

**Montana Association for the Blind - Annual Convention**  
**"Stepping into the Future" Sept. 12-14, 2025**  
**Comfort Inn – Bozeman**

Calling all MAB members, vendors, and community!

Please join us for our action packed 2025 convention "Stepping into the Future". This mailing includes the most recent version of our full schedule as well as a registration form.

Note: We encourage you to arrive just after lunchtime on Friday as we are offering crafts and games! Can't come early? Join us Friday evening for the vendor expo, live auction, and live music. You can come solo or invite a guest to this free event.

Please mail your completed registration form and payment to:  
Bozeman Chapter MAB, PO Box 6797, Bozeman, MT 59771-6797

Room reservations need to be made by August 12, 2025. Please contact the Comfort Inn directly: (406) 587-2322. Ask for the MAB rate of \$165.00 per night before tax, which includes a hot breakfast. The Comfort Inn is located at 1370 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Bozeman, near Walmart.

We look forward to a fun weekend with you!  
Bozeman Chapter MAB

Questions? Please call Todd at (406) 600-7548 or email:  
[bozemanmab@gmail.com](mailto:bozemanmab@gmail.com).

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**Schedule: Please note: this is a draft schedule & subject to change**  
Friday, September 12, 2025

10:00am – 3:00pm Tour of Low Vision Center (LVC)  
Come visit our LVC at 220 W. Lamme, Suite B9-2, Bozeman and see what aids and devices might work for you.

1:00pm – 4:30pm MAB State board meeting, Garnett room

2:00pm Registration tables open

2:00pm Vendor tables open, Madison room

2:00pm Silent Auction tables open (closes Saturday at 4:45)

2:00pm – 4:30pm Crafts and games for all, Spanish Peaks room

4:30pm – 5:30pm FREE pizza sponsored by: TBD

5:30pm Kick-off convention with a flag ceremony

Welcome message from Bozeman chapter and MAB President.

6:00pm – 8:00pm Vendor expo with live music

8:00pm – 9:00pm Live Auction

9:00pm – 10:00pm Pool party

Come wind down and hang out at the pool or hot tub. Fellowship and friendships are sure to be had. Note: pool room closes at 10

## **Saturday, September 13, 2025**

7:00am – 8:00am Chair stretching with Debbie

Bring your bodies as we warm up. Get your heart going and limber up as you start your day.

7:30am – 8:30am Breakfast hosted by \_\_\_ Chapter MAB

Join us in the front lobby, and our host will make you feel welcomed and engaged as you enjoy your breakfast and kick off the day.

8:30am Welcome message

8:30 Vendor booth open, Madison room

8:45am – 9:30am Breakout Session 1

Presentation 1A –Mobility and beyond travel, canes and wearables and the future  
Presentation 1B -

9:45am – 10:30am Breakout Session 2

Presentation 2A – Panel discussion: successful individuals who have made steps toward independence

Presentation 2B – Guide Dogs for the Blind, programs and updates

10:45am – 11:30am Breakout Session 3

Presentation 3A – Community programs and supports, a guide/path for you  
Presentation 3B –

11:45am – 12:45 pm Lunch (buffet style taco/potato bar)

Presentations by: Ski for Light, Talking Book Library MT, NFB News Line, I Can Connect, and Blind and Low Vision Services of MT

1:00 pm – 4:30pm Business meeting, President Doug Robinson

2:30pm – 3:00pm Take a break and stretch by grabbing a snack, step outside for some fresh air, or capture some goodies from the silent auction

### **Saturday, September 13, 2025 (cont.)**

4:45pm Silent auction closes

6:00pm Dinner (buffet style)

6:45pm MAB Awards and scholarship presentations

7:00pm – 8:00pm Keynote speaker, Bridget Wilkinson

9:00pm – 10:00pm Pool party

Join your friends, relax by the pool, and reminisce about everything that happened throughout your day. Note: pool closes at 10:00

### **Sunday, September 14, 2025**

7:30am – 8:30am Breakfast hosted by \_\_\_ Chapter MAB

Join us in the front lobby, and our host will make you feel welcomed and engaged as you enjoy your breakfast and kick off the day.

8:30am Memorial service

Join us as Pastor Benny McCracken leads us in a memorial service as we honor those who have passed over the last year. Light reception afterward.

10:00am Installation of officers & MAB board meeting

**Travel safely. We will see you next year.**

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REGISTRATION - 1 person per form, please

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Costs:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Entire Convention (\$50) includes:

Friday: opening ceremony, vendor show, live auction

Saturday: sessions, lunch, business meeting, dinner

Sunday: memorial service, reception, installation of new officers

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. lunch-only ticket. Buffet style taco/potato buffet. (\$12.50)

Special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. dinner-only ticket. Buffet style **Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Chicken with ricotta & sun-dried tomato or Thin sliced steak with Roasted peppers and Gravy, salad, rice Pilaf, and a charcuterie board.** (\$27.50)

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ MAB short sleeve t-shirt (\$20) SIZE: Sm Med Lg XL 2X 3X 4X

Description: white on blue; MAB logo (front); guidelines (back)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL (make checks payable to Bozeman MAB)

Program preference: \_\_\_ Large Print \_\_\_ Std Print \_\_\_ Braille \_\_\_ Email

Mail registration to: BMAB, P.O. Box 6797, Bozeman, MT 59771  
(postmark deadline Aug. 20)

Questions?? Ask Todd Fahlstrom, Convention Chair

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