



## YOUR SEPTEMBER LIONS CAMP REPORT

By PCC Olin Newby

Your Lions Camp Board met on August 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss some of the business of the Camp. The Board met in Bryon, Ga. The finances of the camp are still a challenge for all the Lions of Georgia. However, the board is working on some different avenues that might help with the situation. As discussed in the meeting, the camp is in a better condition financially now than in the recent past. We thank the Lions of Georgia for what you have done. The challenges are with us still but we are working on them. The investment fund has grown to an amount of a little over \$300,000.

I have appointed a camp expansion committee to look at expanding other avenues that the camp might serve the blind population of Georgia. The committee is working

with the Disabled Veterans to have a Veterans retreat in the spring of 2018. Also, the group is working with Learning Ally to put together a collaboration with University of Georgia to serve the College Blind Citizens of the State.

The Board is actively laying the groundwork to get an Executive Director on board for the camp.

The Board took the following action on the camper fees for next summer's camping sessions.

Update on the Lions camp at Waycross.

At the board meeting August 4, 2017, the camp board voted to charge a \$350 camp/ registration fee plus \$75.00 for transportation for in state Campers with the opportunity to apply for a sponsorship, which the Lions of Georgia will assist with and \$500 for out of state campers with no sponsorship. These applications for sponsorships will be available from the camp or camp website. We will continue to ask clubs, individuals, and businesses to provide sponsorship money as the board did last year. The camp boards desire is to provide a wholesome experience for you at the Lions camp. We hope that you will help us get as many blind citizens to attend camp in the summer of 2018. We are in the process of adding some other activities to your camping experience this coming year. We are asking that you make plans for Christmas Camp on December 8,9 and 10th. The applications will be ready shortly. The cost of Christmas camp is the same as last year's Christmas camp. The cost is \$100 per camper plus \$75.00 to ride bus.

We welcome your comments and your concerns at the camp. Thanks for all that you do, PCC Olin Newby, Chairman of the board.

I might add that we still have the per camper cost of at least \$800.00 per camper and are keeping the sponsorship fee of \$800.00 in effect for this year. We are encouraged that with the help of individuals, businesses, Lions Clubs as well as other organizations we will meet our goal of making the camp sustainable for years to come.

We encourage everyone to seek out the blind citizens of your community and see how we might better serve them.

Christmas Camp will be December 8,9and 10, 2017.The cost will be \$100.00 per camper plus if the camper rides the bus an additional \$75.00. We encourage everyone to help with this Christmas camp in December.

As you can see we are busy trying to make your camp successful and beneficial to the Blind Population of Georgia. Any comments and suggestions is welcome at any time.

Thanks, for what you do, PCC Olin Newby, Chairman of the Lions Camp Board