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**OuttaSight Ambassadors to Attend Aug. 13-14 Kayaking
*Includes Lonnie Bedwell and Steve Baskis***

(LANCASTER, Penna.) July 29, 2021 – Individuals who are blind or vision-impaired will be introduced to kayaking on a kayaking weekend adventure, Aug. 13-14, in York County.

The group of VisionCorps youth and adult will be led by kayakers from across the region and country, including many veterans. About seven youth and families, and two adults – all with vision loss – will be participating in the weekend event.

Two OuttaSight Ambassadors kayakers who are also blind will help teach and guide the group: [Lonnie Bedwell](#) and [Steve Baskis](#). Both Bedwell (U.S. Navy veteran) and Baskis (U.S. Army veteran) have taken on the challenging course of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Bedwell is the first individual who is blind to kayak the Grand Canyon in a solo kayak.

The event is hosted by Team River Runner's KAOS (Kids Are OuttaSight) program, coordinated by Jennifer A. Eaton, youth services manager at VisionCorps.

"It will be an honor to introduce Lonnie Bedwell and Steve Baskis to our group and our community," said Eaton. "The two are well-known for their kayaking skills and have much information to share and guide the youth and adults in our group.

"The goal is to show our youth and adults that they can do independent recreation activities such as kayaking," said Eaton.

Eaton has several activities planned for the weekend including: ground school to introduce participants to kayaking on land, overnight camping for families, and other activities to meet and talk with the visiting ambassadors.

- WHAT:** Kayak adventure weekend led by ambassadors who have vision loss
- WHY:** Show youth and adults with vision loss that they can independently take part in kayaking and other recreational activities
- WHEN:** **2 p.m. on Friday, Aug 13, at Lake Williams,** William H. Kain Park, Jacobus, York County
10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14, at Muddy Creek boat launch at the Susquehanna River in Southeastern York County with 50 kayakers

About VisionCorps

VisionCorps is a nonprofit with a goal of empowering people who are blind or vision impaired to attain independence by providing them with the tools and training, including employment, to empower them. The organization serves almost 2,000 individuals with rehabilitation services in Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester, York and Adams counties. VisionCorps' prevention services include KidSight, which screens more than 8,000 children annually for vision loss.

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