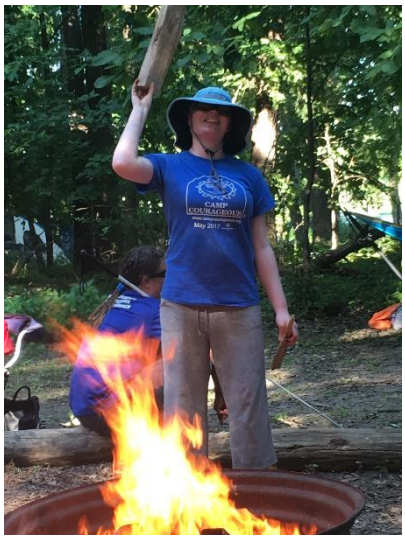
LEAP
Leadership Education Advocacy Program
June 7, 2020 – August 8, 2020



LEAP is a nine-week residential program providing youth ages 14 – 21 the chance to learn blindness skills, build confidence, and prepare for their transition to higher education or to enter the workplace with confidence. Students will learn how to be successful with braille, technology, travel, home management, college preparation, job readiness training, independent living, and gain a positive philosophy through training with positive blind role models. Students and staff reside on a college campus and travel to and from classes held at the Department each day.

It's not all work at LEAP - students participate in a wide variety of activities including canoeing, camping, attending an Iowa Cubs game, rock climbing, going to the movies, hanging out at the mall, jumping around at a trampoline park, Adventureland, playing Goalball, grilling, swimming, and much more!

In addition, each student has the choice to attend either the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) or the American Council of the Blind (ACB) conventions held in July. These conventions offer students a wide variety of resources from across the country and even the world, including career-driven divisions, technology workshops, job fairs, networking opportunities, and advocacy opportunities.

Please apply online at:
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Priority Application Deadline: March 15, 2020

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