



Georgia Lions Camp



August 2021

Before you know it, camp is over! The training, practicing for activities, pre-paring games for indoors and outdoors, cleaning, and working as a team. This year's group of summer counselors was led by Program Director Krista MacCallum.

Adventureland was her theme. Campers were introduced to a new way of identifying locations here at the camp. Not only did the locations get special names so did some of the yearly attended activities. Campers were excited with this new twist.



Teenagers and staff 2021

Tales of Mystery intrigued the campers. A Fairytale murder mystery. Who done it? Campers listened as counselors performed the mystery. Campers trying to figure out the clues. A mixture of campers at various tables. This activity would take team work. Lots of discussions between the campers at their tables. Guessing who might have been the culprit. In the end each of the campers gave their choice on who they thought committed this fairytale crime. At the beginning of each summer group session, the mystery was performed. All campers were glued in to what was going on in this Fairytale. Who did it? Oh, do you know?

This was just one of the new programs this year. Theatrical performances by staff and by campers. Campers would come together and perform skits. Practicing daily in between other activities.

Music is a major program that campers participate in here at camp every year. This year we added a twist. Not your ordinary talent show. Although many campers performed their favorite songs, read poetry, or played an instrument. This year they would perform their own musical show.

During senior adult week campers went on a special road trip to the Bowling Lanes. At the beginning some were hesitant to try. In the end all participated and had a great time. Forget those kiddie racks, they wanted to throw the ball!



Senior Adults 2021

Meeting at the flag pole was brought back this year. Always after breakfast so we could burn off some of those calories. Singing, clapping, swaying, and just having fun. Enjoying the mornings together.

Senior Adults that came put together what they call, the GLCB Choir. They sang several songs together in pretty good harmony. Go to the camps website to check them out. Click on the activities page.

Teenager week was next on the schedule. Teenagers, although few in numbers, was full of excitement. They had been notified in their acceptance letters about a trip to Summer Waves (a water theme park) and best of all, this year they would be part of Prom Night. Limousine included!

Yes, prom night was a big success. Most campers did not get to attend a Prom of their own last year so this year it was Adventureland Prom Night. They enjoyed getting picked up by a Limo (Party Van), transported over to the State Park for pictures and then brought back to the Lions Den. What a night! Lights, Camera, Music, Food, and Dancing the evening away.

Sorry to say I do not have the pictures back yet. But they will be posted as soon as I get them. Teenagers enjoyed Tandem and Recumbent Bike rides around the camp. Thankful for the improvement of crushed asphalt on our dirt road. Campers did want to ride a little farther but the counselors in charge were just worn out trying to ride everyone. Need a workout next year? Come train and volunteer as a captain on one of our bikes. By the way, a big thankyou to Lion Hal Simpson for loaning us a couple of his personal Tandem Bikes.



Tandem bike riding

Have you ever cooked a cake in a cup? Campers did. This too was something new this year. This activity was led by one of our visually impaired staff. They (the campers and staff) enjoyed eating CAKE is all I can say.

As teenage week came to a close, campers enjoyed another day with Lions. As campers went about participating at the climbing wall and horseback riding that day, they enjoyed seeing you all here. Camper's love coming to the camp each year and they can do this

because of your support. I believe there were a few visitors this year at Lions Day that had never been here before. We hope you enjoyed your day here.

As Lions Day moved into lunch and programing the campers had prepared a skit for you. Although I did not get to see it that day, all have expressed that they were clearly entertained. You made comments like, the campers really did a great job and they kept the audience involved.

I want to thank camp Board Chairman and Co-Chairman Jay Taylor for stepping in for me. Most who were here Know that Mrs. Gail had a severe Migraine that day. Severe enough to call in the EMT's. Luckily, she did not have to go to the emergency room. I know this was announced that she did go. I apologize for not being able to keep you informed about her condition. With advice from the EMT's she needed rest, hydration, and a lot of quite time. She has had a few repeat migraines since that day but not as severe. Still pretty bad but manageable. If you can manage a migraine!

The camp is very fortunate to have a super nurse here this year. Her name is Nurse Burse. What a blessing she has been. She cared for the campers as usual. Helped out where ever there was a need and yes, she was a great help for Mrs. Gail. She has become a great friend and we look forward to her returning for many camp seasons.

Well, the teenagers left the day after Lions Day, on Sunday and we jumped right in with the young adult

group. As they all arrived that evening, they too were glad to be able to attend camp this year. What would we have instore for this group? You guessed it. More fun and games with some new twist. This week we would take a trip off site and head over to Jekyll Island Beach. Time for squeezing sand between your toes and getting sand out of your clothes.

Campers ate lunch under the veranda and spent some more quality time back out splashing in the waves before heading back to the camp. Coming back that night to prepare for what the week had instore.

Not sure if any of you have heard about our Purple Soup or what is in it. If you are fortunate to know one of our campers by the name of Lauren. Ask her about it. What's in our Purple Soup? What ever you like! Also, a group of campers came up with their version of the B, I, N, G, O song. I think they sang it too almost anyone.

The young adults participated in the Escape Room. Adventureland version of a scavenger hunt. Where they had to find objects, sounds, or someone. They used their cell Phones to record these task and whichever team completed their list first, Escaped!

Tandem Bike riding was again a big success. All campers were given rides on the tandem bikes and the recumbent bike. If you are a little confused about these two bikes, a tandem is a two-seat bicycle, a recumbent is basically a two-seat tricycle. The one we have has two tires in the front and one in the rear. Campers enjoy riding, counselors have to swap out often as captains because we have lots of sand here at the camp and it is tough on those leg muscles!

Later in the week campers attempted to conquer Champions Summit (Climbing Wall for those who didn't catch on). This is where Purple Soup got started.

For year's one of our campers, let's call him Raymond has asked me, Mr. Mike can I drive the golf cart? For years I have said not this year. Did he ask me again this year you might ask? Of course, he did. On the very first day of camp. my reply, we'll see. The day we were out at Champions Summit I thought it was time for the Big Surprise! As I had taken the electric cart known as the Limo out to this activity. You see, this cart although very dependable and can carry several people, is very SLOW! It was time. I asked Raymond if he was ready to drive? He almost stepped on a couple of campers and staff getting to the cart. Now Raymond can't see but can tell when there is a change around him. He follows instructions well. Off we went, riding through the field where there are many trees and a fence, Raymond drove and I navigated. This was the highlight for Raymond. He finally was able to drive the golf cart. It did not stop with Raymond. All of the campers were given a chance to drive and they all did! It was a fun day. Everyday is a fun day at the Georgia Lions Camp. I hope you have watched Lauren drive the cart. I have posted it on the camp's Facebook page.

Friday came and all had come to an end. Summer Camp season 2021 was over. As usual the time flew by. Yes, our attendance was low but it was one of the best years of camp. Staff were great and all did their part to make this a summer camp that the campers would talk about until they come back again.

Krista did a great job with programming. Counselors who were asked to lead, did so. Everyone supported each other. Looking forward to Christmas Camp. of which will be the weekend of December 10-12, 2021. Plans for next summer are already in the making. We always start a season where another one ends. Next year, if you know someone who can come to camp as a camper, send them. I guarantee it will be the best year ever!

I do want to give special recognition to our summer cook. She did a phenomenal job. I don't know what is going on but no-one wanted to work. She managed the lunch and evening meals on her own. I was able to hire her a helper that would help set up and serve the meals. Clean up was done by the counselors who rotated and knew they would be needed.

We did have some help from Lion Bill Owens, Camp Board Member at Large Kay Eller, her husband Rick and a couple of the members of the Jasper Youth Mission group also came over to help. All their help was greatly appreciated.



Kay is the one using the shovel, Rick is the one taking a break!

This year was a total team effort. Mrs. Gail also came over early in the mornings to prepare and serve breakfast. This is camp, this is what we do. It takes all pitching in wherever they are needed to make this another great camping experience for the campers.

Many asked if they can come and volunteer to help? The answer will always be, yes. If you are willing to work, do whatever is needed. Contact me and I will give you information on how you can help. There are some requirements that have to be met.

I will stop for now and move on too my next assignment or task. Camp never ends. My goal is to increase the attendance of our younger generation. Continue working with the Florida Lions to offer our camp as a place for their visually impaired and blind community of Florida to attend.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to be a part of a great service to the Blind Community!

“LET’S KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING”

Add more “WOOD” and “MAKE IT BURN BRIGHTER”

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc

Congratulations to Mike and Gail Williams, Krista MacCallum and Nurse Burse for getting the 2021 summer camping sessions underway and thru a very successful summer. Without anyone of them we would not have had a successful camping season.

LIONS DAY:

Likewise a big THANK YOU to the Lions of 18-N for sponsoring the luncheon under the leadership of PDG Mark Anners on Lions Day. We had about 110 Lions in attendance with the teenage campers and counselor. There were about 20 First Timers attending Lions Day. Another special Thank You goes to Lion Gail Coefield, assisted by JC (by staying out of her way) for making all the cupcakes. This was her 14th year of making then for Lions Day. WOW!!

Normally the campers and counselors would sit intermingled with the Lions of Georgia; however, as a precaution with the virus, all the campers and counselors sat at their own separate tables. The campers led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by the invocation by camper Josie.

All members of the Board of Directors were introduced. As Camp Chairman I gave a brick to Past Board Chairmen Lions Ressler and PCC Olin Newby. Along with a brick for starting a section of the Brick Memorial Garden honoring all of the Camp's Past Presidents/Board Chairmen. I hope that other Clubs and Lions will follow suit in honoring other Past Presidents of the Camp. Lion Joanne Huff did a great job conducting the Memorial Brick Garden ceremony. Thanks to a donation from Lions Dave and Dimple Forest for their donations of funds for the plants in the Brick Memorial Garden Garden. It is the best that it has ever looked. The Jasper First Baptist Group were at the Camp for the previous week working on many projects throughout the Camp. Lion Bill Owens of the Monroe Lions Club was there assisting Mike with the Jasper group.

Following lunch the campers entertained us with a mystery skit that involved all of the Campers and then they played a word game involving the campers and the Lions. During the luncheon two checks were presented to the Camp. The Okefenokee Track and Cycle Club gave the camp \$3,500 from their annual Swamp Run. The other check for \$2,000 was from Donald Sloan and his Car Show. And a final note to those that were there, Gail Williams is OK. She fainted due to a migraine, low fluids, etc. She was not taken to the hospital.

Camp Board Meeting:

The Camp's Board of Directors met on Lions Day. The Camp's CPA, Lion Mark Talley, and the Camp's Insurance Agent, Lion Greg Hicks, were introduced to the Board. As Chairman I asked the Board of Directors and their team to contact every Lions Club in their respective District, encouraging the Clubs to all make a financial contribution to the Camp and to find out why if any Club is unwilling or unable to support the Camp. I have also asked all the Board Members to submit their thoughts by the end of July on what they feel should be the objectives for this year's Board.

Last month I introduce to you all of the Board Members and committee chairs and now I would like introduce you to the committee members:

Building and Grounds:

- Chairman - Lion Hal Simpson (18-L)
- 18-L - Lion Phil Minnes
- 18-I - Lion Joann Huff
- 18-O - Lion Johnny Barrintine
- 18-N - PDG Mark Anners

Constitution and Policy:

Chairman - Lion Larry Griggers (18-N)
18-L - Lion Reese Munch
18-I - Lion Joanne Huff
18-O - Lion Betti Cotton
18-N - PCC Ron Zeppieri

Finance:

Treasurer - PDG David White (8-L)
18-L - Lion Asgar Kachwalla
18-I - PCC Richard Brown
18-O - Lion Bobby Clemons
18-N - PDG Philip Smith

Fundraising:

Chairman - Lion Bill Owens (18-I)
18-L - Lion Ed Ressler
18-I - Lion Debbie Anderson
18-O - Lion Jay Taylor
18-N - Lion Debbie Griggers

Long Range Planning:

Chairman - Lion Larry Griggers (18-N)
18-L - Lion Katie Proctor
18-I - Lion Chris Sullivan
18-O - 1VDG Tommy Powell
18-N - PDG - Lew Waldrop

Trustees:

Chairman - Lion Ed Ressler (18-L)	
Second Year	First Year
18-L - Lion Donna Calhoun	Lion Jan Morris
18-I - Lion Kevin Walsh	Lion Brian Donegan
18-O - Lion David McDonald	Lion Johnny Barrentine
18-N - PCC Jon Winters	PDG Lillian Shurtleff

I thank all of these committee members in accepting the responsibility to SERVE MORE for the Camp. If any Lion would like to SERVE MOORE in any of these areas or have suggestions, please contact your district's representatives.

SERVING MORE

Paul May

Chairman of the Board

**GEORGIA LIONS CAMP
District Level Awards 2021**

Highest Per Capita Award

District L	Marietta East Cobb Lions Club
District I	Clayton Lions Club
District O	Thomaston Lions Club
District N	Woodbine Lions Club

R.C Cunningham Service Award

Hank and Doy Barks Leo Service Award

There were no applications for the 2020-21 Lions Year

Camp Finances Y-T-D thru July 31, 2021

Financially, 2021 is proving to be a challenging year for the Camp -- just as it is for Lions Clubs in general. We depend on the Contributions of the Lions of Georgia for about 80 % of our income. Please remember our Camp with your Club Contributions and your Individual Contributions as Lions. Please help in our effort to offer the 'Camp Experience' to more Campers by helping out with a generous donation. Every contribution to the Camp is very much needed and appreciated! Thank-you

Operational Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru July 31, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	117,096.39	222,240.00
Total Expenses	146,666.21	214,524.81
NET OPERATING INCOME	(29,569.82)	7,715.19

Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru July 31, 2021

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2021 to-date	20	34	19	28
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	45%	63%	30%	48%

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.

From May 1 to December 31, 2021 the two Chairmen will match up to \$5000 total in donations to the CHALLENGE. As we did last fall, it must be on a personal check, marked CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE in the memo field and must be postmarked by December 31, 2021.

If you prefer not to write a check, you can use PayPal which is available on the Georgia Lions Camp website which is www.glcb.org.

Again, any donation amount is appreciated but this time we have a CHALLENGE COIN that has the camp logo on the front and Keep the Camp Fires Burning on the back. For a donation of at least \$100 you will receive the coin plus a 3D display to place the coin in, if desired.



Challenge Coin Front



Challenge Coin Back

Full Hookups for RV's were used by the First Baptist Youth Mission Group.

Make sure you read next month's Director's article.

Exciting updates about the recent volunteer work completed here at the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Don't miss it!



RV Hookups



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 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 22-24, 2021 is our next scheduled Service Day:
(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)

1. Clean and repair screens at the bar-b-que shelter
2. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing. (Some work has been done, need more help) some painting needed.
3. 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.
4. Remove carpet from (Rental House) (Director's house)
5. (Rental House) Replace carpet with laminate flooring. Funding needed.
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.
12. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
13. Swings at the fire pit need to be painted.
14. Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
15. There will always be a need for landscape maintenance.



Nature Trails



Picnic Table

Upcoming Events

October 22-24, 2021

October 22-24, 2021 is the next scheduled Service Day at the Georgia Lions Camp.

December 10-12, 2021

December 10-12, 2021 is Christmas Camp at the Georgia Lions Camp.

Lions Camp Information

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