Exhibit Hall: the latest technology & more!
* The Banquet and scholarship presentations Sunday evening, July 13; ask your state NFB president about the ticket exchange

***EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION***

The NOPBC extends a special thank you to Amy Porterfield, Director of SAAVI Services for the Blind, for providing fun and creative activities for our youth at this year’s convention.

Of course, the NOPBC Seminar would not be possible without the collective power of the NOPBC Board! These volunteers—Cassandra McKinney, Casey West Robertson, Melissa Riccobono, Carol Castellano, Sandra Oliver, Cynthia Baker, Andrea Benoit, Kate Garcia, Amber Guilbeau, Mayra Gonzalez, Liz Meraz-Valdez, and Tabby Mitchell—have spent hundreds of hours planning this seminar, all while still caring for their families and working at their jobs. They truly live their commitment to helping other families, changing what it means to be blind, and enabling our children to live the lives they want!

***A NOTE ON TERMINOLOGY***

To those new to our movement and Federation family or new to blindness: The National Federation of the Blind and our division, the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children, use the word “blind” to mean a person who uses alternative skills and tools in place of or in addition to limited eyesight to gain information or perform tasks. We believe that the whole range of blind people deserve access to these skills and tools which can enable full, independent, productive participation in society. The unity that comes with the use of this singular term promotes common values, understanding, and connection among our members as we work to improve the lives of blind people of all ages across our nation.

**MONDAY, JULY 7**

**6:00 PM – INFORMAL FAMILY GATHERING**

**The Pool**

**TUESDAY, JULY 8**

**The National Organization of Parents of Blind Children presents**

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***The 2025 NATIONAL SEMINAR for Parents and Teachers***

**7:30 – 8:45 AM – SEMINAR REGISTRATION & PACKET PICK-UP & YOUTH TRACK REGISTRATION**

**Studio 2**

Those who preregistered online can come and pick up their packets.

**9:00 – 10:45 AM – NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSION (ages 11 – 18)**

**Balcony L**

Games and Prizes. See the Youth Track agenda for activity details.

**9:00 – 10:30 AM – NOPBC SEMINAR OPENING SESSION**

**Studio 2**

**WELCOME – Cassandra McKinney,** President, National Organization of Parents of Blind Children

**A GREETING FROM OUR NFB NATIONAL PRESIDENT – Mark Riccobono,** President, National Federation of the Blind

**NOPBC PRESIDENTIAL REPORT – Cassandra McKinney,** President, NOPBC

**UNITE, CAPTIVATE, EMPOWER – Norma Crosby,** President, NFB of TX; Treasurer, NFB

**I AM A BLIND PERSON GIVING BACK – Zachary Ledford,** Board Member, National Association of Blind Students; Member, NFB of UT

**CONTINUED EFFORTS TO REACH FAMILIES: EXPANDING OUR DIVERSITY – Conchita Hernandez,** Special Projects, MD School for the Blind

**WHAT’S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT? YOUTH TRACK 2025 – Amy Porterfield,** Director of Programs, SAAVI

**PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS – Melissa Riccobono,** 2nd Vice-President, NOPBC

**ADJOURN**

*Following the general session there will be one set of 4 workshops,*

*then a lunch break, and then two more sets of 4 workshops*

***Tuesday, July 8, 2025 continued***

**10:45 AM – 12:00 PM – WORKSHOP GROUP A**

**IEP 101: Learn the Basics**

**Studio 1**

Come learn the basics of a good IEP for blind students. What are the fundamentals of the law? What are your rights? What are the blindness-specific essentials to include? What should you be on the alert for? Instructor: Carlton Walker, JD, TBS; Educational Advocate and Consultant, Blindness Education and Advocacy Resources (BEAR)

**Let’s Play**

**Studio 2**

Play is a critical way that children develop and learn about the world. Come hear information about the interaction of play and development, and get some practical tips on how to invite and encourage your child to be active in play. Instructor: Emily Gibbs, Teacher of Blind Students

**Picking Up on Social Cues—It’s Not Just Visual**

**Studio 3**

Do you worry that your child is missing important social cues when interacting with others? This workshop will offer practical strategies you can practice with your child to help them learn ways to pick up on social cues non-visually and to navigate social situations more effectively. Instructor: Amanda Juetten, Graduate Student in Organizational Leadership

**Family Dynamics—Getting Everyone on Board for Competence andIndependence**

**Studio 4**

Do you sometimes feel that your child is being held back by the low expectations or inappropriate actions of others (maybe even your own)? Do you worry about sibling relationships? This session will explore ways to get family and friends, teachers and neighbors on the team for progress, no matter what your child’s diagnosis. Instructor: Carol Castellano, Author; Secretary, NOPBC

**11:00 AM – 12:15 PM – Youth Track Session (ages 11 – 18)**

**Balcony L**

Introduction to your NFB Convention and Youth Track Activities. See Youth Track agenda for details.

**12:00 – 1:30 PM – Lunch on your own**

*Child Care will be closed during lunch, so plan to pick up your children, have lunch with your family, and then come back for the afternoon workshops.*

*More workshops on the next page*

***Tuesday, July 8, 2025 continued***

**1:30 – 5:00 PM – NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSION (ages 11 – 18)**

**Balcony L**

Tactile Art and more. See the Youth Track agenda for activity details.

**1:45 – 3:00 PM – WORKSHOP GROUP B**

**Don’t Bubble Wrap Your Child**

**Studio 1**

Sometimes it’s hard to let our children undergo the ordinary bumps and bruises of life. But shielding them too much or overprotecting them can impede their development and keep them from making progress and gaining independence. Come learn ways to rein in your fears and empower your child! Instructor: Tarik Williams, SAAVI Services for the Blind

**Meet the IEP Advocates**

**Studio 2**

Our trained IEP advocates will introduce themselves and invite you to make appointments to meet with them during the week. Bring your child’s IEP and/or your specific concerns. Instructor: Casey West Robertson, TBS, 1st VP, NOPBC

**My Body Belongs to Me!**

**Studio 3**

Blind children (and even adults) often encounter unsolicited and sometimes unwelcome “help” from well-meaning individuals who, without asking, may move, pull, push, steer, or position them. It’s important to equip your child with the skills to handle these situations confidently, including how to assertively yet politely decline unwanted assistance. Instructor: Melissa Riccobono, former school counselor; 2nd VP, NOPBC

**Blind Kids Can Do STEM!**

**Studio 4**

Parents across the country know the skills and confidence their children gain through attending an NFB youth program. Come find out what makes programs like NFB STEM2U unique, educational, and truly empowering for our blind youth. Learn about the thoughtful curriculum, the focus on nonvisual skill-building, and the importance of blind role-models. Get tips on continuing your child’s success even after the program ends! Instructors: Karen Anderson, Coordinator, Education Programs, NFB; Ashleigh Moon, STEM Specialist; Children & Youth Services Coordinator, SAAVI Services for the Blind

*More workshops on the next page*

***Tuesday, July 8, 2025 continued***

**3:15 – 4:30 PM – WORKSHOP GROUP C**

**Getting a Fair Evaluation when Your Child Has Additional Disabilities**

**Studio 1**

It can be very difficult to get a fair evaluation for blind children, especially if there are additional disabilities present. Too often, evaluators are inexperienced, evaluations are not normed on blind children, and children are failed on test items because they cannot see them or because evaluators cannot understand their responses. This session will cover common pitfalls to steer clear of and strategies for getting better results. Instructor: Carlton Walker, JD, TBS; Educational Advocate and Consultant, Blindness Education and Advocacy Resources (BEAR)

**Get Your Baby’s Wiggle On!**

**Studio 2**

How to encourage moving, exploring, and coming into contact with objects in the environment, crucial activities for a baby’s and young child’s development as they learn what’s out there, how things work, and what to expect. Help your child become active, a doer, not a done-to’er. Instructor: Krystal Guillory, Teacher of Blind Students; Kristen Simms, TBS, NOMC

**Age/Stage Appropriate Skills & Chores**

**Studio 3**

Can blind kids REALLY be expected to pitch in in the home as much as a sighted kid? Yes! Come learn about age- or stage-appropriate expectations and responsibilities and how parents can learn how blind people accomplish tasks and then teach the strategies to their children. Instructor: Corbb O’Connor, Accessibility Specialist

**Guide Dog? Cane? I Use Both!**

**Studio 4**

Many blind children learn cane travel, but sometimes parents want the child to get a guide dog instead, thinking that the dog will take the child places, protect the child, and even help with social interaction. This session will discuss the benefits and challenges of each travel choice and why being skilled at both methods can provide the most flexibility and efficiency. Rick Fox, Instructor and Co-Owner, B&F Teaching & Technology, LLC

**4:00 – 5:00 PM – NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSION (ages 11 – 18)**

**Balcony L**

What Kind of Jobs Can Blind People Do? See the Youth Track agenda for activity details.

**7:00 PM – SPORTS & REC MOVIE**

**Salon E—**See NFB agenda for details

**8:30 PM – STUDENT NETWORKING**

**Galerie 2 & 3—**See NFB agenda for details

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**

Child Care is CLOSED on this day.

**9:00 – 11:00 AM – CANE WALK**

**Balcony L**

Wondering if your child would benefit from using a cane? Curious about how a cane works? Learn and experience the Structured Discovery Method of travel at this special session. Parents, teachers, blind children, and sighted siblings welcome. Michell Gip, NOMC, Coordinator

**NFB EXHIBIT HALL & INDEPENDENCE MARKET OPEN**

See the largest exhibit of useful items for blind people in the world! From practical household items to the highest of tech, you can see it all here. See the NFB agenda for details.

**1:00 PM – NFB RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Come see how NFB policies and initiatives for the coming year are created.

**1:00 – 6:00 PM – DROP-IN TACTILE ART ROOM**

**Studio 6 —** See NFB agenda for details

**5:00 – 6:45 PM – NOPBC EXHIBITOR FAIR**

**Galerie 5**

This special exhibit will feature items of special interest to blind children and their families. Melissa Riccobono, Coordinator

**7:00 – 9:00 PM – NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSION (ages 11 – 18)**

**Balcony L**

What is a Resolution? See the Youth Track agenda for activity details.

**7:00 – 9:00 PM – PARENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM—PLP**

**TBA**

Has the NOPBC helped you and your family? Would you like to get more involved? Come learn about leadership opportunities in your state and nationally. Melissa Riccobono, Coordinator

**7:00 – 9:00 PM – NOPBC SPANISH-LANGUAGE WELCOME SESSION**

**Galerie 6**

We welcome our Spanish-speaking families with blind children. Network, ask questions, learn about resources for our children. Cassie McKinney, President, NOPBC, Moderator

**7:00 – 10:00 – STUDENT DIVISION MEETING (more for ages 14 & up)**

**Galerie 2 & 3**

Registration at 6:00; programming at 7:00. See NFB agenda for details.

**THURSDAY, JULY 10**

*In the morning, visit the Exhibit Hall and the Independence Market. Consider attending the NFB Board Meeting—it’s open to all.*

*In the afternoon, eat lunch early and drop your kids & teens off at Child Care and Youth Track. Child Care opens early today—12:45— so that you can get to our NOPBC Annual Meeting at 1:00.*

**9:00 AM – NFB BOARD MEETING – Acadia & Bissonet Ballrooms**

Open to all

**12:45 – Drop your kids off at Child Care early today**

**1:00 – 4:00 PM – NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSION (ages 11 – 18)**

**Begins in Balcony L**

Exhibit Hall Challenge & Unconventional Scavenger Hunt. See the Youth Track agenda for details.

**1:00 – 4:00 PM – NOPBC ANNUAL DIVISION MEETING—OPTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Studio 9**

**Welcome**—Cassie McKinney, President, NOPBC

**Educate, Transform, Empower!**—2025 Distinguished Educator of Blind Students

**Skills for Success**—Roland Allen, NOMC; Sarah Kassim, TBS; Briley O’Connor, BLIND, Inc.

**Educational Opportunities from the NFB** – Karen Anderson, Coordinator, Education Programs, NFB

**Meet the New Editor of the *Braille Monitor*** – Chris Danielsen, Editor

**Blind Parents—How Do They Do It?** – Lisamaria Martinez; Chair, Blind Parents Group

**Crossing the Bay Bridge** – Sandy Halverson, Long-time NFB Member & Advocate, NFB of VA

**Not College Bound? Take a Look at Randolph Sheppard** – Belinda Banks, Blind Merchant, NFB of SC; Pam Schnurr, Blind Merchant, NFB of IN

**Kid Power** —Narjis Karimipour, 12 years old

**What’s New at the National Library Service for the Blind?** – John Aloszka, Public Affairs Specialist, NLS

**Parent Power: Meet Our 2025 Parent Leadership Class**

**Elections**

**Adjourn**

*At the end of the Annual Meeting there will be special instructions regarding the Braille Book Fair*

***Thursday, July 10, 2025 continued***

**4:30 – 6:30 PM – BRAILLE BOOK FAIR**

**Riverview 1 & 2**

**4:30 - 5:00** Blind children (18 & younger only) book choosing

**5:00** **- 6:30** Open to all; those with NOPBC wristbands go in first

A book lover’s dream! Browse table after table of FREE new and used Braille and print/Braille books. Due to high demand, **print/Braille books will be limited to 5 per blind child attendee and 3 per teacher**. Restrictions may be eased depending on supply available. After you choose your books, volunteers will box your books and deliver them to the post office for Free Matter shipment to your home. Donations are gratefully accepted to help support our Braille Programs.

**5:00 PM –ABLE ACCOUNTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**Studio 1—**See NFB agenda for details

**7:00 – 10:00 PM – NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSION (ages 11 – 18)**

**Balcony L**

Accessible Game Tournaments. See the Youth Track agenda for activity details.

**7:30 PM – FAMILY EVENT—BREAKFAST FOR DINNER**

Join us for networking and fellowship. We’ll have dinner at a nearby IHOP on Canal Street. We’ll gather in the lobby and walk over together.

**FRIDAY, JULY 11**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – NFB CONVENTION OPENING SESSION**

**Grand Ballroom**

Don’t miss the bang of the gavel and the roar of the crowd at the opening session of the NFB convention! NFB general sessions take place all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Be sure to check your GroupMe messages and the NFB Convention agenda for the many interesting and important program items that you won’t want to miss. Many additional events and meetings take place before the morning session, at lunchtime, and in the evenings. See the NFB Convention Agenda for details.

**12:15 – 1:45 PM – NOPBC BOARD MEETING**

**Studio 6**

All are welcome to this lunchtime meeting. Bring your ideas for next year!

**2:00 – 5:00 PM – NFB GENERAL SESSION**

**Grand Ballroom**

**5:15 – 9:00 PM & other times throughout the week – INCLUSIVE FITNESS – Sports & Rec Division**

**Salon D—**See NFB agenda for details

**6:45 – 10:00 PM—NOPBC CRAFTS & GAMES NIGHT** (ages 5 - 12)

**Studio 8**

***Please Note:*** This activity is available ONLY for children whose parents are attending NOPBC evening workshops

**7:00 – 10:00 PM – NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSION (ages 11 – 18)**

**Balcony L**

Finding Our Collective Power. See the Youth Track agenda for activity details.

**7:00 – 8:15 PM – NOPBC WORKSHOP GROUP D**

**Technology: Goals, Gadgets, & Game Changers!**

**Studio 3**

Which tech goals should be on your child’s IEP? How can you advocate for them? This session will cover both high-tech, including APH’s Monarch, and low-tech items that can help level the playing field and enable your child to achieve academic, mobility, and social goals. Instructor: Olaya Landa-Vialard, APH Connect Center

**Talking to Your Pre-Teen (ages 8 – 13)**

**Studio 10**

Talking to our kids about the emotional and physical changes of adolescence can be difficult. Many parents don’t feel up to the task. We hope this session can take some of the stress out of communicating about important information during this exciting developmental time. Instructors: Cassie McKinney, President, NOPBC; Melissa Riccobono, 2nd VP, NOPBC

*More workshops on the next page*

***Friday, July 11, 2025 continued***

**8:30 – 9:45 PM – NOPBC WORKSHOP GROUP E**

**Mock IEP**

**Studio 3**

Our advocates join forces to act out an IEP meeting that isn’t going exactly according to plan. Come laugh and cry with us at this empowering session. Casey West Robertson, Coordinator

**Talking to Your Teen (ages 14 & up)**

**Studio 10**

Talking to our kids about the emotional and physical changes of adolescence can be difficult. Many parents don’t feel up to the task. We hope this session can take some of the stress out of communicating about important information during this exciting developmental time. Instructor: Karen Anderson, Coordinator, Education Programs, NFB

**SATURDAY, JULY 12**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – NFB GENERAL SESSION**

**Grand Ballroom**

**12:15 – 1:45 PM – PARENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM—PLP**

**TBA**

Has the NOPBC helped you and your family? Would you like to get more involved? Come learn about leadership opportunities in your state and nationally.

**2:00 – 5:00 PM – NFB GENERAL SESSION**

**Grand Ballroom**

**8:00 PM – SHOWCASE OF TALENT**

**Galerie 1, 2, & 3—**See the NFB agenda for details

**SUNDAY, JULY 13**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – NFB GENERAL SESSION**

**Grand Ballroom**

**2:00 – 5:00 PM – NFB GENERAL SESSION**

**Grand Ballroom**

**7:00 PM BANQUET**

**Grand Ballroom**

Don’t miss the Highlight of the Convention with good food and fellowship, the Banquet address, the presentation of scholarships, door prizes, and more!

**NFB CAMP CHILD CARE SCHEDULE**

**Balcony K**

For children 6 weeks to 12 years. Child must be registered to attend. Childcare provides morning and afternoon snacks, but parents must pick up child for lunch. A late fee of $10 per quarter-hour per child will be assessed for late pickups. Questions—email nfbcamp@nfb.org.

*NFB Camp Child Care Hours:*

* Tuesday, July 8: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:30 to 5:30 PM
* Wednesday, July 9: Closed
* Thursday, July 10: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:45 to 5:30 PM—Drop your child off at 12:45 so you can get to our Annual Meeting at 1 PM
* Friday, July 11: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:30 to 5:30 PM
* Saturday, July 12: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:30 to 5:30 PM
* Sunday, July 13: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:30 to 5:30 PM
* Sunday, July 13 (Banquet): 6:30 PM to thirty minutes after banquet adjourns.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE (ages 11 – 18)**

**Balcony L—** Please see Youth Track agenda for activity details

**TUES., JULY 8**

 9:00 AM – 10:45 Youth Track

11:00 - 12:15 PM Youth Track

 1:30 – 5:00 PM Youth Track

**WED., JULY 9**

 9:00 – 11:00 AM Cane Walk (families with youth are welcome)

7:00 – 9:00 PM Youth Track

 7:00 – 10:00 PM NABS Meeting (geared more toward 14 & up)

**THURS., JULY 10**

9:00 – 11:30 AM NFB Board of Directors meeting—open to all

1:00 – 4:00 PM Youth Track

 4:30 – 6:30 PM Braille Book Fair

7:00 – 10:00 PM Youth Track

**FRI., JULY 11**

 5:15 – 9:00 PM Inclusive Fitness (& at other times during week)

 7:00 – 10:00 PM Youth Track

**NOPBC 2025 SEMINAR OVERVIEW**

**MONDAY, JULY 7**

**6:00 PM Informal Family Gathering**

**TUESDAY, JULY 8**

7:30 - 8:45 AM NOPBC Seminar & Youth Track Registrations

 Be sure to pick up all agendas!

9:00 AM – 12:15 PM Youth Track (ages 11-18)

9:00 - 10:30 AM        NOPBC Dreams, Creativity, & Skills Seminar General Session

 (Adults & Children)

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM NOPBC Concurrent Workshop Group A
12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch on your own – Feed your kids

1:30 PM Child care reopens

1:30 – 5:00 PM Youth Track (ages 11 – 18)

1:45 - 3:00 PM       NOPBC Concurrent Workshop Group B
3:15 - 4:30 PM           NOPBC Concurrent Workshop Group C

7:00 PM Sports & Rec Movie

8:30 PM Student Networking

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**

Child care closed

9:00 - 11:00 AM Cane Walk (Adults, Children, Youth)
5:00 – 6:45 PM NOPBC Exhibitor Fair

7:00 – 9:00 PM Youth Track (ages 11-18)

7:00 – 9:00 PM NOPBC Parent Leadership Program Part I

7:00 – 9:00 PM Spanish Language Welcome Session

7:00 – 10:00 PM NABS Annual Business Meeting (ages 14 – 18)

**THURSDAY, JULY 10**

1:00 – 4:00 PM Youth Track (ages 11 – 18)
12:45 PM Drop your child off at 12:45 in Child Care this afternoon

 in order to get to the NOPBC Annual Meeting on time

1:00 - 4:00 PM         Youth Track (ages 11 – 18)

1:00 - 4:00 PM         NOPBC Annual Meeting

4:30 - 6:30 PM       Braille Book Fair

 4:30 - 5:00—Blind children (18 & younger only) book choosing

 5:00—Book Fair open to all

7:30 – 10:00 PM Youth Track (ages 11-18)

7:30 PM Breakfast for Dinner Family Event

**FRIDAY, JULY 11**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM NFB Opening Session

12:15 – 1:45 PM NOPBC Board Meeting

2:00 – 5:00 PM NFB General Session

5:15 - 9:00 PM Inclusive Fitness—also at other times during the week

6:45 – 10:00 PM NOPBC Crafts & Games Night (ages 5 – 12)

 For children whose parents are attending NOPBC workshops

7:00 – 10:00 PM Youth Track (ages 11 – 18)

7:00 – 9:45 PM NOPBC Workshops Group D

**SATURDAY, JULY 12**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM NFB General Session

12:15 – 1:45 PM   NOPBC Parent Leadership Program Pt II

2:00 – 5:00 PM NFB General Session

**SUNDAY, JULY 13**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM NFB General Session

2:00 – 5:00 PM NFB General Session

7:00 PM Banquet