



You are cordially invited to apply for the 2021 Wyoming Lions Summer School for the Visually Impaired, **Sunday, June 27, through Friday, July 3rd, on Casper Mountain. This Camp experience is hosted by the Wyoming Lions Foundation and the Montgomery Trust Foundation and is open to visually impaired individuals age 9-18. There is no charge to attend.**

Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp is nestled in the pines of Casper Mountain at 8,000 feet elevation, just nine miles from downtown Casper, Wyoming. The mission of the summer school staff is to incorporate the Expanded Core Curriculum for visually impaired students into a fun “summer camp” experience in a beautiful setting. If you are ready to make new friends, discover new interests and hobbies, learn new skills and have an awesome time... this is the place for you!!!

To be a part of this exciting week, please complete the enclosed application with a current statement or report from your eye physician telling us about your vision, and email to garyroadifer@rtconnect.net, or mail as soon as possible to:

**Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp
c/o Gary Roadifer
PO Box 368
Pine Bluffs, WY 82082**

Applications will be considered on the basis of individual need, space available and date application was received. Please return this application as soon as possible, no later than **June 1st, 2021. Students from Wyoming, Montana and Colorado will be invited, leading to limited space available.**

Upon acceptance, a packet will be mailed or emailed to you. Packet will include directions to camp, a detailed list of items to bring, overview of activities and events, and forms/releases to participate. *Please understand the participant's eye doctor must provide a current report to attach to application!*

Summer School Director for Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp is Gary Roadifer (307) 421-7247. Please feel free to call with questions or further information. We look forward to a great week together on Casper Mountain!

STUDENT APPLICATION

Youth Application for June 27th – July 3rd, 2021

Wyoming Lion's Summer School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

Student's Name _____ *Birth Date* _____

 Last First Middle Initial

Address _____

City _____ *State* _____ *Zip* _____

Phone _____ *T-shirt Size: Adult: S* ___ *M* ___ *L* ___ *XL* ___ *Child: M* ___ *L* ___

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name _____ *Relationship* _____ *Phone* _____

Name _____ *Relationship* _____ *Phone* _____

Personal Doctor _____ *Phone* _____

*****Note: All Students must have medical insurance to attend Summer School and have completed the medical information forms & release forms, to be sent with acceptance letter*****

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

1. Student must be visually impaired, as defined by school district or state guidelines, and provide a medical report from his/her eye doctor within the last year with application packet.
2. Student must be between the ages of 9-18, or have special approval from his/her teacher of the visually impaired and the summer school directors if outside that age range.
3. **All students must be independent in the care of their basic bodily needs (i.e. toileting, eating, dressing, showering, etc.)**
4. Student/guardian/teacher must be able to provide transportation to/from Summer School, arriving and departing at the appropriate times.
5. All applications must be received by June 1st, 2021 and will be accepted in the order they are received.
6. Students must be physically able to stay at the 8,000 feet elevation of Allen H. Stewart Lion's Camp
7. All medical needs must be reviewed on an individual basis by the registered nurse and staff prior to acceptance to Camp. (Please note medical concerns on application and/or director will call if needed.)

*****Note: There is no discrimination based on age, sex, national origin or religion*****

COST

There is no cost to the student to attend Summer School, other than transportation to/from the Camp. Summer School is funded by the Wyoming Lions Foundation and the Montgomery Trust Fund.

TRANSPORTATION

All students are asked to furnish their own transportation to the summer school.

- Student needs to arrive between 1:00pm and 3:00 pm on Sunday June 27th, 2021
- Students will depart on *Friday, July 3rd* after the “Parents Night Talent Show.” Students may be released at approximately 7:30pm after all activities have concluded. All projects need be picked up and individual dorm spaces must be cleaned prior to departing camp.
- Transportation to-and-from camp might be available for students in some cases.

MEDICATION

Each student *must* bring enough medication for his/her stay at the summer school. Refrigeration is available. No medication is provided. *ALL medication must be checked into the nurse upon arrival Sunday, June 27th, and must be in the original container--including nonprescription pain relievers such as Tylenol, Advil, etc. Please remember EpiPens if applicable as well.*

MONEY

Each student can bring a small amount of spending money to buy pop, candy, snacks or other similar items when they go into Casper for an evening activity. The summer school cannot assume responsibility for money brought to the summer school. Summer school staff can keep student money in an envelope for that student, if preferred.

SELECTION PROCESS

If there are more applicants than space, selection will be based on the following:

- (1) Earliest date of application received
- (2) Need of the applicant for specific vision related services based on discussion with his/her teacher of the visually impaired
- (3) Past attendance at the summer school

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Parent/guardian providing transportation _____

Cell phone number at which parent/guardian can be reached during transportation:

Parent’s email address: _____

EXPECTATIONS OF SUMMER SCHOOL

Please help us make the learning experience as productive as possible for your child and our staff by answering the following questions as honestly and completely as possible. (Please complete with both parent/guardian and student input.)

STUDENT:

What are the greatest challenges that you face as a result of your sight loss? _____

What skills would you like to learn that you feel would help you most? _____

What are your hobbies, skills, and interests? _____

Comments or concerns that you would like to share to help the staff better understand you: _____

Preferred medium for literacy: braille, print, large print (what size), ect. _____

Have you attended this camp in previous years? _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

What are the greatest challenges that you face as a parent of a visually impaired child? _____

What are the skills that you would like your child to learn that will assist his independence at home and school? _____

What do you see as your child's strengths? _____

What do you see as your child's challenges? _____

Comments/concerns that you would like to share to help the staff better understand your child: _____

(ADD PAGES AS NECESSARY.)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

On the following lines please list the names of the classes for which you would like to register *in your order of preference*. Every effort will be made to see that you are placed in most of the classes you request. (See class descriptions attached)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Note: You may be required to take certain classes as deemed appropriate by staff to increase your independence while at the Summer School. Examples of such classes may include *Orientation and Mobility, Low Vision, Braille, Assisted Technology, Career Education, and Aids to Daily Living*.

Please indicate which elective classes you would like to be enrolled.

Number the classes 1 -4, 1 being your first choice, etc.

*Digital Photography*____ *Music*____ *Hiking*____ *Lapidary*____ *Basket Making*_____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

A nurse is on staff and present on the Mountain at all times. If a doctor is needed, students will be transported to the Emergency Room at the Wyoming Medical Center. Please help us deal with your child's medical needs by providing the following information. Attach additional medical pages as necessary.

Allergies: _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please list allergies and possible reactions/intervention needs, including EpiPens. _____

Special dietary problems: _____

Existing conditions such as diabetes, depression, cardiopulmonary difficulties, migraines, etc.: _____

Significant medical problems your child has been treated for in the past: _____

Please list names, amounts and purposes of all your medications. **All medications *must be in their original containers.*** Be sure to bring enough for your entire stay at the summer school. _____

Does student administer his/her own medications at home? _____ Yes _____ No

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

I understand that after reasonable precautions are taken, there are hazards connected with summer school and the camp experience, and I release the Wyoming Lions Summer School for the Visually Impaired, its directors, agents and employees from liability for accidents which occur in connection with summer school activities. I certify that my child is physically able to attend a camp at 8,000 feet elevation and has no medical issues that have not been discussed thoroughly with summer school nurse and staff.

I grant permission for necessary emergency treatment by a medical doctor or hospital in the event a medical emergency arises and prompt treatment is required for my child. I understand that the summer school will contact my emergency number immediately.

I grant permission to use photographs, videotapes and sound reproductions in publicity authorized by the summer school, which may contain pictures of my child during normal summer school activities. PLEASE check one: _____ YES _____ NO

I authorize my child's eye report to be released to summer camp staff.

Signed _____ Date _____

Summer School 2021, Class Descriptions

Aids to Daily Living/Cooking: This class introduces students to household and daily living skills. Cooking techniques, using kitchen appliances and utensils safely, and basic meal preparation and clean-up are practiced. Students in this class will also take part in the preparation and serving of dinner on Parent's Night.

Assistive Technology/Computer: Explore new technology, learn to keyboard or work process, or advance your skills on the Internet or with social networking. This class is for any level of computer user and is student-need based. It includes the use of games, Braille, screen readers or low vision technology to increase computer competency.

Chess: Chess is the classic game that develops spatial thinking and strategies and builds focused concentration. Students in this class will utilize specialized tactile chessboards to learn and play this timeless game. This class is geared for all levels of chess players. Beginners learn basic game rules and opening tactic moves. Intermediate and advanced players may learn sophisticated combinations and strategies and advanced opening moves. Everyone will have fun and gain a new skill set for a lifetime of quality recreation.

Crafts: Crafts of various types will be explored in this general crafts class. Each student will have a project to take home at the end of the week, as well as a great feeling of accomplishment. Perhaps, a new leisure hobby will be discovered.

Digital Photography: Students will be loaned a digital camera for this class and encouraged to explore different aspect of photography. The use of low vision devices will enable students with limited vision to view their work and each student will be given their photos at the end of the week.

Lapidary: One of the favorite classes at Summer School! Lapidary is the art of making beautiful jewelry or projects from rocks and precious stones. Students will complete each step of this process interdependently, from choosing to the stone to mounting the finished product in a setting. Each student will have project to take home at the end of the week.

Music: If you love music, this class if for you!! Discover your hidden talent or bring your favorite instrument to further instruction and have fun. You don't have to be a musician for this class, just enjoy and appreciate any type of music!

Orientation and Mobility: Becoming a safe and efficient traveler is one of life's greatest skills as a visually impaired individual. O & M helps develop or advance skill and confidence in independent travel. Lessons are individualized to meet the needs of each student, and may include residential or business travel in and around Casper. Use of the white cane and low vision aids are taught, but this class is not limited to white cane users.

Pottery: Try your hand at a pinch pot, a special creation, or throw some class on the wheel. Pottery class gives exposure and experience to the craft of making things with clay. A kiln in the craft cabin allows you to glaze and fire your project before taking it home.

Recreation/Physical Activity: Individual and group physical activities are experienced in this class—developing strength, confidence and movement. Individual instruction is given to students with special interest. Do you want to ride a tandem bike, play a game with teammates, learn to swing a bat or hike? Any interest in movement makes this a great class!

Career Education: This will focus on the transition to a post-secondary experience and is a great resource for students entering high school. Whether your plan is college, vocational training or the work force, having a plan for the future is critical. Time will be spent on discussing the career opportunities that there is and steps to achieve ones career.

Woodworking/Shop: This class teaches safe use of basic shop and woodworking tools. It incorporates measuring, cutting, painting and other woodworking skills as students construct a special project to take home.