

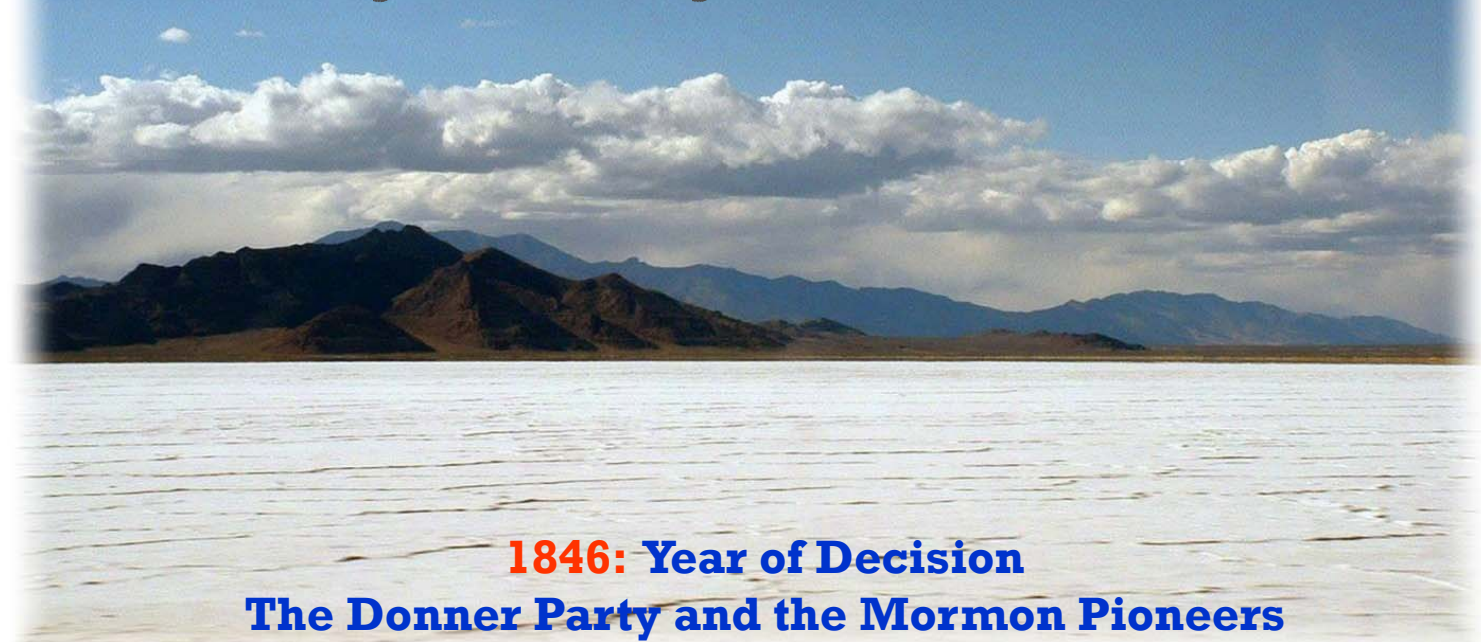
**Kansas State School for the Blind  
and  
Accessible Arts, Inc.**



# **Discovery Trails 2009**

**Combining Outdoor Adventure, History, and the Arts**

**June 6 - June 20, 2009**



**1846: Year of Decision**

**The Donner Party and the Mormon Pioneers**

**—from Missouri to the Great Salt Desert—**

## *Discovery Trails - 2009*

A Special Summer Program Offering at the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB)  
Coordinated by Accessible Arts, Inc.

Welcome to an Adventure of a Lifetime!

This summer will mark our eleventh annual trip following in the footsteps and wagon ruts of the pioneers who traveled across the Indian Territories in the mid-1800's to seek their fortune. I encourage you to apply for this unique opportunity, and promise that it will stretch you to new heights of independence and valuable life skills. You will experience action-packed teamwork amidst some of America's most beautiful and majestic landscapes. You will travel off the beaten path to places the general public seldom sees, and meet people who have a passion for history, for the outdoors and for the arts. There are rivers to wade, mountains to climb, oxen to drive and dramatic pioneer tales all waiting for you!

We'll travel about 2,800 miles by mini-van, stopping often to do things the pioneers did. Every day we get up early, eat up, clean up and pack up for a full day of great adventures ending at a new camp, most often in a place where the pioneers circled their wagons for the night. Everyone participates in all the activities and helps with all the chores—this is NOT a catered vacation. You'll love it after a while because you get good at the skills and everyone pitches in. The music and drama around our campfire can't be beat.

Lastly, this trip is a lot of fun and there will be many students who are also new to the experience, so don't let "not having any friends along" hold you back. By the end of the first day you will have more new friends than you know what to do with. And if you've not done much camping or outdoor exploration, don't worry about it—we all help each other out. Come join us and be a part of history in the making.

Eleanor Craig  
Coordinator and Trail Boss  
Accessible Arts, Inc. and  
Kansas State School for the Blind

PROGRAM SIZE:	18 students who are blind or visually impaired.
AGES:	14 and up.
DATES:	June 6 through June 20, 2009
COST:	\$250 per student, payable by the family or other sources.
HOUSING:	All housing and meals will be provided by Discovery Trails.

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Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (Dad): \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (Dad) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mom) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (Mom): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (Dad) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mom) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of V.I. Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section I:** (To be completed by the **PARENT**)

Tell us why you would like your child included in this program: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Interests and Special Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Eye Condition and Acuity: \_\_\_\_\_

OD: \_\_\_\_\_ OS \_\_\_\_\_ OU \_\_\_\_\_

Student's use of Low Vision Devices/Glasses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Health, Medical Conditions or Disabilities, Special Needs Student May Have: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Can the student administer his/her own medications? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section II:** (To be Completed by the STUDENT)

Tell us what skills and strengths you bring to the Trail group: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section III:** (To be Completed by the TEACHER of the Visually Impaired)

Tell us why your student is a good candidate for this program: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reading Medium: Braille \_\_\_\_\_ Large Print: (point size) \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Print \_\_\_\_\_

Low Vision Devices: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Orientation & Mobility: Does this student travel independently at school? \_\_\_\_\_

Cane Use: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Methods: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2009**

Mail to:

***Discovery Trails - 2009***  
Office of the Superintendent  
Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB)  
1100 State Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas 66102

The fee of \$250.00 is due by May 15, 2009. Make checks payable to "Accessible Arts, Inc."  
If you have questions, please feel free to call:

Eleanor Craig, Trail Boss  
913-281-1133 or cell: 816-721-5016  
800-682-9469

**NOTE:** Space is limited to 18 students. The selection process is based upon the student's age (older students given priority), and other factors. Certain medical conditions may make the rigors of this trip inadvisable. As soon as you've decided to apply, we recommend that you notify Eleanor Craig to reserve a seat in the caravan.