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

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.