

# Dogs and Programs for CHILDREN & TEENS WITH VISION LOSS



Pathways to Independence and Confidence

## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

At **Southeastern Guide Dogs**, we're on a mission to raise and train extraordinary dogs that help people of all ages find new confidence, courage, freedom, and hope. We create elite working dogs and provide life-changing services for people with vision loss, veterans with disabilities, and children with significant challenges such as vision loss or the loss of a parent in the military. And thanks to our generous and kind community of supporters, all of our dogs and services are provided at no cost.

With our world-class dogs, expert training, comfortable accommodations, and heartfelt commitment to our students and alumni, we're working hard to provide the best dogs in the world—just for you.



## 1 GUIDE DOG CAMP

Harnessing Freedom for the Future

**For teens ages 14–17 who are legally blind or who have a condition leading to legal blindness. Teens are accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Guide dogs deliver freedom, and here's the chance to learn more. This overnight, two-day camp teaches teens and parents all about working with a dog in harness, dog obedience, handling, care, and more. Parents become more knowledgeable and equipped to support their child's decision to apply for a guide dog. This hands-on camp takes place on our Palmetto, Florida campus where teens and parents stay separately in well-appointed, private rooms and enjoy chef-prepared meals in our dining hall. Guide Dog Camp is fun—and free!

To apply, visit [GuideDogs.org/Camp](https://www.GuideDogs.org/Camp)

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## 2 YOUTH GUIDE DOGS

Launching a Life Unleashed

**For mature teens ages 15–17  
who are legally blind**

A guide dog allows teens to experience new freedom and confidence. Those who are accepted into the program are matched with a highly trained guide dog, then certified trainers work with these teens in their communities. Teens learn dog handling, obedience, and navigation skills, gaining new independence. After training, our Alumni Support team follows up with assistance for life. Guide dogs are provided at no cost. Additionally, dog food, flea and tick preventatives, annual veterinary wellness visits, and vaccinations are provided free of charge.

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## 3 KIDS COMPANION DOGS

Building a Bridge to a Brighter Tomorrow

**For children of any age  
with vision loss**

Kids Companion Dogs build a bridge between the child of today and the independent guide dog handler of tomorrow. Kids gain confidence by learning how to care for the dog—feeding, grooming, walking, and playing—as well as a sense of ownership, responsibility, and maturity. The dog gives the child extra love, encouragement, and purpose to help them move forward in the face of adversity and creates smiles for the entire family. Our gentle Kids Companion Dogs are provided at no cost to the family.

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