



Georgia Lions Camp



June 2022

Georgia Lions Summer Camp 2022, where every day will be a new adventure. Campers will experience various destinations and where they will participate in cultural experiences like none they have done before.

With camp fast approaching we are excited to see all their smiling faces. This year we have several new campers who have never been here before. Many of these campers are in the 6-12 years old group, a couple of teenagers and I believe one in the young adult group.

Camper attendance is double of last year's summer camp attendance. Things are looking good.

Our new Program Director(s) have put together a great summer of programs and activities. Each day will be different. Some exciting field trips are planned for each session. The Jekyll Island Lions Club has arranged and organized a Dolphin boat tour. Campers will experience the motions of the ocean while learning how dolphins live.

Campers will enjoy a local water park, some beach time, visiting local shops, (maybe even get an ice cream cone) and a boat tour at the Okefenokee Swamp. These are just a few of our exciting destinations.



Dolphin

Speaking of the Okefenokee Swamp Park trip, we will be accompanied by a group of International Exchange Students sponsored by The Atlanta Lions Club and I guess you would say supervised by Lion, Becky Jarrell. This will be a great experience for our campers to talk with students from around the world. This will happen during our teenage session.

There is so much I could tell you about the upcoming camping season, but I will just let the above information do for now. I don't want to give away all the surprises!

The next few weeks we will be finalizing and tweaking each day's events. Staff will be arriving soon and training starts as soon as they do.

Here at the camp in the first part of June we have a couple of rental groups who bring their youth and enjoy what the Lions Camp has to offer. These are exciting and busy days.

Want to help the camp? There will always be a need here. When camp is over, we jump right back into preparing for the next upcoming events. Whether it be rental groups, maintenance needs, or planning for Christmas Camp. There is never a time your help would not be appreciated. There are fences to mend, rooms to paint, grass to mow, and more.

It was an exciting 2022 State Convention and I want to thank all of you that supported the Silent Auction. As usual, you went above and beyond.

It was good to see all of you. Mrs. Gail and I hope to see you and others here on Lions Day. July 23, 2022. Please try to make plans to come. It will be rewarding.

Well, got to get busy. Talk with you again soon,

Mike Williams

Camp Director

Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Remember to **“KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING”**

Add more Wood, **“MAKE IT BURN BRIGHTER”**

Board Chairman’s Report For June Newsletter

May was busy preparing for the Camp’s Annual Meeting at the State Convention. For those that did not attend you really missed a very good, exciting and entertaining week end. At the Annual Meeting reports were given by each District Director, Committee Chairs and by Mike Williams our Camp Director. The Organizational Meeting was held and most of the Member-at-Large positions, all of the Committee Chairs and most of the five Standing Committee Members were filled. (See the full listing below.) As you can see there are a few positions that still need to be filled. If you are interested, please contact your District Director. I would like to welcome Lions Donna Townsend as our newest District Director and our newest Members-at-Large: PDG Vanessa Stanley and Lions Dawn Rameirez and Darriel Nobles.

At the Annual Meeting the amended Bylaws were approved. Copies of the Camp’s Constitution and the current Bylaws will be sent out to the Lions of Georgia in July thru the Lions of Georgia State Office. During the Annual Meeting the dates for the required Board Meetings were set as follows:

Fall Meeting on Oct. 22, 2022

Winter Meeting on Feb. 4, 2023

Annual Meeting on May 19, 2023

There will be short Board Meeting at the Camp on Lions Day, July 23, 2022.

The Approved Annual Budge was reviewed with no recommended changes.

Christmas Camp was approved to be held on Dec. 16, 17 and 18.

The Alumni Reunion was postponed and is now scheduled to be held during the Christmas Camp.

Of Course one of the main events at the State Convention was the Silent Auction. There were 100 items brought by the Clubs and individuals. We really appreciate all those that brought items and baskets to be auctioned off. There was constant activity of people reviewing and upping their bids. Lion Ed obtained lots of sports and entertainer memorabilia to be auctioned off. Mike and Gail Williams did an excellent job in coordinating the event.

I would like to thank all of the Board Members, Committee Members and Trustees for their service this past year. And a special thank you to those rotating off the Board this year: 18-L Director Phil Minnes,

18-L Members-at-Large Lion Kay Eller, 18-N Director PDG Mark Anners and COG representative 18-N PDG Ken Gordon.

As you can see from Treasurer David's financial report, Clubs and Lions have really supported the Camp and we thank you. However, with the camping season starting this month our expenses will reach their peak. We ask that you continue to support the Camp. Congratulations to District 18-I for having the most Club contributions (35) for 64% of their Clubs. And to District 18-N for the highest dollars of \$33,342.

We look forward to seeing the Lions of Georgia at Lions Day at the Camp on Saturday, July 23. (See below for information and reservation form.)

Paul May
Georgia Lions Camp Chairman of the Board

CAMP BOARD AND COMMITTEES for 2022-2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

OFFICERS:

Chair – Paul May
Vice Chair – Jay Taylor
Secretary – Olin Newby
Treasurer – David White

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

18-L -- Donna Townsend (1st year)(1st term)
18-I -- Joanne Huff (2nd year) (1st term)
18-O-- Johnny Barrentine (2nd year)(1st term)
18-N -- Larry Griggers (1st year)(2nd term)

COG Rep. -- 18-I DG Tommy Powell

Immediate Past Board Chair – Ed Ressler

Members at Large:

18-L – Vanessa Stanley
18-I -- Young Martin
18-O -- Dawn Rameirez
18-N -- Darriel Nobles

STANDING COMMITTEES

B&G Committee

Chairman – Hal Simpson
18-L— Seth Jacobs
18-I -- Joanne Huff
18-O -- Johnny Barrentine
18-N – Mark Anners

Constitution and Policy Committee

Chairman -- Larry Griggers
18-L --
18-I – Kembra Smith
18-O --
18-N – Ron Zeppieri

Finance Committee

Chairman – David White
18-L -- Robert Lique
18-I -- Helen Troha
18-O --
18-N -- Linda Bishop

Fundraising Committee

Chairman –Ed Ressler
18-L -- Phil Minnes
18-I -- Shannon Chavez
18-O – Jay Taylor
18-N -- Debbie Griggers

Long Range Planning Committee

Chairman – Larry Griggers
 18-L – Garner Andrews
 18-I – Chris Sullivan
 18-O --
 18-N – Mark Anners

TRUSTEES

Chairman -- Ed Ressler

First Year

18-L – Curtis Edwards
 18-I-- Richard Brown
 18-O – Ed Withrow
 18-N -- Linda Bishop

Second Year

18- L— Jan Morris
 18-I -- Brian Donegan
 18-O -- Johnny Barrentine
 18-N -- Lillian Shurtleff

Fundraising Committee**Caribbean Cruise**

Congratulations to Kelli Luker, winner of the Caribbean Cruise for two. The winner was drawn and announced at the Lions Convention in Dublin, GA on May 14.

After two years of staying at home, people are ready to get out and about. This raffle allows up to one year to take the cruise and includes a state room with a balcony. The winner has their choice of cruise line and port of departure on a 7 day/6 night cruise which provides many options. It might be a great time to plan for a January or February departure when it cools off in Georgia?

Casino Fundraiser

On March 26, the East Cobb, Marietta, North Cobb, Smyrna Jonquil and South Cobb Lions Clubs hosted a casino Fundraiser benefitting the Georgia Lions Camp. The five clubs worked together to raise more than \$4,000 for the camp. There were more than 80 people in attendance at the American Legion Post in Acworth. There were casino games, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and drawing for prizes at the end of the party.



Blackjack



Prizes



Blackjack

Silent Auction

During the weekend of May 13 the Lions of Georgia were together in Dublin, Georgia for the Lions of Georgia State Convention. Many clubs brought items to be auctioned with the money raised benefitting the Georgia Lions Camp. This year we added some other items to supplement what Lions provide but the biggest and most important items are what Lions bring.

Thank you to everyone that bought items to be auctioned and to those that bid and were successful in winning the item they wanted.

After a year without an auction and one with a few participants, there were more than 100 auction items this year. As a result the Georgia Lions Camp was able to more than double last year's donations with more than \$5,000 raised.

Join Us For "Lions Day" at YOUR Georgia Lions Camp Inc. Waycross, Ga. July 23th, 2022

Schedule of Activities

Sign in and Register- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. - location- Gazebo
 10:00 a.m. - Memorial Garden Brick Placement Ceremony
 9:15 – 11:00 am– Campers at Climbing Wall- (Lions Encouraged to observe)
 9:15 – 11:00 am – Tandem Cycling- (Lions Encouraged to Participate)
 9:15 – 11:15 am – Arts/Crafts: Mosaic Rocks- (Lions Encouraged to Participate)
 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – The Campers are inviting all Lions to participate in a friendly game of

"BEEPER KICKBALL"

Location will be at the camps ballfield located near the Activities Building This will be a time of pure FUN!! Some seating will be available for the non-participants.

12:15-12:30 p.m. – Refresh and Clean-up for Lunch

12:30-1:30 p.m. – Lunch

1:30-3:00 p.m. - A message from the Camp

Opening comments by Camp's Chairman of The Board (Paul May)

Introduction of staff from Camp Director (Mike Williams)

Program Director and Camper Presentation

Campers will depart and prepare for afternoon schedule

Closing comments:

"Stay and join the Campers Afternoon Activities"

3:00 pm Camp Board meeting in Camp conference room

3:00-5:00 p.m. Camper Water Relays and Pool

6:00-7:00p.m. Campers will enjoy "Pizza" Lions invited

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – Camper Talent Show-Camper Awards- Reflection Time and end the day with a Sweet Treat. Lions invited

"FRIDAY NIGHT IS PROM NIGHT"

July 22, 2022

For those of you that are in town on Friday evening join us as our campers enjoy a special night event. Help make their evening special by attending and participating. A special meal will be prepared for the campers and we could invite you to help to prepare and serve.

**GEORGIA LIONS
SUMMER CAMP FOR THE BLIND 2022**

Vacation Destinations

LIONS DAY RESERVATION FORM

Please complete all blanks that apply. Reservations should be received no later than July 15th, 2022.

Yes, I (we) plan to attend Lions Day on Saturday, July 23, 2022. There will be approximately ____ individuals attending with me.

Club Name _____ My Name _____

Please reserve ____ meal tickets for lunch.

Plates will be \$10.00 each. Enclosed is a check for \$_____.

____ Yes, we plan to attend, but will not be eating.

The camp has limited RV hook-ups available- power and water only;

Yes, I _____ would like to reserve a RV hook-up

I will arrive on _____ departure on _____

Mail this completed form and check (payable to the Georgia Lions Camp Inc.) to:

Georgia Lions Camp Inc.
5626 Laura Walker Rd.
Waycross, GA. 31503

You may also make your reservations by phone or email.

Office # 912-283-4320

Email: secretary@glcb.org

1976 SOCIETY - May 01, 2022 - May 31, 2022

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
Joann Huff	Thomson Camelia

CENTURY CLUB - May 01, 2022 - May 31, 2022

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB	LEVEL
Pete Magoon	Woodbine	Bronze
Tommy Powell	Columbus	Bronze

Brick Memorial Garden - May 01, 2022 - May 31, 2022

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Woodbine	Woodbine

Camp Finances Y-T-D thru MAY 31, 2022

Financially speaking, after 5 Months of the 2022 Fiscal Year -- The GA Lions Camp ALMOST REACHED OUR GOAL of 3.5 Months of Cash-on-Hand.

Our actual number was 3.4 months -- but that is so close, we should be very proud of attaining that number. ***As you can see below***, we expected to have 150,925.00 in income after 5 months -- we only had 127,612.72. However, thanks to doing a good job of Expense Control by the Camp Staff, we under spent on expected expenses -- so we are very close to the financial position we expected (and worked for) at this time of year. ***Our challenge now***, is to KEEP the Cash position as healthy as it is right now. It happened at a GREAT TIME -- just before Camping Season -- our BIG expense season. A lot of people worked hard for the Camp, financially, and it paid off. **THANKS TO ALL -- LET'S KEEP IT GOING!** Our Expenses are extremely heavy during Camping Season.

Please support the Camp any way you can, and as early as you can -- and urge others in your Club to do the same. There are numerous ways to make your contribution -- and your Club will receive credit at the same time. Our Fundraising Committee is working hard to do their part, please support them in their effort.

The Camp, and, therefore, the Campers, benefit tremendously when the Camp is in a healthy financial position.

You can monitor the progress below as the months go by...

Operational Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru MAY 31, 2022

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income for 2022 to-date	127,612.72	150,925.00
Total Expenses for 2022 to-date	<u>86,478.71</u>	<u>108,527.00</u>
NET Operating Income for 2022 to-date	41,134.01	42,398.00

Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru MAY 31, 2022

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2022 to-date	15	35	18	26
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	37%	64%	28%	45%
Contributions by District for 2022 Y-T-D	17,116.05	17,843.96	12,835.00	33,342.15

As you can see above -- The number of Clubs contributing to the Camp in 2022 increased a little during May -- that is good and very much appreciated, but not enough. Please help your Club and District add to our contribution numbers by the next report.

Your Camp District Director receives a report each Month showing the contributions made from each Club in your District. Please contact him or her with any questions as to how you can help support our Camp in giving the Camp experience to others.

Thank-You!

David E. White,
Board Treasurer



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.

Needs List 2022:

The following items will help the daily operations of the camp. Many have asked what does the camp need?

1. Gallon size bleach- as many as possible
2. Toilet bowl cleaner- as many as possible
3. Lysol dis-infectant spray- as many as possible
4. Spray cans of room deodorizer- as many as possible
5. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable
6. Dish detergent (dawn preferred)
7. Windex window cleaner
8. Pumie stone sticks for toilet bowl cleaning- as many as possible
9. Dish towels for the kitchen
10. Toilet Tissue – any brand
11. Toilet Bowl Plungers and Brushes
12. Paper towels – any brand
13. Clorox wipes- large size
14. Baby wipes- individual packages
15. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
16. Zip Lock storage bags, 12 boxes/ half gallon – 24 boxes/ one gallon, 12 boxes-quart size, a question was asked, do these need to be the zip lock brand? Not necessarily but we need a good quality bag.
17. Food serving gloves- case of/one size fits all
18. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted.
19. Sunscreen **Spray** -at least 50/75 spf non allergenic
20. Disposable ponchos for rainy days – as many as possible
21. Small bottles of hand sanitizer- 2 oz.
22. Small first aid kits
23. Band-Aids all sizes
24. Bandage wraps
25. Gauze – rolls

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 and distributed during the annual MD-18 Lions State Convention, brought on Lions Day here at the camp, or when you come to work weekends.

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

October 21-23, 2022 is our next scheduled Service Days:

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

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

1. 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!!
2. Repair the Whale Watch element at the Low Ropes Course
3. 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)
4. Wooden picnic tables need replacing. Repairs would cost as much as new tables.
5. Nature Trail –build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
6. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
7. Paint the Water Tank
8. Paint the pump house at the pond
9. Paint sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
10. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
14. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
15. Sitting Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
16. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
17. Repaint Dining Hall.
18. Lights in Large Dormitory and Bunkhouse Dormitory still need to be converted to LED bulbs.
19. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
20. Repair broken board on canoe cart
21. Tin roof over bleachers at horse arena needs to be re-applied
22. Pressure wash poolside deck
23. Sign up for lawn care maintenance - (mowing weed eating, trimming, etc.)
24. Fence repair (several post and rails have decayed and broken)

Lions Service Days at the Camp are Scheduled for:

Fall October 21-23, 2022

Call to schedule a special work date for you and your club!

Upcoming Events

June 26-July 24, 2022

Session #1 June 26-July 1 2022 - Pre-Teen's 6-12 Years Old

Session #2 July 3-July 8, 2022 - Senior Adults - 40+ Years

Session #3 July 10-July 15, 2022 - Adults - 18-39 - Years Old

Session #4 July 17-July 24, 2022 - Teenagers - 13-17 Years Old

July 23, 2022

Lions Day - Save the date

October 21-23, 2022

Fall Lions Service Days

December 9-11, 2022

Camper Alumni Reunion

Lions Camp Information

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Georgia-Lions-Camp-Inc-152370411465833/>

Website: <https://www.glc.org/>

Telephone: 912-283-4320

Fax: 912-283-5130

Address: 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA 31503

Camp Alumni Contact Information

Camp Alumni Association Contact: Brian Donegan: doneganbrian1@gmail.com