



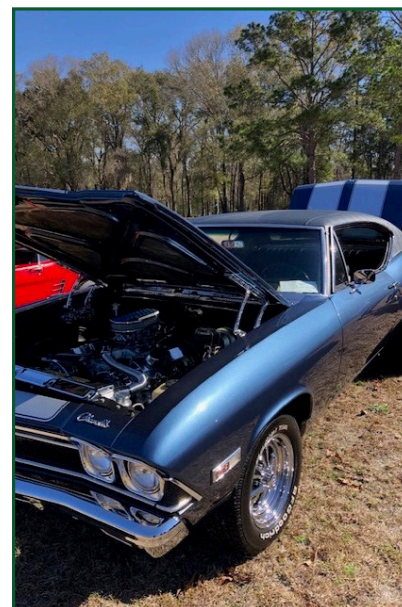
Georgia Lions Camp



March 2021

At the beginning of February, it rained here for two weeks everyday here at the lions Camp. The grounds were getting pretty soaked. Puddles of water and soggy soil seemed to hang around consistently. The camp has sandy soil and standing water has never been a problem. But when it rains this much and the ground becomes wet there is nowhere for it to go. I think there is a saying that "Until the sap starts rising in the pines the soil stays wet longer". So, I've been told.

Plans for our annual Car Show were coming together and the event was fast approaching. We were not sure if the event was going to happen this year. Weather determines a lot when you have an outdoor event scheduled.



Vehicles from the car show

If you have ever attended one of these Car Shows you learn quickly how much hard work has gone in to these vehicles. Owners of these cars and trucks do not like getting their vehicles dusty. Much less muddy.

With the Car Show scheduled for February 20th, 2021 site conditions were becoming a worry. It had rained for two solid weeks prior to the show. Up until February 18th, 2021. These camp grounds were wet!

Mrs. Teresa Sawyer one of the volunteers came on Friday the day before the Car Show to lay out vendor booths and we surveyed the location where the cars were to enter. The ground was pretty solid but when you plan on fifty to one hundred vehicles driving the same path it could get pretty soggy. After we staked out the path of entry, preparations were made for the cars and trucks so they could park on the camp's ballfield. I think I used every piece of scrap plywood I could find.

On Saturday morning it was a bit cool with temperature but the spirits were high, hot coffee was brewed. Woodbine Lions cooked pancakes and sausage on the griddle for the early bird arrivals. The sunshine came out early and hung around all day. No rain in the forecast.

The committee that organizes this fund raiser each year dedicate a lot of personal time preparing for this event. Mr. Louis Keene and Mike Daugherty both are members of the Woodbine Lions Club. Mike (and his wife June) handles all prospects of getting Show Car entries, trophies, door prizes, and sponsorships for the trophies. Mr. Louis organizes all the volunteers from his Lions Club (some bring their wives) that are needed on the day of the show. It takes many volunteers to make this all a success. Teresa Sawyer of the Woodbine Women's Club handles advertising for the car show and contacts food and craft vendors. They let me make sure the grounds are in good shape. Most people know how I feel about first appearances.



Truck from the car show

This was the fourth year in a row that these two clubs have organized this event. Funds raised are donated towards the camp programs, activities, and other needs to ensure our campers have a great time while attending summer camp.

When the gates opened for Show Cars around 8:00 a.m. they began to arrive. Even with the pre-conditions of rainy weather and cool temperatures, there was still a good turnout of cars, trucks, motorcycles, food and craft vendors. There was I believe a total of 67 show car entries. This was definitely a good turnout.

Early morning was a little slow on spectator attendance. By 10:30 a.m. you could see the increase in attendance. People I guess waited to see how the conditions of the day would be. It was a good sight to see people getting out. Pretty sure everyone was tired of being couped up for two weeks from the rain. And other reasons.

This year we could not offer activities for kids. Such as the bounce houses or the Blue Train. Health and Safety precautions were considered. We did however manage to have a very interesting and I found out later that it has become a favorite event for private parties and social events. Axe throwing! Seems to be a competitive sport that all ages can participate in. I met this couple at an earlier event over at Laura S. Walker State Park. They had all the required documentation needed and was well managed.

I could go on and on about this event and what it means to the camp and the campers. With day-to-day challenges all we can do is prepare and move forward. Meet every challenge head on. When you get knocked down there is only one way to succeed. Get Up!

What a great day it was. Everyone participating said they would definitely be back again next year. I wish you all could have been here but maybe next year you can save the date. Third Saturday in February!

Thanks Again to all who put in many hours of hard work,

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

P.S. Almost forgot, Camp Board Chairman (Ed Ressler) came all the way down in his rolling mansion of a motor home and offered Vision Screening. Got to keep the Chairman busy!!



Truck from the car show

For the past several years this camp has become a home base for our local power company, O.R.E.M.C.

When hurricane season arrives and there is a need, our facilities are made available to them. When they are here there is a need for many beds, sleeping quarters, and showers. All dorms and now the newly renovated building is available for their use.

Fortunately, this past year they did not need the camp to house any emergency work crews. Although during one storm we were all pre-pared just in case.

O.R.E.M.C. has always been a supporter of the camp. Donations have been made every year to help with camper sponsorships, programs, and activity needs. Some of their employees have come and physically contributed by performing labor intense jobs. Cutting down trees, pressure washing buildings, stripping out old carpet and many other tasks.



Chair Ed Ressler accepting donation check

Donald host car show events throughout the year and all the money he raises goes to different non-profit organizations. What a way to serve!

For the past two years he has provided his personal sound system for music and announcements during the car show. Another volunteer serving!

Thanks again to all who contribute to the camp. Without you, we could not serve the Blind Community.

THE CAMP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Georgia Lions Camp newsletter is created to let the Lions of Georgia know what is happening now, next month and in the future at your camp. Information we have received says that there are 4600 Lions in Georgia but only 3000 are in the Constant Contact list at the state office. There are no Leos receiving this information and they are supposed to be our future Lions. We at the Georgia Lions Camp request that if you receive our newsletter, please share with your club and friends. If your club is sponsoring a Leo Club, share the newsletter with them but also send us the contact information for them so we can add them to a group and assure them that they receive the information.



Chair Ed Ressler accepting donation check

Spring is almost here and it is time to tidy up. Soon we will be having our first Lions Service Day Weekend here; best known as Work Weekend.

Our spring Work Weekend is scheduled for April 9-11, 2021.

Many of you have attended these work sessions and have contributed considerably. There is a list of work projects in this month's newsletter and I'm pretty sure there will be other things that we will need help with.

There are always things to paint, scrub, cut, rake, plant, and more.

Please look on the camp's website at www.glcb.org for reservation forms or call the camp office.

We now have total of ten RV sites, four of which are full service.

So, if you want to bring your RV for the weekend - come on. While you are here, come check out the completely renovated Staff Building, you will be amazed. The interior has been completely made Handicap accessible along with ADA rails and railing at entry and exit doors.

Hope to see you soon.

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.
Let's "KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING"



ADA railing

Fellow Lions, it is that time of year where the Georgia Lions Camp is looking for those who are interested in SERVING beyond their Club level for the year 2021-2022. All of the officers were elected at the Winter Board Meeting. District 18-I and 18-0 will be electing their District Director for a two year term at their upcoming, respective District Conventions. Each of the four districts need to have representatives for the positions of Board Member-at-Large and for each of the five Standing Committee. All of these positions are for a one year term. The Standing Committees are:

- Buildings and Grounds Committee
- Finance Committee
- Constitution and Policy Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Long Range Planning Committee

If you are interested in serving one of these positions, please contact one of your district's Camp Board Members or one of you District Governor Team or me.

Paul May
Camp Chairman of the Board Elect
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Handmade custom quilts from the Satilla Quilters of Woodbine, Georgia

The camp received three “Handmade Custom Quilts” from the Satilla Quilters of Woodbine, Georgia. Quilts were presented to the camp by Mrs. Deloris Magoon. Present during this presentation was Mr. Louis Keene of the Woodbine Lions Club and Teresa Sawyer of the Woodbine Women’s Club. Mrs. Josephine O’Neal also made a monetary donation to the camp during this event.

Quilts consisted of one queen size and two twin size. Items also donated were a set of queen size sheets along with a queen size mattress protector. These items are to be used for the newly renovated staff building. As a little reminder this same club, two years ago, took materials sewn together by our campers during one of their activities and custom made a quilt that was raffled off as a fundraiser for the camp.

The structural renovation of this building is complete and now we have to focus on the interior decorations, some bedroom furniture, linens and towels; that are still in need. (4 Bedrooms) - another reason to come on Lions Day 2021 here at the camp. Come see the improvements, we’ve been busy.



Side road construction

The side road leading to the camps back entrance gets upgrading!

In the past when it rains here at the camp our side road most of the time has several washout areas on the road. Making it almost impossible to come in or out of the camp. When washouts happen our local county road department are quick to come and make the necessary repairs. This does happen quite often.

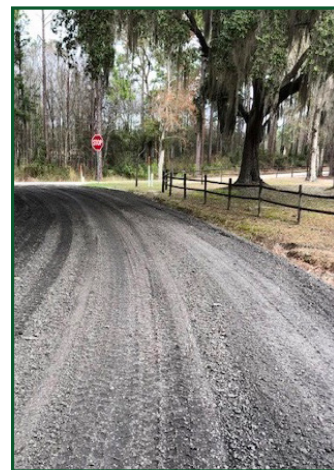
Well as you can see in the above pictures, they have helped solve that problem. When they first began this job, I thought they were just going to lay down a few loads of crushed asphalt in the areas that washed out regularly. Nope! They have repaired the road all the way to the camps back entrance at the maintenance shop. No more dips, swaying, or waiting on someone to get by you. I thought maybe 5 or 10 loads would do, wrong again. They hauled in over twenty-five loads of crushed asphalt. No more problems on this part of the road for quite a while.

So, now when you come for Lions Service Day or any other events. You have a good road to pull your camper on. Or for those who have what I call the rolling mansion, no more problems!!

Guess this is all I will report for now.

Hope to see you soon!

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.



Side road construction

On January 30, 2021 the officers for the board of Directors for the Georgia Lions Camp were elected for the 2021-22 year. Lion Jay Taylor was elected to be Vice Chairman. Here is Jay's biography.

Hello, my name is Jay Taylor, I am a member of the Centerville, GA Lions Club. I have been married to my wife Jerda Smestad Taylor for 18 years. We have one son, Jonathan, who is 15 years old. I joined the Centerville Lions Club in March 2002. I am very active in my club of 39 members. I have served as the President of my home club four times. I served my district as the District Membership chair and have served as the Zone Chair for 18 F for 5 years and for 18 O for six years. I previously served as a CGL for the Perry GA Lions club and I am currently of the CGL for the New Houston County Lions Club.

I own a Small Engine repair shop here in Warner Robins and in my spare time, I am an Event Manager for both CSC – Contemporary Services Corporation and Titan Global Enterprises. We provide guest services and crowd management to The University of Georgia, GA Tech, Georgia State University, The Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Motor Speedway, and to the Macon Centroplex.

Being a Lion is all about serving our community, and helping when there is a need. I am happy to serve on the Georgia Lions Camp board of directors and looking forward to camping season in 2021.

Respectfully,
Lion Jay Taylor

On January 30, 2021 at the Winter meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp Board of Directors authorized working on a project to have a Family Camp for families with a visually impaired child. The criteria is that the child has never attended our camp and the families are afraid to let their child try doing what children their age do for fear they will get hurt.

This is not our normal family camp where a parent or sibling can come with the visually impaired child, this is a true family camp where up to five family members attend for a weekend at our camp. While there their child will be able to experience all things camp and while the parents will be close by.

This is an opportunity for up to 10 families to experience this. The goal is to demonstrate that their child is capable of doing all things camp.

A flyer is made a part of this newsletter in hopes that you will share it with families of visually impaired children, schools and school boards.



AUGUST 6-8, 2021

FAMILY CAMP

—"EYE CAN!"

What to Expect....

For the First Time Camper. Parents bring the immediate family and rally around your child with a visual impairment. There will be separate programs geared towards visually impaired campers, siblings, and parents. Campers and siblings will enjoy traditional summer camp fun! Parents will receive guidance on raising a child with a visual impairment to be independent and capable! Sessions on accessibility, legalities, and the special education process will leave the parent knowledgeable in being the best advocate for their child's success.



Camp is designed especially for individuals with visual impairments

Adapted sports and camp activities

A unique "whole" family experience

"I can do anything, just in a different way!"

3 days of learning and fun for only \$100/Family!

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONTACT: GEORGIA LIONS CAMP INC,

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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.

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 9-11, 2021 is our next scheduled Service Day.

1. Pressure wash all buildings (12) (bring pressure washer and water hoses, camp only has two pressure washers)- brings yours if you have one.
2. Clean and repair screens at the bar-b-que shelter
3. Pressure wash fountain at memorial garden
4. All Buildings!! Wash Windows-Inside and Outside-Clean Window Sills-Dust all Blinds, this is a big task and would be a good Lions Club Team Project. More than one club if possible.
5. Install gates at two entrances to camp located near Main Dormitory: these are 28' openings and what is called cattle gates would be sufficient. **Gates needed.**
6. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing.
7. **Nature Trail** – clean up debris. **To build up low lying areas we need Four loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.**
8. Remove soiled carpet from (Rental House) (Directors house)
9. (Rental House) Replace carpet with either laminate flooring or ceramic tile Camp has some tile- enough to do maybe three of the four rooms.
10. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
11. Paint the Water Tank
12. Paint the pump house at the pond
13. Paint post at Arts and Crafts building
14. Paint Porch on Arts and Crafts Building
15. Paint ceiling in dining hall serving area
16. Paint sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
17. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
17. Repair damaged handrails leading to the floating dock.
18. Paint the railing around the playground
19. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
20. Swings at the fire pit need to be painted.
21. Interior Dining Hall to be repainted
22. Kitchen serving area needs walls to be painted
23. Kitchen paint to match serving area.
24. Memorial Garden, there are sections that need new shrubbery and flowers.
25. Clean debris inside the fencing at the fish pond
26. Clean debris outside the fencing at the fish pond (front, back, and sides)
27. Clean up debris around all trees located behind and beside the climbing wall
28. Clean debris at the Low Ropes Elements

Upcoming Events

March 27, 2021

Okefenoke 10-K Swamp Run to be here on March 27th, 2021. Come and talk to someone about becoming a Lion.

April 9-11, 2021

Lions Service Days/Work Weekend April 9-11, 2021. Visit the camp's web page at www.glcb.com for registration forms.

June 20-July 23, 2021

Summer Camp Begins in June (June 20th, thru July 23rd, 2021) with staff training on June 11, 2021.

Lions Camp Information

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