# HKNC Logo, “Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youths and Adults”

**BRAILLE ADVENTURE**

Do you need to brush up on your braille skills? Do you want to meet new people and have fun together doing it? Then the HKNC braille adventure is for you!

The braille adventure is a week-long, fun-filled and interactive learning experience designed for youth ages 16-21 who want to enhance and improve their braille skills. Leaders in the DeafBlind community, HKNC staff and current and former participants will lead the reciprocal learning experience for the week. You set your goals of what you would like to learn and HKNC will help you to work towards achieving them. These include:

* **Skills Focus**: Braille Alphabet, Numbers, Basic Tactile Reading, Self-Advocacy
* **Punctuation & Formatting in Braille**:
	+ Practice using braille punctuation marks and learning how to format Braille for clarity. Group word games to reinforce punctuation and word recognition.
* **Advanced Braille Reading**:
	+ Focus on reading complex braille materials (books, instructions, maps).
	+ Group readings and discussions of a short story or article in braille.
* **Self-Advocacy and Teamwork**: Learn how to advocate for your needs when navigating using braille and participating in group activities and express your needs and advocate for the tools or support you require, both during activities and in future professional environments.
	+ Practice asking for assistance when needed and explaining your braille reading preferences.
	+ Pair up and use braille clues to find small hidden "caches" in a controlled indoor area.
* **Workplace Readiness**: Emphasis on teamwork, time management, communication and problem-solving will help you develop skills that are directly applicable to future work experiences
* **Peer Sharing Session**:
	+ Reflection on interpreting braille clues for games and overcoming challenges in teamwork.
* **Braille Art & Collaboration:**
	+ Celebrate skills learned, apply creativity to braille, and demonstrate leadership and collaborative skills. Create braille art by forming words or symbols with tactile materials. Create personalized braille messages, tags, or cards.
* **Skills Focus**: Creativity, Teamwork, Leadership, Time Management
* **Independent Living**: Activities like goal setting and socializing will help build skills for independence in daily life.

Enjoy staying in the residence and enjoying hearty meals and snacks. At night, join all the participants in fun recreation activities and of course, visit NYC.

The cost of the program is $625 for the instruction and $525 for room and board for the week (total cost is $1,150).

The program is offered from July 28- August 1, 2025. The application deadline is May 23, 2025.

 **COME JOIN THE BRAILLE ADVENTURE AT HKNC!**

For further information, contact your Regional Representative:

<https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/nationwide-services>

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