# E-CONNECTOR

# News from Colorado Parents of Blind Children (CO-POBC)

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# Editor's Note:

Please contact us if you have an announcement you would like included in the newsletter or if you would like to add a friend or family member to the e-mail list. Direct all communications to:

<u>copobc.newsletter@gmail.com</u>, attention Julie Hunter, editor.





## **NEWSLETTER CHANGES**

## Dear Reader:

The e-Connector is launching a somewhat revised format. We will still come to you monthly, with news tidbits, calendar items and reminders, but with fewer commentaries. Keeping you connected to local, state and national activities concerning blindness is our priority. Contributions from readers are always appreciated and will be published promptly.

Calendar activities will be divided into "Future Activities" for the benefit of long-range planning, and a separate listing for activities taking place in the month of the newsletter publication. The first time a calendar entry appears it will be marked with an asterisk.



# FREE SLATE & STYLUS PROGRAM

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The NFB has started a new program whereby you can receive a free 4-line, 28 cell, metal slate and round plastic handle stylus. For anyone who doesn't know, a slate is a thin, hinged, pocket sized device which will clamp over a piece of paper. It is designed in such a way that a pointed stylus can be poked into the Braille cell divisions in the slate to create Braille across the page. Just as a sighted person can grab a pencil to jot down a phone number, the slate and stylus allows a blind person to take notes wherever and whenever the need arises. You can order your free slate by visiting https://nfb.org/free-slateprogram.

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TVI, Michelle Chacon, asked that we alert readers that Adams 50 school district is seeking certified Braille transcribers. For more information about transcriber job opportunities, <u>click here</u>.



# FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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\* <u>June 7</u>: *FAST* Saturday A CCB Youth Program

# **GOAL BALL!**

10 am–2 pm at the Colorado Center for the Blind, 2233 W. Shepperd Ave. Littleton, CO

Parents are invited to join in the game. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by May 31 to Brent Batron:

bbatron@cocenter.org or 303-778-1130 ext. 222. There is NO COST for this event.

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June 9 - June 27: Confidence Camp for Kids

Skills development and activities for elementary aged kids. Space is limited so please call or email for an application. Brent Batron: <u>bbatron@cocenter.org</u> or 303-778-1130 ext. 222

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# July 1-July 6: NFB National Convention

Orlando, Florida. Parent Seminar Day is July 1. More information at <u>NFB.org</u>.

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July 12: FAST Saturday A CCB Youth Program

# TANDEM CYCLING!

10 am–2 pm at the Colorado Center for the Blind, 2233 W. Shepperd Ave. Littleton, CO

Lunch will be provided. Brent Batron: <u>bbatron@cocenter.org</u> or 303-778-1130 ext. 222. There is NO COST for this event.

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July 14-25: BELL Program Colorado Springs

Braille Enrichment Camp. For more information see the March e-Connector by <u>clicking</u> <u>here</u>.

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July 21-August 1: BELL Program Denver Metro

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# **MAY CALENDAR**

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May 2: FAST Saturday A CCB Youth Program

# FIELD DAY!

10 am–2 pm at the Colorado Center for the Blind, 2233 W. Shepperd Ave. Littleton, CO

Kids 5-18 and their families are invited for a field day where we will play some goal ball, beep baseball and other fun sports that the kids are sure to love! For more information contact Brent Batron:

bbatron@cocenter.org or 303-778-1130 ext. 222. There is NO COST for this event.

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May 31: RSVP Deadline for June 7 FAST Saturday as described in the Future Activities Calendar above.