

BUILDING SKILLS OVER TIME



Since she was a toddler, **Kayla McDonough** has lived with Retinitis Pigmentosa. “For 14 years I have adapted my life to my vision,” said Kayla, “I made things work—but my vision has changed and now I have night blindness and very little peripheral vision.” Kayla realized she needed to develop better travel skills because, “If you don’t have mobility, you can’t get across the street safely.”

Kayla attended Summer Experience Camp at Leader Dog when she was 17, and at 18 she became a camp counselor. “The first time I flew alone to Michigan I needed a flight attendant to get to baggage claim,” explained Kayla. “But the confidence I built during camp and over the following year made it possible for me to make my way to baggage claim on my own this time.”

During camp, Kayla fell in love with the staff and environment. “Leader Dog had already made me more independent during camp,” said Kayla. So, she had no trouble deciding where she would go to get her first guide dog.

Less than a week after finishing as a Summer Experience Camp counselor, Kayla was back on campus to receive Leader Dog Kane, a male yellow Labrador retriever. “Kane just kind of melts into me, he always has to be touching me,” laughed Kayla.

Kayla is now a freshman at Kings College in Pennsylvania heading for a degree in business administration. She is living on campus and other than having to enforce “no food off the ground” to LD Kane when in the cafeteria, things are going great.

ABOVE: Summer Experience Camp Counselor Kayla McDonough, front & center, poses for a group shot with several campers this past June



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Together We Serve Campers

Last June Leader Dog hosted 18 Summer Experience Campers from 13 states: **Georgia, Pennsylvania, Utah, Missouri, Louisiana, Minnesota, Kansas, Michigan, New York, Wisconsin, California, Texas and New Jersey.**

Many multiple districts have Lions’ camps-this is an additional opportunity for your local teens who are blind and visually-impaired. And, thanks to Lions, Lioness and Leos, camp and transportation are free of charge!

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