



Georgia Lions Camp



January 2022

I can hardly believe another year has gone by. How quick time flies! Campers count the days between summer camp and Christmas camp. Anticipating, waiting, planning, and talking with their friends. The Georgia Lions Camp has been a great place for many individuals to come and have a little fun. Never worrying about what they must do every day during their normal daily activities. Here it is all about them. No expectations and no pressure.

Our average Christmas Camp attendance was about half of those who usually attend. Although we were down a bit, it was a weekend of packed events. Campers were treated to our annual Christmas dinner that Friday evening. Ham, green beans, mac-n-cheese, sweet potato casserole, and of course cupcakes!

Caping off the Friday evening events was a hay ride. Campers sang Christmas songs as they traveled around the camp. Never a dull moment when this group gets together.



Picture of Christmas tree at Christmas Camp



Picture of car trophies

Saturday morning was an early start with breakfast followed by a crafts activity. This year the campers helped with staining wooden paddles that will be used as trophies for the Top 25 entries at this year's Car Show. With consideration that the car show is for them, why not let them be a part of it.

Those of you who can come out on February 19, 2022 are most welcome to come help or enter a car or truck of your own. Who knows, you may win one of these trophies.

After lunch campers were treated to a trip over to the Okefenokee Swamp Park. As we walked around and explored many items at the park it soon came time for the Train Ride. If you've never been to the swamp park, one thing they do during the train ride is stop at Pioneer Island. This is where you can visit an old homestead, pet the hogs, feed the chickens and explore the way people lived on the swamp. Campers Loved It!

Next was the Reptile show. Turtles no bigger than a nickel or a fifty-cent piece were allowed to be examined by all the campers and others who were there. With so many of us there, I volunteered to help the park ranger with walking around and letting each camper hold and touch these turtles. Little did I realize when I volunteered that I would continue helping with all the reptiles.

Soon it was time for the snake! Uh, I don't particularly care for snakes. What was I going to do? Well, I took a deep breath as she (the park ranger) handed me the snake. I took control of my fears and put on my big boy pants. Of course, most of the campers wanted to touch and hold the snake. The little kids who were there with us had a ball and I wasn't scared! Did I tell you it was only a Corn Snake? Regardless, it was still a snake.

Returning to the camp, all campers were treated to a Horse and Wagon Ride. Golden Isles Trail and

Carriage Rides came over to provide this activity. Everyone here got a chance to ride in the wagon (campers, volunteers and staff).

There was a competition on which group sang the best. The driver said our group was the best. That was because we had Raymond Lombardi with us and he can sing - we were backup.

This year we made an adjustment for the evening meal. In the past the Christmas party is almost immediately after dinner. We have to prepare two meals you might say. This year we combined dinner and party into one festive event, and just changed the menu a bit.

With the help of Dave and Dimple Forrest who have come for years to help with the Christmas Camp party they both made the evening memorable. Something a little different and a whole lot of fun. Mrs. Dimple put together a program that involved a game, some may say it was similar to Jeopardy! Questions were asked of all. Some hilarious answers were given! Teams were the individual tables where campers, staff, and volunteers sat. Not sure who won. They say it wasn't our table though. No campers sat with us, just my phone and it lost power. Googling answers was now, not possible.

We did have another guest show up that night. Although he was invited, we were not sure if he would make it. Like a true trooper, he did and campers loved it. Santa Clause is always welcome here at the Georgia Lions Camp. One camper tried to get Mrs. Gail to take her outside so she, (the Camper) could hide in Santa's red bag. Others just sat with Santa and talked about coming to camp and spending time with their friends.

About 9:30 things began to wind down. Campers were ready to keep going but it was getting close to calling it a night. We all gathered around in a circle, joined hands and became as one. It was great to see that all the hard work and planning had made this another great event here at the Lions Camp. It could not have been done without the counselors and particularly the volunteers!

Thank you, Dave and Dimple Forrest, JoAnn and Floyd Huff, Johnny Barrentine, Bill Owens, and Mrs. Gail. You made this another great weekend. I do want to mention Ms. Teresa Sawyer who came and helped organize and administer the weekends programs and activities. We also had a former camper(s) mom come and help with the campers. Suzette Woods.

Lions, there will always a place here at the camp for you. I encourage you to come and be a part of these wonderful events. This is not possible without your help. Many of you provide financial help to the camp. Sponsorships to individuals who want to attend Summer or Christmas Camps. Don't stop there. Come be a part of something that I guarantee you will never forget. Call the office and see where you can help best. Everyone has a talent and all are needed here at the camp. We have a purpose and ours as Lions is to "Serve" however we can.

I hope to see you at this year's 5th Annual Car Show, February 19, and maybe the 10-K swamp run on March 19, 2022. Also, I believe I had two dates for service days here at the camp. As of this letter there is a conflict on the April 8-10 weekend so we will have Lions Service Day (work weekend) only on April 29 through May 1, 2022. Check out the rest of the newsletter for updated events and schedules. Thanks again for allowing Mrs. Gail and myself to be a part of the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

LET'S "KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING"
Add more wood, "MAKE IT BURN BRIGHTER"
Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

“Sanitized” “No Problem”

The Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. has been given two pallets of “Disinfectant”. 36 cases containing 4-1-gallon bottles of disinfectant sanitizing spray X 2. To be used to help keep the Georgia Lions Camp a safe and healthy environment for all who come to visit.

This product was donated through the efforts of the Lyons Lions Club. Pictured is District N Director Larry Griggers who organized this donation. Larry has been working hard with the Lions of Lyons who have helped the camp with many projects recently. Keep up the good work.



Picture of District N Director Larry Griggers

Thank You Lions of Lyons, Ga.
Mike Williams

Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

GEORGIA LIONS CAMP CHAIRMAN'S JANUARY REPORT

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone. We had very exciting things that the Camp's Board of Directors did this new calendar year. But as you know we are just at the half way point in this Lion's Year. At the Camp this past weekend the first ever Grace Clower Lions Leadership Retreat was held. I am very proud that the Camp is able to provide the facilities to do this and I am very thankful to have been a part of it. Lion Grace was our Council Chair when I was District Governor. I know she was looking down and very proud and excited about what “her” Lions of Georgia are doing.

The Board approved at the Fall Meeting the new financial budget of \$322,730 for 2022. On January 29 the Camp will be holding its Winter Meeting in Perry at 3:00 pm. The Board has voted to hold this meeting via Zoom so that those that cannot attend in person can also be present. The login is:

Joining by Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82659918726?pwd=VE1tSk1NVFh5b3dTbkJoUUUVvbDFrQT09>

Joining by Phone:

Dial: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 826 5991 8726

Passcode: 128796

This meeting will be a very important meeting for the Camp; the Board will be presenting to the Lions of Georgia for their approval a completely revised Constitution. Assuming it is approved at this meeting, then the Board of Directors will immediately be voting on a new set of Bylaws for the Camp. The Constitution Committee under the chairmanship of Lion Larry Griggers has been working very hard on improving the governance documents of the Corporation.

Per the Camp's Constitution the Lions of Georgia will be electing the new corporate officers at the upcoming Winter Meeting. All current officers have submitted their nominations to run again and letters of recommendations from their respective Clubs were sent to Immediate Past Board Chairman Ed Ressler by December 1. With no other nominations in hand, this will be the slate of officer for 2022:

Board Chairman -- PCC Paul May

Board Vice Chairman -- Lion Jay Taylor

Board Secretary -- PCC Olin Newby

Board Treasurer -- PDG David White

Per the Constitution these candidates may be voted by acclamation at the Winter Meeting on Jan. 29, 2022.

Also at this meeting the Board will also be approving the four appointments to the Camp's Board of Trustees. The Fundraising Committee will also be announcing its plans for several new fundraising projects. So I encourage all Lions to try to attend in person or by Zoom.

The Board approved the creation of an ad hoc Advisory Committee to be chaired by Camp Vice Chairman Jay Taylor. This Committee will be composed of Lions and non Lions. The purpose of the Committee is to provide guidance on how the Board and the Clubs throughout Georgia can assist in getting more campers ages 6 to 18 for the summer sessions.

Camp Board District Directors for 2022- 2024 for 18-L and 18-N are up for election. These elections will be held at each of the two respective District Conventions. If you are interesting in **SERVING MORE**, then contact your District Governor right away. Next month I will be announcing how other Lions of Georgia can **SERVE MORE** for the Camp so "stay tuned".

Please read Treasurer David White's financial report in this newsletter. This past year has been difficult on all of our Clubs and individuals. The Camp was able to survive the year without having to go to the Investment Fund as was budgeted. However, our Club contributions were way down from past years. The Camp **DEPENDS on our CLUBS' CONTRIBUTIONS**. We need **every Club's** support; we need to make sure the Camp will be here for the visual impaired people of Georgia. **We are counting on you.**

Lastly, we had a very successful Christmas Camp. I would like to thank all the Lions that came and helped Mike and Gail Williams along with the counselors to make that weekend happen.

Let's make sure we all get more involved with the Camp by **SERVING MORE**.

Paul May

Chairman of the Camp's Board of Directors

Camp Finances Y-T-D thru December 31, 2021 -- Year End

Financially, 2021 is OVER -- and we get to begin a brand new Financial Year! 2021 ended in fairly decent shape. Operationally, we ALMOST took in as much as we spent -- as you can see below, we had a negative, but it was workable. A **BIG THANK-YOU** to all who contributed to the Camp during 2021, and especially in December, it helped.

IF your Club was not able to contribute to the Camp in 2021 -- **PLEASE** consider a donation to the Camp during 2022. We depend on the Lions of GA for an extremely large portion of our Budget -- without your support, the Camp hurts financially, then we struggle to provide the 'Camp Experience' to our Campers.

A personal or individual donation by a Lion Member, to the Camp, will be given as credit to your Club -- a win-win situation. Every donation helps in our effort to offer the 'Camp Experience' to more Campers. As you can see below, every contribution to the Camp is **very much needed and appreciated!** Thank-you

Operational Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru December 31, 2021 -- Year End

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income for 2021	210,916.28	302,410.00
Total Expenses for 2021	216,968.07	302,410.00
NET OPERATING INCOME for 2021	(6,051.79)	0.00

Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru December 31, 2021 -- Year End

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2021 to-date	25	40	22	30
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	57%	74%	34%	52%

A Giving Idea -- Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows IRA holders, age 72 or older, to donate to a Qualified Charity from their Traditional OR Roth IRA (including inherited) tax-free. The donated funds have to be issued directly from your Traditional OR Roth IRA and sent directly to the Qualified Charity -- GA Lions Camp, in this situation. The QCD can be issued by you and received by the Camp anytime during the year -- so **PLEASE** consider this method of contributing to help the Camp provide its mission to the Visually Impaired.

Consult your Tax Professional for details, and to make sure it would be in your best interest to do a charitable distribution this way.

While the Lions Camp receives all types of volunteer help the camp doesn't operate without massive expenses. Maintaining the facilities, the buildings, the landscaping and even making the camp affordable to the campers cost money. The camp's Fundraising Committee has put together some projects to help offset these expenses to keep the camp open and operating.

The biggest fundraiser we have this year is our Caribbean Cruise raffle. A 7 day 6 night balcony room for 2 with the port of departure and destination to be selected by the winner at the time of booking. Tickets will be going on sale at the end of January and the drawing will be during the Governors Banquet at the State Convention on May 14th. The winner will have one year to take the cruise. The cruise raffle tickets are only \$10 each so be on the lookout for them at your local Lions meeting in February.

We will also be having a Casino Night for the Georgia Lions Camp on March 26, 2022. The event will be at the American Legion Post in Acworth, GA. There will be casino games, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. In addition, there will be a silent auction and raffle. The tickets are \$50 in advance with NO ticket sales at the door and there's only 150 tickets to be sold. Tickets will be available through the Cobb County Lions Club.

These two events do involve people coming together while COVID is on the rise again. But, don't forget there are other ways for you to help the camp if you feel it still too soon to be getting out. You can purchase a challenge coin, a brick for the Memorial Garden, join the camp's Century club or the 1976 Society. These are all ongoing fundraisers that really do contribute a lot to the camp.

Lastly, I want to ask each of you reading this to take a minute at your next club meeting and bring the Camp up in discussion. I've visited multiple clubs in the last 6 months and spoke about the camp and it's surprising how many Lions I've met who knew little to nothing about the camp. Talk about the camp and what the camp does, just talking about us can make a huge difference. You can also invite me or one of the board members to come and speak about the camp.

Bill Owens
Fundraising Committee Chairman



Picture of car from car show

**SAVE THE DATE:
FEBRUARY 19, 2022**

The Woodbine Lions Club will be having their 5th annual Car Show here at the Lions Camp. Proceeds from this event help with Camper program needs and Camper fees.

There will be food trucks, art and craft vendors, activities for the young and young at heart.

The first year the camp hosted this event there were 77 entries. Each year has seen an increase in participation. Our goal is to double that amount this year.

4-Full Hookup RV spots are available for overnights. We also have 6 more RV spots that provide power and water. A restroom is nearby. We need Lion's support and participation.

Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, anything you would like to show off is welcomed.

Vendors: We have limited power and water for those who may need these services.

Do you have something you would like to donate as a door prize?
Contact the camp office at 912-283-4320

Let's show South Georgia what the Lions Camp is all about.

Let's "**KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING**"
Add more Wood, "**MAKE IT BURN BRIGHTER**"

Mike Williams
Camp Director

CHAIRMAN CHALLENGE - December 01, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Thank you to the following Lions of Georgia that are making a special individual contribution to the Camp.

NAME	LIONS CLUB
An Anonymous Donor	From an Anonymous Club

1976 SOCIETY - December 01, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Thank you to the following Lions of Georgia that are making a special individual contribution to the Camp.

NAME	LIONS CLUB
JC Coefield	Centerville
Rita Gail Coefield	Centerville
Joanne Huff	Thomson Camelia
Kay Eller	Smyrna Jonquil

CENTURY CLUB - December 01, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Thank you to the following Lions of Georgia that are making a special individual contribution to the Camp.

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Cheryl Lynn Rainey	Woodstock
JB Tanner	Athens

Brick Memorial Garden - December 01, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Thank you to the following Lions of Georgia that are making a special individual contribution to the Camp.

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Paul May	Milledgeville



Georgia Lions Camp 2022 Alumni Reunion

The alumni weekend, May 27-30, 2022, is intended for adults only. Attendees must be 21 years of age and be able to care for themselves; i.e., administer your own medication(s), bathe/shower, & feed. The cost to attend for the full weekend is \$100.00, with a deposit of \$25.00 required no later than January 31, 2022, to hold your place. The remaining \$75.00 must be received no later than March 31, 2022. Any deposit received after January 31 will result in a late fee of \$25 being applied for a total camp cost of \$125.00. All payments must be paid in full and received by March 31, 2022.

- *Deposits are non-refundable.
- *Send all payments via check and made payable to Lion Edward Ressler, 4103 N. Gloucester Place, Chamblee, GA 30341. In the memo field write GLCB Reunion.
- *Applications may be emailed to GLCBAlumnia@gmail.com.

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: _____ Shirt Size _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Preferred form of contact: Email Phone

Emergency Contact Name and Number:

Do you have any medical or dietary need?

We are looking into the transportation needs of those that will be attending. Please select the box that represents your needs: I will transport myself to the camp I will need transportation from Macon, GA I will need transportation from Jacksonville Airport

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in the GLCB Alumni Reunion I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND HOLD HARMLESS: The GLCB Alumni Association, its Commission, and any partner, employee, servant, representative, associate, officer, agent, volunteer, successor and assigns of The City of Fort Lauderdale, (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, action, judgments, costs, expenses, court costs, attorney fees and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE, including but not limited to, SOLE, CONTRIBUTORY OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.

2. I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity, and to enter the above-named premises and engage in such activity knowing that certain risk of harm is or may be inherent in the various activities contemplated herein and that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE, including but not limited to, SOLE, CONTRIBUTORY OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

3. I further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage, demands, liens, liabilities, judgments or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY OR CONTRIBUTED TO IN WHOLE OR PART by any action or failure to act, negligence, breach of contract, or other misconduct on the part of RELEASEES or otherwise.

4. It is my express intent that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, personal representatives, executors and assigns, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

5. I expressly agree that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Georgia, and if any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute the Release For full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

Print Name

Signature

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this day of _____, 20____.

Signature

GEORGIA LIONS' CAMP Lions Service Days (Work Weekend) Reservation Form

Complete and Fax to the Camp at (912) 283-5130
Please contact the Camp (912) 283-4320 with any questions or if changes occur after this form is submitted.

April 29-May 1, 2022

Club Name _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____

Estimated Arrival: Day _____ Time _____

Estimated Departure: Day _____ Time _____

Please list the number of male participants _____

Please list the number of female participants _____

Please indicate number of each participant for each item below:

Meals: Saturday Breakfast _____
 Saturday Lunch _____
 Saturday Dinner _____
 Sunday Breakfast _____
 Sunday Lunch _____

Participants Arriving on Friday. Your Dinner Meal will be on your own!

Beds: Friday Night _____ (Males) _____ (Females)
 Saturday Night _____ (Males) _____ (Females)

Please note in the space provided below any unique maintenance skills, materials, or equipment that your group can provide to this event.



Amazon.com Smile

There are several ways to help your camp receive some unexpected money and it does not cost you any extra money. Did you know that if you buy things on Amazon, and most people do, Amazon will donate to the Georgia Lions Camp. Here's how you do it.

1. Go to smile.amazon.com.
2. Log in using your normal sign in. You will be sent to the amazon smile link where you start typing Georgia Lions Camp then click on search to select the camp. You are now logged in and you are linked so that a portion of your purchase goes to your camp.
3. Complete your purchase as you normally would.



Kroger

Here is another way to help your Georgia Lions Camp and it will not cost you any extra money. If you already have an account at Kroger for digital coupons and other saving ways, then you are almost there. If you do not already have an account with Kroger, you can use the same links below to get one. If you are not already set up to have funds donated to the camp, here is how to take care of that.

1. Go to Kroger.com
2. Sign in like you were going shopping or looking for specials.
3. Go to my account.
4. Go to community rewards. Select Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, which is the old name for the Georgia Lions Camp.

2021-2022

Work Projects

The following projects will be updated monthly in our camp newsletter. If you see a project that you or your club would be interested in helping with, please email your interest to director@glcb.org

April 29-May 1, 2022 are our next scheduled Service Days:

(Please know that you can call and schedule a workday anytime the camp does not have an event going on)

(You don't have to wait until a scheduled Service Day to come work at the camp)

1. Buildings need pressure washing.
 2. Weed pulling, edging, raking, wheel barrow use, and sanitation are many other jobs to be done during this work session. BRING your gloves and definitely some BUG SPRAY!!
 3. Repair the Whale Watch element at the Low Ropes Course.
 4. Climbing Wall due for pressure washing and wood treatment (Man lift will need to be rented to accomplish this task). Other minor maintenance can be done during this activity.
 5. Clean Low Ropes area.
 6. Repair screens at the bar-b-que shelter.
 7. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing. (Some work has been done, need more help) some painting needed.
 8. Nature Trail – clean up debris. To build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
 9. Clean up fallen debris from trees around the camp.
 10. Several dead pine trees need to be cut down and debris cleaned up.
 11. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
 12. Paint the Water Tank.
 13. Paint the new Lifeguard stands for the pool.
 14. Stain and treat all wooden rockers and chairs.
 15. Paint the pump house at the pond.
 16. Fish Pond needs some fall cleanup.
 17. Paint sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
 18. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
 19. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
 20. Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
 21. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
 22. Repaint Dining Hall.
 23. Some Emergency Lights in Main Dorm needs to be replaced.
 24. Lights in Large Dormitory and Bunkhouse Dormitory still need to be converted to LED bulbs.
- *Remove carpet from (Rental House) (Director's house)
*(Rental House) Replace carpet with laminate flooring. Funding needed. *These two items will be completed when funds are available.

Lions Service Days at the Camp are Scheduled for:

Spring of 2022

April 29-May 1

Fall October 21-23, 2022

Upcoming Events

February 19, 2022

5th Annual Car Show – Fundraiser

March 4-6, 2022

Leo Gathering

March 19, 2022

10-K Swamp Run – Fundraiser

April 29- May 1, 2022

Spring Lions Service Days

May 27-30, 2022

Camper Alumni Reunion

Upcoming Events

October 21-23, 2022

Fall Lions Service Days

Lions Camp Information

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