BRAILLE RALLYE 2006

Saturday, July 8

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and it is again time for the Braille Rallye! For those who have participated in the past, it is an opportunity to renew friendships and rivalries. For those of you who are joining us for the first time, welcome! We hope you become a regular.

The Braille Rallye was begun over 30 years ago as an incentive for visually challenged students to study and to grow confident in reading Braille. Each student must qualify by meeting established reading goals before they can compete as a navigator.

Up to 60 student navigators from Braille Institute Youth Centers all over Southern California compete in a standard sports car rally, teaming with drivers from sports car clubs, law enforcement, media, and just regular folks.

The actual rally is very straightforward. The driver/navigator team must get from checkpoint to checkpoint at the proper speed to attain the correct elapsed time. The directions are written in Braille or large print and are given to the driver by the navigator. You, the driver, have no idea where you are going; the challenge is for your navigator to read the instructions properly and to communicate those instructions clearly to you. These students, like any other California teenager, would like the independence of driving their own car. That cannot happen, but in this event, they are more than just a passenger. As a driver, completely dependent on your navigator, you will find a team partner and friend, and a day not easily forgotten.

Rallye participants should reach the final checkpoint between 1 and 2 PM. There is a luncheon and awards presentation at the end and the event concludes by about 4 PM.

This is a NON-SPECTATOR event. All the attention is directed towards the navigators. They are the competitors. They will receive the trophies and the cheers. We do invite the media so they can report on the activity and the remarkable capabilities of these young people.

There is a $10 Entrance Fee to help defer the costs of the event. The fee is payable the day of the event.

You will receive an entry confirmation package. This will contain a copy of General Rally Instructions and Sample Rally Instructions.

For those donating their time for this event, it is very rewarding to know that the Braille institute reports that this is their primary "fun" event promoting reading skills.

To be a DRIVER, please mail or fax a completed Driver Registration/Information Sheet to the registrar before July 1, 2006.

To be an EVENT WORKER, please contact the Registrar at any of the number shown below.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING DAYS YOU WILL EVER HAVE!

REGISTRAR: Patricia West
6471 Newbury Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92647-6565
714-841-1249 (phone and fax)
Please phone before faxing
nseandwest@socal.rr.com (NEW!)

FOR FURTHER REFERENCE: Anita Wright
Braille Institute Youth Center
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
323-663-1111 Ext. 1208

IF YOU WISH TO BE REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET ME KNOW

DRIVER AND WORKER CHECKLIST

Schedule:

7:00 AM	Gates open at Youth Center – Coffee and donuts available at registration
7:30 AM	Registration opens
9:00 AM	Drivers' and navigators' meetings
9:30 AM	Pairing of navigators with drivers
10:01 AM	**FIRST CAR OUT – THE BRAILLE RALLYE 2006 ADVENTURE BEGINS!**

Helpful Hints:

- Arrive early – first registered, first out
- Please do not bring a passenger unless he/she will be a course worked. The day is for the navigators without distractions
- Polish the car and yourself – there is a good chance of media coverage
- Fill your gas tank. Check oil and water
- Be sure your spare tire is usable
- Make sure seat belts operate properly
- Bring a Los Angeles/Orange County map or a Thomas Guide
- Familiar yourself with the "General Rally Instructions" you will receive prior to the rally
- Verify your auto insurance is current (The event is covered by K & K)
- Bring a cell phone. You will be given a number to call incase you are hopelessly lost or you have a problem
- Bring a couple of extra dollars that may be needed to treat your navigator along the route. There will be a break stop midway through the rally with drinks and snacks
- You will need a watch, clock or sundial to track time, especially at the break stop. Fancy rally equipment is not necessary
- SUNSCREEN!
- There will be plenty of Braille Institute workers to assist at the checkpoints, break stop, and luncheon.

REMEMBER: The primary purpose of the Braille Rallye is to give the students a fun incentive to aid in their mastery of Braille, increase reading skills, and gain confidence in communicating with the sighted world.

IMPORTANT: If you sign up and find you will not be able to attend, PLEASE call immediately so we can fill you spot! PLEASE, DO NOT LEAVE A STUDENT WITHOUT A RIDE!

STARTING LOCATION AND PARKING:

Braille Institute
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029

A map of the facility and where to park will be included with your registration confirmation package.

CAR #_____ Received Bailout _____

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DRIVER REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION SHEET

To register for Braille Rallye 2006, please complete this information sheet and mail, e-mail, or fax to the address shown below before July 1, 2006. Thank you!

NAME_____DRIVERS LIC_____

STREET ADDRESS_____CITY, ZIP_____

PHONE: DAY_____EVENING_____CELL_____
(This will only be used to track you during the rally, if needed)

E-MAIL (Please print clearly)_____

CAR MAKE AND MODEL_____COLOR_____

DRIVER/NAVIGATOR SEAT BELTS? Yes ( ) No ( ) REAR SEAT WITH BELTS? Yes ( ) No ( ) CONVERTIBLE? Yes ( ) No ( )

INSURANCE CARRIER_____

RALLY EXPERIENCE? Yes ( ) No ( ) PLEASE DESCRIBE_____

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A SPECIFIC STUDENT/NAVIGATOR
PLEASE INDICATE HERE AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PAIR YOU UP AGAIN_____

DID YOU NOT DRIVE COMPETITIVELY LAST YEAR BECAUSE THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH STUDENTS? Yes ( ) No ( )
If so, thank you! We want to make sure you have a student/navigator this year.

GENERAL MEDIA INFORMATION

UNUSUAL/PARTICULAR VEHICLE DATA_____

OCCUPATION_____

HOBBIES/INTERESTS_____

The above information is available, as stated, for any media release.

Signature_____Date_____

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Register early! In the event that it becomes necessary to limit the number of drivers, or the number of participants from any one car club, it will be done primarily in order of receipt of registration. We hope that the there will be a student for every driver, however, oftentimes students cancel the morning of the event and there are more drivers than students. We hope that you understand if you do not get a student/navigator and are asked to help in another way. We will try to make it as fair as possible

To keep our mailing list current and to not disturb those who may no longer be interested, PLEASE check the appropriate box and return by phone, fax, or e-mail.

( ) See you July 8th!
( ) I am unable to attend this year, but please keep me on the mailing list
( ) Please remove me from the mailing list