



# Georgia Lions Camp



March 2024

**C**an you believe it? It is already March. Two months have flown by. It seems like January 2024 was just starting last week. Wow! How time flies by. Life it just too short. So, let's get things rolling for 2024.

Here at the Georgia Lions Camp, we have been really busy. Getting things cleaned up and doing some maintenance projects. Oh, did we tell you? The camp has a new Facilities/Grounds Manager. His name is Clay Eddins.

Clay is married and has two sons. He is a veteran of the Air National Guard. He is trained in HVAC and has worked with water treatment during some of his time in the service. He is a hard worker and has shown that no job, big, small, dirty, or stinky is beyond his willingness to tackle.

Clay has been working here at the camp since September of 2023. He is learning all that is needed to keep this camp in tip top shape. It takes a lot more than just mowing and cleaning to maintain 52 acres. (we actually have 62 acres).

If you want to meet Clay, you have a great chance coming up here at the camp during our spring **Lions Service Days** (work weekend) **April 5-7, 2024**. Check out the project work list in this month's newsletter and come make a new friend. However, I will warn you. He doesn't talk as much as I do! Not yet anyway.

January was a month of training and planning sessions held here at the camp. The Grace Clower Lions Leadership Training and the camps own Strategic Planning meeting were a few things that happened here.



February came in with a loud sound of Hot Rods, Cool Cars, and one really hot Red Truck.

Yes, it was the Camps 7th annual Cars and Crafts show. This show has been organized and sponsored by the Woodbine Lions Club for the past seven years.



The show is usually scheduled for the third weekend in February. But a scheduling conflict had us delay it a week (good thing too). The third weekend was bad weather. This weekend the weather was fabulous.

We did have some concerns that the attendance could be down this year because of a couple of other car shows in nearby towns.

Well, we were not disappointed. There were officially 127 entries that day, our best show ever. Cars, trucks, hot rods, and a couple of motorcycles came from all over. I heard there was one couple that was from Virginia. They came to the car show several years ago and have

scheduled a visit with family each year afterwards so they can come be a part of what we do.

As I walked around to look at the cars and trucks, I would say there were more like 130 to 140 vehicles here. Some came too late to register.

This year's Top Twenty-Five winners were presented a unique trophy. A cutting board with the car show and the camp's logo engraved on it.



Engraving was done by [Cullen@bladesandbitswoodcraft.com](mailto:Cullen@bladesandbitswoodcraft.com) All the winners really appreciated something different from the usual plastic trophy they get. I wish we could have given out more. There were so many cool cars and trucks to choose from.

I want to thank all those who came to help. The members of the Woodbine Lions Club, Woodbine Ladies Club, CC Mark Anners, and my most wonderful wife, Gail.

Let's all work to make next year's show be even better. I even received an email from a former Georgia Lion, Patrick Pignataro (who is now in Florida). He asked us to contact him next year and he would announce the show in his area. He says there are lots of old cars in mid Florida. Put it on your calendar to come spend the weekend with us. We have plenty of RV spots available.

This year we were able to serve breakfast, coffee, hot chocolate, and drinks in the new Tandem Bike Storage Building. Construction of this building has been going on for a few years now and not only will it store our bikes, we installed windows so we can have concessions to serve others at upcoming fundraising events. When the building is completed, it will also have two fully accessible showers and toiletries. This will help our campers when outside doing field events. Beneficial for our RV Rentals, Lions who visit and any outdoor fundraising events.



Each of the past years of the car show, funds raised have helped purchase program and activity supply needs. Funds have also helped with camper sponsorships. Remember the dishwasher we needed for the kitchen? That too, was purchased with funds raised at the car show.



Last years car show proceeds helped the camp purchase two beach cruiser tandem bikes and one side by side recumbent bike. This bike will give our staff an opportunity to verbally describe to the campers what they are passing while riding side by side with each other. The tires on this bike are most compatible with the camp's sandy soil. But, there is always a better way to ride smoothly. A paved track? Maybe one day.

There is a lot going on here at camp these days. Mrs. Gail and I are experiencing many last times. Most all of you know by now that Gail and I are retiring. We are sad to leave but we feel it is time to devote our final years to continue doing God's work, spending spiritual and quiet time with each other, devoting time to our kids, grandkids, and now great-grandkids.

The Georgia Lions Camp has been a great part of our lives. We want all the Campers, Lions, Friends, and all whom our paths have crossed to know. You have brought us many years of memories we will never forget. I remember my first day as if it were just last week. Talk about time flying by!

Our family has enjoyed us being here. Giving them a place to come and visit each year. A place large enough to accommodate the growth of my family. And. It has grown!! When we all gather together it's like having camp. Family Camp.

Gail's last day is scheduled for March 30th. She has been packing up some things but we still have a lot of stuff. We both have agreed, if we haven't touched it in five to thirteen years. It's going to the trash pile.

Gail has served the camp as a Cook, Kitchen Manager, Office Manager, Receptionist, Volunteer, Clean-up helper, a painter, a window washer, even one might say a Dorm Mom. During Camp, there are times that some of our girl campers and maybe some staff need a mother figure to talk too. These are just a few of the jobs she has done. Come to think of it. She has even mowed grass on occasion. Couldn't get her to weed-eat.

She is my anchor, my sole-mate, and we want to spend some quality time with just the two of us.

My retirement is scheduled for April 30th, 2024. I have a lot on my plate as we prepare to move forward. Not just packing up.

Gails has her office manual prepared for whom ever takes over the office duties. I too, am in the process of putting together some type of go-to manual to help out the next Camp Director.

We are working to help ensure a smooth transition to whomever is blessed to come serve at this Lions Camp.

Gail and I both will be at the annual MD-18 Lions State Convention. She will come and help with the Basket Silent Auction and I will be at the Camps' table where you can come by and pick up some camp brochures and flyers to distribute.

The Basket Silent Auction is one of the camps' annual Fundraising Events. I hope many of you can put together a basket of goodies that will catch someone's eye and help raise the much-needed funds for the camp's Programs, Activities, and Camper Sponsorships. Bring a Basket and stop by to chat with Gail and I for a bit. We definitely want to see each of you.

Where are we going? We will be headed to Blaine Tennessee. Where is that? Twenty-five miles northeast of Knoxville. We will only be about one hour and fifteen minutes from Dollywood. Maybe I'll get to see Dolly.

You will always be welcome to come visit us when you are in the area. If you can't come to see us, maybe can go see you. Everyone goes to Pigeon Forge or Gatlinburg at some time or another.

You know our desires and love for the Lions Camp and its campers. Soon we will leave it all up to the new camp personnel and all of you Lions of MD-18 to carry on and grow the Mission.

This is a great place for youth and adults with vision impairment or total blindness to come. If only for a week. But a week they will never forget. A camp to always look forward to coming back too next year. Where there are no pressures, no expectations, no school. A place to be themselves, have lots of fun and spend time with their peers. Recreation is an important part of their lives. Recreation is what we do best!!

**SO:**

**Let's "Keep The Camp Fires Burning"**



**Add more Wood "Make It Burn Brighter"**

**Mike Williams  
Camp Director  
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.**



Hello from the GA Lions Camp!

Wow it is already March 2024! Many things are changing at YOUR GA lions Camp! We continue to search for a new Camp Director. As most of you know, Mike and Gail are retiring soon and we sure will miss them!

We have hired a new Building and Grounds Manager, Clay Eddins. Clay is a GA Air National Guard Veteran, Thank you for your service, Clay and welcome to a full-time position at the Camp!

We have a scheduled work weekend coming up, April 5-7th. Home you can come to Waycross and help make a difference!

A big Thank You to the Woodbine Lions Club for making the Car Show a success once again! We had a great turn out! I am sorry I couldn't be there, work had me out of town! Our Vice Chair 1st VDG Larry Griggers represented the board and entered his Model T in the car show!

As we get ready for the state convention April 26th and 27th in Dublin, GA the Camp will once again host it's silent basket auction. I would encourage you to bring a basket to the convention and come wish Mike and Gail the very best as they prepare for retirement. This is a great fundraiser for the camp! Did I mention how much we are going to miss BOTH Mike and Gail???

We are gearing up for a great summer camping season and hope to see you there.

Thank You to the Lions of GA for all they do to support our camp.

Respectfully,  
Jay Taylor  
Board Chairman  
GA Lions Camp Inc.



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\*THE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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# 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.

### Spring April 5-7, 2024

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Participant \_\_\_\_\_  
 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                    \_\_\_\_\_

Beds:        Friday Night      \_\_\_\_\_ (Males) \_\_\_\_\_ (Females)  
               Saturday Night      \_\_\_\_\_ (Males) \_\_\_\_\_ (Females)

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

Please note in the space provided below any unique maintenance skills, materials, or equipment that your group can provide to this event. Also request any particular project you would like to accomplish.

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# Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.



## 1976 Society Member Application

### SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SIGHT

*The 1976 Society Commemorates the founding date of the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. Persons who choose to be a part of this Society pledge to contribute at least \$19.76 a month for the year they are a member, or \$237.12.*

*Your gift will be credited to your listed Lions Club.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PAID BY CASH: \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHLY: \_\_\_\_\_ QUARTERLY: \_\_\_\_\_ ANNUALLY: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD TYPE: VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MASTERCARD \_\_\_\_\_ DISC \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_

CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION: \_\_\_\_\_ CSV: \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to Georgia Lions Camp, Inc., 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA 31503*

*\*Donations may also be made using PayPal*

## 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 digitalcoupons 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](https://www.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.



## Needs List 2024: updated 2/13/2024

### Many have asked what does the camp need?

The following items will help eliminate the cost of supplies needed during camp season and beyond, maintenance and other operations of the camp.

1. There is a need for some pillows. Sometimes campers forget theirs and are needed here. Low-cost pillows from Walmart are sufficient. Nothing expensive. 20 pillows needed.
2. Bottle Water- 16oz. by the case **Camp goes through 40 cases per year**
3. PowerAde/Gatorade sports drinks- single serve bottles/24 to a case **10 cases needed the lime and red are favorite flavors**
4. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
5. 8 Gallon trash bags – 3 packs of 600 count, scented-Amazon
6. 1 Gallon zip lock storage bags – 1 case needed
7. ½ Gallon zip lock storage bags- 1 case needed
8. Dish Detergent – any brand is accepted – any size bottles accepted
9. Pine sol floor cleaner – any size accepted
10. Gallon size bleach- Five cases of 6 bottles per case (you do not have to buy all five cases needed)
11. Lysol dis-infectant spray- 2 cases of 6? cans per case
12. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable- 3 cases of 6? Bottles per case
13. Windex window cleaner- 2 cases of 6 per case
14. Clorox disinfectant spray bottles – 2 cases of 6 per case-(32 oz.)
15. Toilet Tissue – any brand
16. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted. -20 cans spray or pump
17. **Wasp Spray- Black Flag brand preferred. 2 cases of 12 per case.**
18. **Ant poison- here at the camp we have “ANT” issues, we need your help- bags of poison or industrial strength liquid needed. You can never ask for enough of this. All donations appreciated.**
19. Copy paper for the office

All of the above items listed are used all through the year as needed.

**“Gift Cards” are a great way for the camp to purchase other items that may not be on this list. (Movies, Board games, and other items for campers)**

Items purchased can be shipped directly to the camp, **(5626 Laura Walker Rd. Waycross, Ga. 31503)** taken to, and distributed during our COG and Joint meetings with the Lions Camp and Lighthouse, the annual MD-18 Lions State Convention, bring items with you on our annual Lions Day event here at the camp, bring items **when you come to work weekends.**

Anyone can donate the above items. You don't have to be a Lions Club member.

**“Please Note that, you are not asked to buy the amounts listed per item. Any purchase of a listed item is very much appreciated. If it's one item of something, a case, or several cases. Nothing is ever turned away.”**

## **Around Camp Needs:**

**New Pool cover with all hardware and cable attachments needed. Camp's pool is 30' wide and 60' length**

\* Building and Grounds Committee has mailed out a way you can help donate to this need.

2 exterior ceiling fans for the outside sitting area at the Activities Building

Casa Vieja 56" Grand Milano Modern Industrial Outdoor Ceiling Fan with Remote Control Black Damp Rated for Patio Exterior House Home Porch Gazebo Garage Barn \$249.00 each

**2 exterior ceiling fans for the Screened in Bar-B-Que shelter**

Casa Vieja 56" Grand Milano Modern Industrial Outdoor Ceiling Fan with Remote Control Black Damp Rated for Patio Exterior House Home Porch Gazebo Garage Barn \$249.00 each

1 commercial Chest freezer

MoTak MCF-24 77" Mobile Chest Freezer w/ (2) Wire Storage Basket - White, 115v \$1,329.00

## **Maintenance Needs:**

Weed Eater capable (Husqvarna or Stihl preferred)

\$750.00 fs240r Stihl commercial grade

Reciprocating Saw - battery operated (20V-5AMP) DCS380P1 -m

15.oah \$399.00 this is a complete saw with case and battery

Drill bits- for wood and for masonry \$150.00

6'X10' utility trailer with gate that will let down to load equipment- \$2,000.00

Paint brushes – needed during work weekend tasks (30) these do not have to be expensive brushes \$100.00

Pneumatic Staple Gun \$79.00

DeWalt 10" Table Saw DWF7491RS 2HP 4800RPM \$1,631.25

12" DWS780 Double Bevel sliding miter saw \$835.00

Justrite Safety Gas cans – 5 needed - \$115.00 cost per can

20'/30' extension ladder – Commercial grade

Schumacher-SC1309-Battery-Charger-Maintainer-\$159.36 on Amazon

# 2024 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](mailto:director@glcb.org)

## Spring 2024 Lions Service Days: April 5-7, 2024

### Pick A Project!

**Call to schedule a special work date for you and your club!**  
**912-283-4320 or email: [director@glcb.org](mailto:director@glcb.org)**

1. New Landscaping needed at the Administration office. This is a big project!
2. Repair weathered boards on the bleachers located at the ball field
3. Replace, and paint fascia boards at administration building.
4. Windows and Blinds in all the buildings can be cleaned
5. Pic-Nic tables need to be re-stained
6. Rocking chairs and patio furniture need to be re-stained
7. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
8. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
9. Repair broken board on canoe cart
10. All cabinets in the main dorm need to be checked for easy opening and closing-repair those that need repairing
11. Replace weathered boards on wooden ramps at the exits of the main dormitory and repaint
12. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
13. Nature Trail –build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
14. Sitting Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
15. 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!!
16. Repair fence out in front of property near the highway
17. Storm Damage to Canoe building and fence surrounding Director's house back yard
18. Trees down will have to be removed by a professional tree surgeon
19. Clean out upstairs storage at the maintenance shop
20. There will always be a need for pressure washing the buildings
21. PVC railing that leads to canoe dock will need repairs (this can only be done after all the trees have been removed)
22. Gate at boat dock needs repairing
23. Boat dock needs securing to metal post

# Upcoming Events

**April 5-7, 2024**

Spring 2024 Lions Service Days: April 5-7, 2024

## **Lions Camp Information**

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