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An amazing race with a twist

Eight lucky kids are going on their own Amazing Race journey in Adelaide from September 28 to October 2.

Guide Dogs SA.NT, in conjunction with Can Do For Kids, is organising a kids' camp with a difference for a group of young vision impaired clients.

The kids will be undertaking obstacles courses, following up clues, solving puzzles and possibly even road testing a guide dog.

And while this is all in the name of fun, the camp participants will have some serious things to learn.

Each child is vision impaired and will be learning special skills along the way to help develop useful skills for everyday life.

Like how do you get dressed in the morning if you can't actually see your clothes? Do they go together or have you got stripes and spots or mixed up?

How do you catch a bus if you can't read the destination sign or for that matter, even see if it is a bus?

One 14-year-old girl from a remote area of the Northern Territory will be flying to Adelaide to learn how to use a white cane for the first time to increase her safety and confidence. This will be her first visit to a big city, so she will also be experiencing a new range of sights and sounds.

"The camp is all about empowering and inspiring these young people to live as independently as possible," says Mark Battista, of Guide Dogs SA.NT.

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