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2024 STATE CONVENTION

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**Friday through Sunday,
October 11 - 13, 2024**

**The Southbank Hotel and Conference Center,
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1515 Prudential Dr.
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904-396-5100**

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the Blind

To achieve Equality, Opportunity,

And Security for the blind;

To support the policies and programs of the

Federation;

And to abide by its constitution.

Important Convention Information

You must be registered for the Convention to WIN door prizes.

Door prizes will be awarded at general sessions and the banquet. You must be PRESENT in the session or on approved National Federation of the Blind of Florida business to receive a door prize.

Please turn in Dolla' auction items and door prizes at the NFB of Florida Registration Desk in the Propeller Room, Friday, October 11th from 3:30 - 6:30 or contact Peggy Fleischer at 386-931-2132.

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Masks are optional at our convention. If any attendees wish to wear a mask, they may feel free to do so. The National Federation of the Blind of Florida will follow the hotel's policies. We will additionally follow any guidelines mandated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local, state, or federal entities that may be enacted up until the close of our convention.

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By appointment – Please make appointments by contacting President Hernandez at 305-877-2311 or President@NFBFlorida.org.

Hospitality Suite – Room 125

Friday, October 11th, 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday, October 12th, 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Sunday, October 13th, 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Exhibit Hall – Starboard Ballroom

Russ Davis, Exhibit Hall Coordinator

Friday, October 11th, 12:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday, October 12th, 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday, October 13th, 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Registration – Propeller Room

Sylvia Young, Treasurer

Friday, October 11th, 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Saturday, October 12th, 8:00am – 8:45am
Sunday, October 13th, 8:00am – 8:45am

The Big Red Bus - Rope Room

Friday, October 11th, 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturday, October 12th, 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday, October 13th, 12:00pm – 5:00pm

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Saturday, October 12th, 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday, October 13th, 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Tactile Art Show and Sale - Bridge Foyer

Friday, October 11th, 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Saturday and Sunday, 12:00pm – 6:00pm in Exhibit Hall

Schedule of Convention Events

Friday, October 11, 2024

12:00pm - 7:00pm **Exhibit Hall - Starboard Ballroom**
Russ Davis, Coordinator
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

3:30pm - 6:30pm **Tactile Art Show and Sale**
Bridge Foyer
Vicki Lennon, National Federation
of the Blind of Florida, Greater
Jacksonville Chapter member

3:30pm - 6:30pm **Convention Registration**
Propeller Room
Sylvia Young, Treasurer, National
Federation of the Blind of Florida

- 4:00pm - 5:00pm** **Volunteers & Talking Signs**
Meet-up
Hotel Lobby
Doug Ingram, Ambassadors
Committee Chair, National
Federation of the Blind of Florida
- 5:00pm** **Guided Hotel Tour**
Led by Doug Ingram
Hotel Lobby
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm** **Mix & Mingle**
Members & Exhibitors
Windward and Starboard Ballrooms
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm** **Rookie Round-up**
Port Ballroom
Jorge Hernandez, President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida
- 7:00pm - 7:50pm** **Resolutions Committee**
Port Ballroom
Camille Tate, Chair, Resolutions
Committee, National Federation of
the Blind of Florida

8:00pm - 9:00pm **Open Board Meeting**
Port Ballroom
Jorge Hernandez, President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

9:00pm – Until **Students Social - Networking**
Tug Room
Z’Leah Liburd, President, Florida
Association of Blind Students

Saturday, October 12, 2024

7:30am - 8:45am **Devotions**
Tug Room
The Blind Christians Group

8:00am - 8:45am **Convention Registration**
Propeller Room
Sylvia Young, Treasurer, National
Federation of the Blind of Florida

General Session I

9:00am to 12:00 Noon

Port Ballroom

9:00am

Call to Order

Jorge Hernandez, President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

9:05am

Invocation

Jodi Rice, Pastor, St Andrews
Lutheran Church By The Sea

9:10am

Pledge of Allegiance

Jeffery Davis, Vice President,
Tallahassee Chapter, National
Federation of the Blind of Florida

9:13am

National Anthem

Z'Leah Liburd, President, Statewide
Chapter, National Federation of the
Blind of Florida

9:16am **National Federation of the Blind
Pledge**

Alexandra Diggs, Treasurer,
Tallahassee Chapter, National
Federation of the Blind of Florida

9:18am **National Federation of the Blind
One Minute Message**

Carrie Renwick, Tallahassee
Chapter, National Federation of the
Blind of Florida

9:20am **Welcome Host Chapters**

Kaye Baker, President, Greater
Jacksonville Chapter and Donald
Christie, President Tallahassee
Chapter

9:30am **Welcome from the City of
Jacksonville**

Kara Tucker, Chief of Disabled
Services Division, City of
Jacksonville, Florida

- 9:40am** **Jacksonville Transportation Authority**
Greer Johnson Gillis, P.E. Senior Vice President, Chief Infrastructure and Development Officer
- 9:55am** **National Report**
Everett Bacon, National Rep, Second Vice President, National Federation of the Blind
- 10:30am** **Report from the Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library**
Nicole Saunders
- 10:45am** **ABLE United**
- 11:00am** **Better Business Enterprise**
Food Services, Inc. of Gainesville
- 11:15am** **Florida School of The Deaf and Blind**
- 11:30am** **Charter-Spectrum Communications**
Petr Kucheryavyy, Senior Manager, Accessibility Center of Excellence

- 11:45am Acknowledgements and announcements**
- 12:00pm Adjournment**
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch - On your own**
Grab and Go lunches available in lobby-\$16 cash only
- 12:00pm - 12:45pm Treasurers Lunch**
Navigator
Sylvia Young, Treasurer
National Federation of the Blind of Florida
- 12:00pm - 6:00pm Exhibit Hall – Starboard Ballroom**
- 12:00pm - 6:00pm Hospitality Suite Room 125**
- 12:00pm – 6:00pm The Big Red Bus**

**Saturday Special Interest Meetings and
Workshops
1:00pm to 5:00pm**

1:00pm - 1:50pm Tactile Art
Sail Room
Vicki Lennon, Greater Jacksonville
Chapter Member

Back by popular demand! Art you can feel! Come learn how to create your own beautiful pieces of art.

1:00pm - 2:50pm Deaf-Blind Division Annual Meeting
Port Ballroom
Marilyn Baldwin, President, Deaf-Blind Division of Florida

Living with the dual sensory loss of hearing and vision.

1:00pm - 1:50pm Meet the 2024 Florida Leadership Class
Anchor Room
Camille Tate, First Vice President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

Come and meet the graduates of our 2024 Florida leadership seminar! Hear about their experiences and

what they learned. Ask all the questions you could ever think of and learn about our wonderful organization.

2:00pm - 2:50pm **Better Business Enterprise**
Sail Room
Food Services, Inc. of Gainesville

2:00pm - 2:50pm **Reading Roundup**
Tug Room
Russ Davis, Board Member
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

Books, BARD, and so much more! Join us for a lively discussion on the joys of reading. Come ready to share not only what you're reading but how you're making it happen. There's BARD and Bookshare and so much more.

3:00pm - 3:50pm **ABLE United**
Sail Room

It's more than saving. It's investing for a better life.

3:00pm - 3:50pm **Harnessing the Power of AI**
Tug Room
Peggy Fleischer, , Board Member
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

AI is the newest buzzword in the technology arena. Find out how harnessing the power of AI can work in your daily life.

3:00pm - 3:50pm

Audio Description at Your Fingertips for Free

Anchor Room

Petr Kucheryavyy, Charter-Spectrum Communications

4:00pm - 4:50pm

FABS Annual Business Meeting

Tug Room

Z'Leah Liburd, President, Florida Association of Blind Students

4:00pm - 4:50pm

FLAGDU Re-Vamp

Sail Room

Board of Directors, National Federation of the Blind of Florida

4:00pm - 4:50pm

Dress for Success, Dress with No Stress

Anchor Room

Tricia Weckter, Blind Girl Design
Shannon Harvey, The Men's Warehouse

Ever wondered what to wear for work or interviews? How about for a casual day out with family and friends? Shannon from The Men's Warehouse and Trish from Blind Girl Designs are here to share what works best for all occasions!

5:00pm

**Florida Statewide Chapter
Annual Business Meeting**

Tug Room

Z'Leah Liburd, President, Florida
Statewide Chapter

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner - on your own

7:00pm

Dolla' Auction

Windward Ballroom

Auctioneers James Jacobs & Sarah
Jacobs, Greater Jacksonville
Chapter, National Federation of the
Blind of Florida

Bring your dollar bills! We are having a Dolla' Auction! How does it work? Make sure you bring your singles and let the fun begin! Each item in this auction will go one dollar at a time. If you see an item you like, hold up your buck and say your name "got a dollar". We will take your dollar but wait...others can bid a dollar against you, so pay attention!

Sunday, October 12, 2024

7:30am - 8:00am

Devotions

Tug Room

The Blind Christians Group

8:00am - 8:45am

Nominating Committee

Delegates only

Sail Room

Miranda Kilby, President, Tampa

Bay Chapter

8:00am - 8:45am

Convention Registration

Final Opportunity!!

Propeller Room

Sylvia Young, Treasurer, National

Federation of the Blind of Florida

General Session II

9:00am - 12:00pm

Port Ballroom

9:00am

Call to Order

Jorge Hernandez, President,

National Federation of the Blind of

Florida

- 9:01am** **Invocation**
John Johnson, Vice President,
Miami Dade Chapter
- 9:05am** **Why I am a Federationists**
Jada Micheal-Christie, Member of
Tallahassee Chapter
- 9:10am** **President's Report**
Jorge Hernandez, President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida
- 9:30am** **Treasurer's Report**
Sylvia Young, Treasurer, National
Federation of the Blind of Florida
- 9:45am** **Resolutions Committee Report**
Camille Tate, Chair, Resolutions
Committee
- 10:10am** **Division of Blind Services**
Robert Doyle, Director
- 10:55am** **Nominating Committee Report**
Miranda Kilby, President, Tampa
Bay Chapter

- 11:00am** **Elections**
- 11:55am** **Announcements & Adjournment**
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm** **Lunch - On your own**
Grab and Go lunches available in lobby-\$16 cash only
- 12:00pm - 12:50pm** **Secretaries Lunch**
Navigator
Kaye Baker, Secretary, National
Federation of the Blind of Florida
- 12:00pm - 5:00pm** **Exhibit Hall – Starboard Ballroom**
- 12:00pm - 5:00pm** **Hospitality Suite Room 125**
- 12:00pm – 5:00pm** **The Big Red Bus**

Sunday General Interest Meetings and Workshops 1:00pm to 5:00pm

1:00pm - 1:50pm Resume Building with AI
Anchor Room
Jorge Hernandez, President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

Ever wonder what to write in your resume? Unsure what makes a resume catch the attention of employers? Join us to find out how Chat GPT can help create a stand-out resume.

1:00pm - 1:50pm Diversity and Inclusion
Sail Room
Marilyn Baldwin, Chair

Vote 411 and Accessible Voting Information.

1:00pm - 1:50pm Self-Advocacy
Tug Room
Camille Tate, First Vice-President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

Advocating for Ourselves. How do we best advocate for ourselves? When is the right time to assert our rights and how can we educate the public on the courtesies when meeting a blind person for the first time? Come and learn

some of the best practices for self-advocacy, from asking for assistance to refusing the wheelchair at airports. We are the experts in what we need, so let's hear how we can best advocate for ourselves.

2:00pm - 3:50pm

Legislation

Port Ballroom

Russ Davis, Legislative Director

Camille Tate, Legislative Director

Your Florida Legislative Directors will lead a crucial discussion on the importance of voting and how our voices must be heard. We'll also cover in detail NFB of Florida's specific legislative priorities for 2025. Find out more about plans our to march on Tallahassee early next year.

2:00pm - 2:50pm

Sighted Supporters Meeting

Tug Room

Sylvia Young, Treasurer, National Federation of the Blind of Florida

Do you ever wonder where the supporter gets support. Join us in this open discussion among sighted federation members who support and encourage our blind federation family and friends to live the life they want. Special Guest, Jada Michael Christie.

3:00pm - 3:50pm

Adjustment to Blindness

Tug Room

Camille Tate and Russ Davis,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

New to blindness? Let's have a conversation with each other on what works for us and how we can travel this journey together.

3:00pm - 3:50pm

Job Search Resources

Sail Room

Kaye Baker, Secretary, National
Federation of the Blind of Florida

Searching for employment? Where can you seek your new career? There are many tools available at your fingertips to find your dream job. Come to find the most accessible places to jump start your career.

4:00pm - 4:50am

President's Reception

Navigator Room

Jorge Hernandez, President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

The presidents and vice-presidents are invited to a reception with Everett Bacon, National Rep, Second Vice President of the National Federation of the Blind.

Convention Banquet
Sunday, October 13, 2024

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Miranda Kilby, Mistress of Ceremonies
Port and Windward Ballrooms

7:00pm

Call to Order

Jorge Hernandez, President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Florida

7:05pm

Introduction of Head Table

Miranda Kilby, President of Tampa
Bay Chapter, Mistress of
Ceremonies, National Federation of
the Blind of Florida

7:10pm

Invocation

Joyce Taylor, President, Melbourne
Space Coast Chapter

7:15pm

Keynote Address

Everett Bacon, National Rep,
Second Vice President, National
Federation of the Blind

- 8:00pm** **Remembering our Lost Members**
Judith Hamilton, President,
Gainesville Chapter
- 8:15pm** **Presentation of Scholarship**
Winners
Denise Valkema, Second Vice
President, Chair, Scholarship
Committee, National Federation of
the Blind of Florida
- 8:45pm** **Awards Presentation**
Peggy Fleischer, Board Member,
Convention Chair, National
Federation of the Blind of Florida
- 9:45pm** **Raffles and Drawings**
- 10:00pm** **Adjournment**

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Southbank Hotel by Marriott-Description 2024 National Federation of the Blind of Florida State Convention

The Greater Jacksonville and Greater Daytona Chapters of the National Federation of the Blind of Florida are ready to welcome you to our 2024 State convention at the Southbank Hotel.

Built in 1981, the Southbank Hotel is nestled on the south bank of the St Johns River and boasts convenience to both the San Marco and Riverside neighborhoods. The hotel has many amenities including an outdoor pool, fitness center and on-site bar and restaurant. The hotel has been recently renovated and draws inspiration from the many ports and bridges around Jacksonville.

As we enter the hotel's entrance, we find ourselves in a spacious lobby. The lobby area is shaped like a rectangle, with the entrance and elevators on the short sides of the rectangle, and the check-in area and bar along the long sides. If we were to walk straight upon entering the lobby we would come to a seating area with several couches and tables. This area can be best identified by the carpeting on the floor. The carpet is a great landmark to help us find the check-in desk, so after entering the main entrance, we will walk straight until we encounter the carpet, then make a right. Follow the carpet until it ends, then continue walking straight, and the check-

in counter will be right in front of us. Immediately to the right of the counter is an ATM machine.

If we place the counter on our right and continue walking straight, the next area we come to will be a vending area. Here, items such as snacks, Starbucks coffee, sodas and other sundries can be purchased. Note, the machine used to purchase the items is currently not accessible, so a member of the hotel staff, friend or volunteer will be happy to assist.

Making a right immediately after the check-in counter ends will lead down a long hallway which has the fitness center on the left, and a vending machine containing medical supplies such as pain relievers and masks.

Continuing past the vending area will bring us to a water station on the right. The water station is a table with a water cooler and cups sitting on it. There is also a trash can directly to the left of the water station so that any used cups can be discarded.

Once we come to the end of the water station, there will be a column on the left. This column is a good indicator that the hallway that leads to the elevators is coming up soon. Turning right at the next hall, will lead into the hallway that holds both the elevators and Convention center. The elevators are to the left, and convention center to the right.

For now, let's return to the main entrance, and explore the other side of the lobby. This time, from the entrance, we will again go straight until we get to the carpet, but instead of a right, we will turn left. Walk until the carpet ends on the right and turn right again. Johnny's bar will be immediately on the left.

If we continue past Johnny's and walk until the wall on our left side ends, the hotel restaurant will be straight ahead. The restaurant currently is open for breakfast only.

If we pass Johnny's and make a left when the wall ends, we will enter an area that has a pool table and a foosball table. Going straight will take us to an exit door. This door can be used to get to one of the dog relief areas.

For this exit door, a room key is not needed. Once we have exited the hotel, we will continue to walk straight until we reach a sidewalk. Make a right on the sidewalk and keep walking straight. One great landmark is the sound of the air conditioning units. Once we hear the AC units we know the dog relief area is on the right. A trash can with baggies is also being provided. To find this continue down the sidewalk until it veers to the left. Once the sidewalk turns, start checking on the right for the trash can and bag stand.

Now that we are back in the hotel, let's check out the convention center area. Remember that if we enter the hallway just after the water station, the elevators will be on

the left, and the convention center on the right. The convention center is shaped like a crescent, with 3 entrances. When we first enter the convention center, we will find ourselves in the pre-function registration area. This is where we will hold convention registration. Making a right here will take us down a long hall with meeting rooms on the right, and seating on the left. The first meeting room we come to is Anchor, followed by Rope. After Rope is an open area with hallways that lead to the hospitality suite, the pool, and the second dog relief area. If we turn right here, we will come to some restrooms, and an exit that leads out to the pool. If we make a left instead of a right, we will come to a hall with some suites, including our hospitality suite and an exit. Using this exit to get to the second dog relief area will require a room key.

However, if we continue going straight through the open area and down the hallway, we will come to a dead end. If we make a left here, there will be windows on the right, and Port Ballroom on the left. Port is where our General Session will be held. The next room is Winward which is where the auction will be held. Starboard is next which is where our exhibit hall will be.

Remember that when we were in the pre-function area, we made a right to get to the meeting rooms. Now let's go back to the pre-function area and make a left. Doing this will bring us to a hallway with meeting rooms on either side. The first room on the right is Tug, on the left

are Rigging and Sail. There are two final rooms that should be mentioned. They are just outside of the pre-function area. If we are coming from the elevators and walking straight, they will be on the right. Those rooms are called Commerce and Dockside.

Now that we have finished our tour of this great hotel, it is time to get ready for an awesome state convention. Remember that if you get a little lost listen for the talking signs. We will have talking signs and ambassadors throughout the hotel to assist whenever needed.

Also, don't hesitate to reach out to either of the host chapters or the state board with any questions or concerns.

Nearby Pharmacies:

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Publix – Shops at East San Marco

2039 Hendricks Ave.

Jacksonville, FL. 32207

Distance from hotel = 1.5 miles

(904) 523-7317

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San Marco Animal Hospital

1546 San Marco Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL. 32207

Distance from hotel = 0.9 miles

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Jacksonville, FL. 32216
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The National Federation of the Blind of Florida thanks the Jacksonville and Tallahassee Chapters, the Convention Planning Committee, and everyone who assisted for their dedication and hard work organizing the 2024 state convention. We thank all of our members for joining and supporting us here in Jacksonville, Florida. We acknowledge all our sponsors for their generous donations, as well as everyone who contributed to the development process to make our convention a great success. We look forward to continuing to work with all of you in 2025.

Let's go build the Federation!

Sincerely,

Jorge Hernandez, President

National Federation of the Blind of Florida

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