



Georgia Lions Camp



July 2023

Summer Camp 2023 is well underway! It has started off with a bang. This year's theme, "Adventure of The World" has campers talking and asking. What adventure is next?

Here at the camp, we just completed week #2. Senior Adult week. Let me back up a week and tell you a little about our Pre-Teens week.

This year for the pre-teen, attendance was down a couple from last year. Although there were only six campers here, four of them attended for the first time. One of the pre-teens will move up to the teenage group next year. I know these numbers may seem small but let's look on the positive side. Someone has been busy letting Georgia residents know about the camp. This shows me some hard work by spreading the information about the camp is working. Double this number next year with the returning campers and attendance next year should be around Thirteen! That's what we are looking for.

Pre-Teens enjoyed an education trip to Jacksonville, Florida where they got to visit the Mosh Museum. A museum of science, history, and some technology. We were greeted by the administrator and given a personal tour. He asked that the kids be allowed to ask any question they wanted to. And, they did. Not only was some verbal description given to the campers there were some displays they could actually touch and ask questions. One of their favorite experiences was when they were taught about the gopher turtle. This was a hands-on event where they were told how to tell the gender of the turtle, how old it was, and how it was able to dig deep holes to live in.

During their week here the campers were treated to a movie premier night. A Red-Carpet runway entrance, photo booth, and an escort to their seats. I guess you would kind of consider this their prom night experience.

This year one of our Program Directors has invited one of the staff of the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) to come teach campers about fishing. How to bait a hook, catch the fish and then take them off the hook safely. Mr. Bert Deener is the dad of Ellie Deener here at camp. Mr. Deener is scheduled to come out each week and work with all our campers and staff. A great partnership.

Please keep an eye out for pictures posted on the camp's Facebook page. On Thursday nights I will be posting Facebook live of the camper's talent show. Works great when I use my personal account (Michael Williams). You don't want to miss these campers as they perform.

As always about the time campers get settled and begin to feel comfortable at camp, it's about time to go home. All of them said they would be back next year. As parents came to pick up their child, I was able to meet several of the new campers' parents. The parents were glad to see their child and they were excited to hear about their child's week of camp. It was a great first week of summer camp.

With only a twenty-four hour break it was time for Senior Adult week. Attendance for seniors was up some from last year even though a couple campers could not make it due to some scheduling conflicts. We had seventeen senior adults this year. Three of them were first timers and three had not been here since before Covid.

With the standard activities such as horseback riding, swimming, fishing, long walks, bingo of course, and plenty

of GLCB choir practice. You see our senior adults love to sing. If you missed some of their performances that I posted live maybe you can catch some of them by visiting my personal Facebook page. See above comment for name. check us out this Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Senior Adults were taken on a field trip to Waycross' newly renovated bowling alley. "Riches Alley" The owners met them at the door and treated them as the special guest they were. This was a private party event and we were the only people there for about two hours.

Campers enjoyed a little friendly competition and I believe it was Volly who came out as the winner. By score only. I would say, they all won as you could see the joy on each camper's face.

Senior campers were also treated to movie premiere night. Red Carpet walk-way with a brief stop to have their photo taken. Later on, they were treated to snacks and beverages. Limited by dietitian requirements!

During both of these mentioned premiere nights the camp was able to use our new digital Blu-Ray player that was donated by the Bainbridge Lions Club. Seniors were treated to Mrs. Gail's' Tater Tot Casserole on Friday morning breakfast. An annual request that they have been treated to for years. Sometimes I think this is one of their top activities. Oh yes, eating is a favorite past time for them. And again, they were all sad to leave but are counting down the days until Christmas Camp. I have a feeling that Christmas Camp 2023 is going to be a blast.

Earlier in the year I asked many of you to volunteer some this summer if you could. During senior week Mary Inman and Be'le from the East Cobb Marietta Lions Club came to help out for the week. Helping where ever they were needed. Mary helped in the kitchen and Be'le helped with some maintenance needs.

The days were long and hot but overall, I think it was another great senior adult week. Some new acquaintances and some old friends reuniting again.

Today we begin with week number three. Young adult week. Lots of plans and lots fun. Looking forward to another great week.

Don't forget to come join us on Lions Day here at the camp. July 22, 2023. Registrations begin at 8:00 am in the Gazebo. Camper activities and tours of the camp begin at 9:15 am.

This year there will be a large number of bricks placed at the Memorial Garden. I believe this ceremony will begin around 10:30 am.

If you can, please try and register before Lions Day. Registration forms have been emailed out earlier this month.

We look forward to seeing you this year. Come join the fun!

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Welcome to the GA Lions Camp July Newsletter!

I am Jay Taylor, the newly elected Camp Board Chairman. My theme this year is ALL IN for the Camp. The Camp is in full swing for camping season at YOUR GA Lions Camp, Inc. We are excited about Lions Day at the camp coming up soon, July 22nd. I would like to thank my district, District O for being the host this year! We hope to see many of our Lions friends there. Lions Day is always an amazing time. I promise you will leave here tired, but your soul will be enriched! This will be the first Lions day after the passing of our good friend Ed Ressler, who gave so freely of his time and efforts to the camp. He will be missed by so many!



Please consider coming down to a work day or get a few members of your club to contact Mike and set up your own work weekend to come down and help us out!

Lastly, please remember there is an enormous cost to keep the camp going! Consider a fundraiser to support the camp. If your club is not currently supporting the camp, ask them to consider making a donation to help keep things going here! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me and lets go ALL IN and make the camp all it can be!

Jay Taylor
Centerville Lions Club
478-256-0393



Join us for

“Lions Day “

at your

Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

Waycross, GA

Saturday July 22nd, 2023

Schedule of Activities

Sign in -8:00 -9:00 AM (location-Gazebo)

10:00 AM -Memorial Garden Brick Placement Ceremony

9:15 AM -11:00 AM –Campers at Climbing Wall

9:15-11:15 AM-Tandem Cycling

9:15 AM-11:15 AM-Arts/Crafts

11:30 AM-12:15 PM-The Campers are inviting all LIONS to participate in a friendly game of:

“BEEPER BALL KICKBALL”

Location will be at the Camp’s ballfield located near the Activities Building

12:15 -12:30 PM Refresh and Clean-up for lunch

12:30 PM-1:30 PM-LUNCH

1:30 PM-3:00 PM (A Message from the Camp)

Opening Comments by Camp’s Chairman of the Board-Jay Taylor

Introduction of Staff from Camp Director -Mike Williams

Program Director and Camper Presentation

Closing Comments

3:00 PM-Camp Board Meeting in Camp Conference Room

(Schedule of events may be a little different than those listed here)

5/10/2023

GEORGIA LIONS CAMP, Inc.

Hosted By: District O

THEME: Festival of the World

2023 - LIONS DAY RESERVATION FORM

Please complete all blanks that apply. Reservations should be received no later than **July 14, 2023.**

Yes, I(we) plan to attend Lions Day on Saturday, July 22, 2023. There will be approximately _____ individuals attending with me.

Club Name _____ My Name _____

Meal served-TBD as of 5/10/23

Please reserve _____ meal tickets for Lunch. Plates will also include sides and drinks. Plates will be \$10.00 each. Enclosed is a check for \$_____

_____ Yes, we plan to attend, however we do not wish to reserve any meals at this time.

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:

director@glcb.org

secretary@glcb.org

If you can help decorate, setup, serve, cleanup, and breakdown afterwards

Please contact Your District Governor That will be hosting this year's event. See above

CAMP STATE AWARDS FOR 2022-2023

Dr. C. M. Blanton Award is presented to the District Governor with the highest per capita contribution:

18-N DG Shellie Smith with \$41.71 per member

Thomas T, Purvis Award is presented to the club president with the highest per capita contribution:

First Place: 18-N Woodbine Lions Club President Randall Gowen with \$437 per member

Second Place: 18-L Marietta-East Cobb President Patty White with \$338 per member

Don Anderson Award is presented to the club president for the highest increase in per capita contribution over the previous year:

First Place: 18-I Monroe Lions Club President Gary Potter with \$200.00 per member

Second Place: 18-N Centerville Lions Club President Jay Taylor 184.21

Keep the Camp Fires Burning Award is presented to the club president for the highest total donation per capita for “Keep the Campfires Burning”.

First Place: 18-N Bellville Lions Club President PDG Mark Annors with 23 per member

Second Place: 18-I Norcross Lions Club President Sonia Lopez with \$15 per member

Treasurer’s Award is presented to the club president with the highest total dollar contribution:

First Place: 18-N Woodbine Lions Club President Randall Gowen for \$12,239

Second Place: 18-L Marietta-East Cobb Lions Club President Patti White with \$11,821

Camp Finances Y-T-D thru JUNE 30, 2023

We have now passed thru month 6 of our 2023 Fiscal year -- and CAMPIING SEASON is here! This is one of our reasons for being. We owe it to our Campers to make their Camp experience something great for them.

Support is needed from ALL Lions to make this season a successful Camping Season for our Campers. Our Camp Director, Mike Williams, would be glad to hear from anyone willing to provide assistance -- he will be glad to coordinate your 'hands-on' services -- or financial contributions.

Our main challenge is to grow the number of Visually Impaired Campers we serve. To do this, we need to make some improvements to the Camp -- as well as repair and improve some of existing structures.

JUNE 2023 turned out to be a big expense month -- as expected. July is going to be a big expense month as well -- **NOW is the time**. Helping in person AND/OR contributing financially -- both are equally important.

Revenue this year is having a hard time keeping up with our expenses -- We are asking ALL Lions Clubs AND Individual Lions to help support our Camp financially. We need your support!

As you can see below -- Thru MAY, we were basically 'holding our own' against our expenses to-date. However, 'holding our own' is not good enough for JUNE and JULY. PLEASE HELP!

CAMPING SEASON IS HERE! ----- CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME!

Operational Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru JUNE 30, 2023

Total Actual Income Thru JUNE 2023*	173,084.12
Total Actual Expenses Thru JUNE 2023	130,797.18
NET Operating Income Thru JUNE 2023	42,286.94

* Y-T-D INCOME includes \$30,000.00 Transfer from our Investment Fund for Operations

Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2023	19	35	21	26
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	45%	63%	42%	46%
Contributions by District for 2023	21,053.47	20,370.16	20,290.00	39,020.39

DISTRICT Year over Year COMPARISON -- as of JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Ahead / (Behind) 2022</u>
18L	25,531.05	21,053.47	(4,477.58)
18I	19,357.96	20,370.16	1,012.20
18O	13,664.76	20,290.00	6,625.24
18N	34,462.15	39,020.39	4,558.24
MD18	93,015.92	100,734.02	7,718.10

As you can see above -- **3 of 4 Districts are contributing more this year than they did last year** .

We need ALL Districts to continue to be ahead of last year. Overall, Lions are giving more than last year! PLEASE keep it up! We need **YOUR** help to make this year a SUCCESS!

Financially, the Camp has work to do -- with your financial help, it will get done! **ALL** Contributions are appreciated!

Thank-You!

David E. White,
Board Treasurer

1976 SOCIETY - June 01, 2023 - June 30, 2023

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Lion Joanne Huff	Thomson Camelia
Lion John Rudert	Norcross
Lion Trudy Rudert	Norcross

CENTURY CLUB - June 01, 2023 - June 30, 2023

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB	LEVEL
Lion Keith Yarbrough	Waycross Okefenokee	Gold

Brick Memorial Garden - June 01, 2023 - June 30, 2023

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Lion Cathy Williams	Douglas
Baxley Lions Foundation	Baxley
Lions Of GA	18N



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 2023: updated 5/11/2023

Many have asked what does the camp need?

The following items will help the daily maintenance and other operations of the camp.

1. Bottle Water- 16oz. by the case
2. PowerAde/Gatorade sports drinks- single serve bottles/24 to a case
The lime and red are favorite flavors
3. Disposable ponchos for rainy days – 50 – these can be found at dollar stores or dollar general
4. Dish towels for the kitchen
5. 13-gallon trash bags
6. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
7. Gallon size bleach- Five cases of 6 bottles per case
8. Lysol dis-infectant spray- 2 cases of 6? cans per case
9. Spray cans of room deodorizer- 20 cans of spray
10. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable- 3 cases of 6? Bottles per case
11. Windex window cleaner- 2 cases of 6 per case
12. Clorox disinfectant spray bottles – 2 cases of 6 per case-(32 oz.)
13. Toilet Tissue – any brand
14. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted. -20 cans spray or pump
15. **Wasp Spray- Black Flag brand preferred. 2 cases of 12 per case.**
16. **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.**

Ant Poison/some has been donated but we are still in need of more

17. 50-1 mix for weed eaters and lawn maintenance tools used here at the camp. 24 bottles
18. 5W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qtrs. Per case
19. 10W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qtrs. per case
20. Copy paper for the office

One box of copy paper donated/ more needed- we use up to six cases per year.

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.

Maintenance Needs:

- Skill Saw -electric or battery operated (*20V) or Both * **Item Has been Donated**
- Reciprocating Saw - electric or battery operated (20V) or Both
- DeWalt Drill Set – 20V battery operated **Item Has been Donated**
- Drill bits- for wood and for masonry
- Pressure Washer – needed for cleaning buildings
- 6'X10' utility trailer with gate that will let down to load equipment
- Paint brushes – needed during work weekend tasks (30) these do not have to be expensive brushes
- Pneumatic Framing Nail Gun - **Item Has been Donated**
- Pneumatic Finishing Nail Gun - **Item Has been Donated**
- Camp is in need of an air compressor
- Table Saw

2023 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

Fall 2023 Lions Service Days: October 6-8, 2023

Pick A Project!

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

1. Storm Damage to Canoe building and fence surrounding Director's house back yard
2. PVC railing that lead to canoe dock will need repairs
3. Playground border fence needs repair and repainted
4. Clean Low Ropes Course and Amphitheater areas
5. Repair the Whale Watch element at the Low Ropes Course JOB COMPLETED
6. Railings need repair at the back double door entrance to the dining hall-JOB COMPLETED
7. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
8. Repaint Dining Hall.
9. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
10. Repair broken board on canoe cart
11. Tin roof over bleachers at horse arena needs to be re-applied
12. Pressure wash poolside deck
13. All cabinets in the main dorm need to be checked for easy opening and closing-repair those that need repairing
14. Need some shower heads replaced in the main dormitory
15. Replace weathered boards on wooden ramps at the exits of the main dormitory and repaint
16. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
17. Nature Trail –build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
18. Sitting Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
19. 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!!
20. Lots of site cleaning and landscaping help needed
21. Paint guide rope post
22. Repair fence out in front of property near the highway
23. Wooden ramp and rails need repairs at the Arts and Crafts building. Re- Painted also

Upcoming Events

July 22, 2023

Lions Day at the Camp.

October 6-8, 2023

Fall 2023 Lions Service Days will be on October 6-8, 2023.

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