



**You are invited to the ...  
National Federation of the Blind  
of Michigan  
2009 Annual State Convention**

*“Equality: Taking the Steps, Reaching the Dream”*

*Don't miss this opportunity to hear the latest news impacting the blind community, network with and learn from successful blind individuals and see some of the latest assistive technology.*

When: November 6th – 8th 2009

Where: Grand Rapids Radisson Riverfront  
270 Ann Street NorthWest  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504.

Who should attend?

- Blind or visually impaired persons
- Parents of blind and visually impaired children
- Teachers, Counselors and other Rehabilitation Professionals
- Free child care will be provided during all seminars and the banquet.

How to Register:

- Online registration is available at [www.nfbmi.org](http://www.nfbmi.org) or by completing the attached registration form.

Registration Fees:

- Convention Registration paid by October 26, 2009 is \$15; after October 26<sup>th</sup> \$20
- Banquet tickets purchased by October 26, 2009 are \$20, after October 26<sup>th</sup> \$30

Hotel Room Reservations:

- Call 616-363-9001
- Make your reservation before Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> and be sure to mention “The NFB of Michigan State Convention” to receive a discounted nightly room rate of \$79 plus tax.

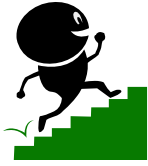


Figure Climbing Steps

## Preliminary Schedule

### *Friday, November 6, 2009*

- 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Technology Exhibits sponsored by MEE Inc. with special emphasis on currency handling and identification.
- 4:00PM – 7:00 PM Registration and Pre-registration Packet pick-up
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM A workshop for parents of blind and visually impaired children presented by the Parents Division and the Michigan Department of Education - Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO).
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Students Division Meeting
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Merchants Division Meeting
- 9:30 PM Euchre tournament; for more details contact Diana Mohnke at [d\\_mohnke18@yahoo.com](mailto:d_mohnke18@yahoo.com) or call 989-640-3171.

### *Saturday, November 7, 2009:*

- 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Resolutions Meeting/breakfast
- 7:00 – 9:00 AM Registration and Pre-registration Packet pick-up
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Morning General Session
- 12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM Lunch Break
- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Afternoon General Session
- 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM: Banquet-- Keynote address by Joanne Wilson, NFB executive director of affiliate action, founder of the Louisiana Center for the Blind and former commissioner of Rehabilitation Services for the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.
- 9:00 PM Auction

### *Sunday, November 8, 2009:*

- 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Business Session with elections and resolutions. If you want to present a resolution to the convention it must be submitted to the resolutions committee. Please contact Dave Robinson by email at [robinsond5@michigan.gov](mailto:robinsond5@michigan.gov) or call 517-775-7943 for more information. All resolutions must be submitted by October 26, 2009.

**Pre-registration Form**  
 NFB of Michigan  
 2009 State Convention November 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

Pre-registration is available online at [www.nfbmi.org](http://www.nfbmi.org) or by completing the form below. (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time attending the NFB MI convention? Yes  No

Is child care needed? Yes  No

If yes, enter number of children  Ages:

Free literature is available at the Convention. What is your preferred reading format? \_\_\_ Print \_\_\_ Braille \_\_\_\_\_ CD (Audio and computer Files)

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
Pre-Registration		\$15.00 each	
Banquet ticket		\$20.00 each	
		Total Amount Due:	\$

Check here if you prefer a vegetarian banquet ticket.

Please make checks payable to: **NFB of Michigan**

Mail to:

**Paulette Powell**  
**3253 Dolores Ave.**  
**Warren, MI 48091**

If you have questions, you may call Paulette or Mike Powell at 586 754-1325.

**In order to qualify for early registration, payment must be received by October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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