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## Running Blind Annual Report 2022

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**Hello friends, Running Blind members and supporters!** 2022 was a better year for activities with Covid under better control.

### **2022 OUB / RB Boating Adventure Day takes on a new flavor...**

I participated in a weekend event near Grayling on Lake Margareth which involved using two large (voyageur style) canoes. We split up the group and took turns paddling the boats around the lake. There was some challenges to synchronizing the paddle strokes for everyone in the boat to prevent paddles from banging into each other.

So our with Covid more or less in the rearview mirror, the OUB Adventure Camp partnership continued and the event in Grayling was a good event. The group stayed on the property of George Stockton who had provided canoe support for an earlier trip on the Big Manistee river some years ago. His love for canoeing and support for OUB created the driving force for the 2022 camp.

Some kids stayed in tents, but most bunked on the ground in a large garage on foam pads in sleeping bags. There was a large fire pit which was a great gathering place. Food was provided by Running Blind in the form of a pizza dinner delivered from one of the shops in Grayling. The two days spent in Grayling were at the tail end of a longer adventure camp, and after a morning of canoeing, the group packed up their vans and headed back down to Grand Rapids.



**The canoes in action out on the lake!**



George Stockton with friend and supporter Bennie Boyd



Gwenn Botting along with staffers and campers

## **Running Blind Fundraising** *(See our donations link)*

I have not conducted a formal fundraising campaign since 2021, with Covid and other issues taking much of the wind out of the RB sails. But certainly we are always looking for ways to continue to contribute, and to raise the funds needed to do so.

If you can consider supporting us with as little as \$30, that would be fantastic. As always, **I promise you two things:** 1) all the money you donate will be spent wisely helping people that benefit greatly from our support, 2) your name will be listed on our website as a supporter and 3) you feel better about yourself and the world you live in! (The third one is a bonus!) How can you beat all that?! I hope you consider supporting us so we can continue to make a positive impact on the visually impaired community!

## **Thanks to our guides & our donors!** *(All donors listed on the website.)*

Our efforts won't work without both financial support and the committed support of our volunteer guides. Thanks to all of you, and keep on runnin'!

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