

Missouri School for the Blind

Session 1 – *Summer Explorations 2024:* *Set Your Sights on Adventure*

Who: Students Who Are Blind/Visually Impaired grades 8 – 12

Where: Missouri School for the Blind (MSB)
3815 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110

When: **Session 1:** July 8 - July 19 (10 days)

What: Missouri School for the Blind is pleased to offer ***Summer Explorations: Set Your Sights on Adventure***, a two-week opportunity for students to explore concepts in leisure recreation and community-based orientation and mobility. During the first week of their ***Adventure***, students will visit a variety of St. Louis-area sites where they will review and develop their orientation and mobility and compensatory (VI) skills while exploring community-based leisure recreation activities.

During the second week, the group will travel to YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, Missouri, to camp under the supervision of MSB staff. Each day at Trout Lodge, students will participate in a variety of fun and educational activities that include hiking, fishing, boating, ziplining, arts and crafts and more. MSB staff will design each activity and lesson to teach students to optimize their orientation and mobility and compensatory skills to access community-based leisure recreation opportunities and increase their independence within the expanded core curriculum.

The goal of ***Summer Explorations: Set Your Sights on Adventure*** is to introduce and help students explore a variety of community-based activities they may continue pursuing as leisure recreation into adulthood.

Costs: ***FREE***. Transportation, activities, room and board are all provided ***FREE*** of charge.

How: Complete the registration form found on the MSB website and submit it by May 1, 2024 to:

Missouri School for Blind
Attn: Summer Programs
3815 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110

If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact Andrea Stoffel, Community Relations Facilitator at 314-776-4320 or via e-mail at andrea.stoffel@msb.dese.mo.gov

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Explorations in STEAM

Session 2 – Summer Explorations 2024:

Cardboard Engineering

Who: Students Who Are Blind/Visually Impaired in Grades 8 – 12

Where: Missouri School for the Blind (MSB)
3815 Magnolia
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

When: **Session 1:** July 22 – August 2, 2024 (10 days)

What: ***Explorations in STEAM: Cardboard Engineering*** is an exciting, interactive opportunity for students to work alongside our experienced ***STEAM*** staff to develop skills in teamwork and scientific inquiry which will allow them to increase their independence while participating in hands-on activities and exploring engineering and art principals. During ***Explorations in STEAM: Cardboard Engineering*** students will exercise their design smarts, expand their thinking, and learn the basics of physics and engineering with activities that have real-life applications. Students will use their imaginations to collaborate and solve problems all while having fun. During ***Explorations in STEAM: Cardboard Engineering*** students will also get to experience dorm life and exciting evening activities throughout the week.

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Explorations in Performing Arts

Session 1 & 2 – Summer Explorations 2024:

Musical Summer Theatre

Who: Students Who Are Blind/Visually Impaired in Grades 3 – 10

Where: Missouri School for the Blind (MSB)
3815 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110

When: **Session 1 & 2:** July 8 – August 2, 2024 (20 days)

What: *Explorations in Performing Arts: Musical Summer Theatre* is a 20-day immersion program designed to introduce students to a wide variety of musical and theatrical skills and concepts through a hands-on learning model. During *Musical Summer Theatre* students will explore the exciting field of musical theater. Participants will learn about both the performance and backstage aspects of musical theater. Student participants will explore singing, character development, line delivery, and choreography. Backstage aspects will include building sets; selecting and making props; selecting and/or creating costumes, lighting, and sound. Students will create and perform professional and student-created works as well as improvisational scenes. During *Musical Summer Theatre*, students will learn performance skills by experiencing and participating in a variety of lessons and activities. Additionally, students will attend a live music or theatre performance. The culminating experience will be held in our own Samuel Green Auditorium with a reception to follow.

Costs: **FREE.** Transportation, activities, room and board are all provided **FREE** of charge.

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Sessions 1 & 2 – *Summer Explorations 2024:* *Work Training and Experience Program*

Who: Students Who Are Blind/Visually Impaired ages 16 – 21, **who have not graduated from high school.**

Where: Missouri School for the Blind (MSB)
3815 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110

When: **Session 1 & 2:** July 8 – August 2, 2024 (20 days)

What: Missouri School for the Blind and in conjunction with community partner(s) are pleased to collaborate this summer to provide Missouri students with the opportunity to get paid while going to Summer School. During this unique job training program students will participate in employment and employment training opportunities on and off-campus while working in community-based jobs. Students will be paid minimum wage for up to 36 hours per week for training and job experience hours (work hours are not guaranteed due to availability in community venues). A student will not be eligible to participate in the Work Training Program if they had worked at the location before. **Space in the program is limited so apply early!**

Costs: **FREE.** Transportation, activities, room, and board are all provided **FREE** of charge.

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