

2018 Camp Abilities Olympia

We host an annual summer sports camp for visually impaired and blind children. 70% of all children who are visually impaired or blind are considered obese. We know that part of this problem comes from these group of children not being included in school sports due to safety concerns. Our camp teaches the visually impaired and blind children how to play sports safely and we also teach them to become advocates for themselves in life. Our hope is these kids return to school and teach their Physical Education Teachers or Coaches how they can be included in school sports safely.

Our organization serves the visually impaired and blind youth community of Western Washington State. We teach these children who have had limited exposure to sports how to play sports safely with the help of adaptive equipment and education. We also promote empowerment for these children in hopes that they will see that their disability should not prevent anything from doing anything in life. We achieve these goals by providing a 1 week long summer camp that exposes the children to 12 different sports. Our hope is these children return to school and play a school sport or participate in Physical Education classes, in some cases for the first time.

Our 3rd Summer camp that will be hosted on the campus of Saint Martin's University in Lacey, WA will be a (5) day overnight sports camp with 25 campers. The camp will have a total of (12) sports offered to the children along with art, baking, music and a talent show. We also offer (3) field trips over the course of the week that take the kids on a nature hike with local mountaineering club, kayaking and paddleboarding and rock climbing.

We offer full and partial scholarships to any child who applies to the camp. No child will be turned away for financial concerns.