

Northern Plains Visions of Sport Camp

“I can do anything.”

Dear Friends,

Would you like your child or student to have fun in a safe environment with other youth with similar abilities? If your answer is “yes,” we are preparing this opportunity at the sixth annual **Northern Plains Visions of Sport Camp** at Bemidji State University, located about 200 miles north of the Twin Cities in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Campers will be going for the gold in this one-week, comprehensive, developmental sport camp for youth aged 8 to 18 who are visually impaired or blind. To be eligible to attend, individuals must have a primary disability of visual impairment or blindness. Children with severe mental or physical disabilities, certain heart or seizure conditions, or emotional/behavior disorders are not eligible for this camp.

The purpose of this camp is to act as an agent that will socialize youth into sport so they can bridge the gap from where they are now to a lifestyle that includes physical activity. We hope to serve 30 to 40 campers who vary in background and skill levels, abilities, and experiences in physical activity. Our counselors are pooled from physical education and special education undergraduate and graduate programs from the Northern Plains area. Many of our technicians will be Paralympic coaches and athletes, along with professors in developmental adapted physical education.

The sports and lifetime leisure activities offered at Northern Plains Visions of Sport Camp include goalball, beep baseball, track and field, judo, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, wall-climbing, fishing, weight training, and others. Other sports such as horseback riding, sailing, and water skiing may be available if staffing permits. The curriculum goal for all sessions is fun, and the schedule allows plenty of opportunities to participate in typical camp activities.

Enclosed is an application form and brochure about the program. If you are interested in having your child or student attend, please return the completed and signed application immediately as acceptance is on a first-come, first served basis. After we receive your completed application, our acceptance committee will review it, and, if eligible, you will receive a medical form which must be completed by a physician.

We look forward to welcoming your child or student to a terrific sport camp experience here at Northern Plains Visions of Sport Camp at Bemidji State University.

Sincerely,

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