

# “Beyond Barriers”



What: Annual state convention, MT Assoc. for the Blind  
When: Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Sept. 22, 2024  
Conf. cost: \$50.00  
Location: Comfort Inn  
1370 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
Hotel phone: (406) 587-2322  
Room rates: \$155.00 plus taxes and fees (includes hot breakfast)

Being visually impaired, no matter the degree, has many challenges. You could say one puts up barriers or walls when confronted with such an event as vision loss. As we gather for the 2024 Annual Conference, our goal is to better understand how we can thrive through blindness and go beyond barriers.

Conference attendees will:

- Meet others with visual impairments to normalize your fears.
- Connect with vendors who have found ways to adapt, impact, and challenge others to Thrive.
- Engage in activities like water aerobics, challenge yourself in an art studio, and tour a guided history museum.
- Get involved in an organization that helps increase independence to those who are impacted with vision loss.
- Be inspired through our keynote speakers Kristin Smedley and Charlie Collins of Thriving Blind Academy who tackle life challenges for many pillars of vision loss daily.

Vendors details:

Vendor fees: \$100.00 (includes 1 ticket for both lunch and dinner on Saturday)  
Non-profits: \$25.00 (no meals included)  
Set-up Friday Sept. 20 at 1 PM and tear down on Saturday by 4:30 PM.  
Vendor expo Friday night from 7-9 PM with live music.

For schedules, vendor applications & sponsorship opportunities contact:

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