



Georgia Lions Camp



October 2023

Here is an update on this past month's happenings here at the Georgia Lions Camp.

It has been a really busy time of clean-up. With summer camp sessions behind us, we take these next few months to maintain, clean, repair, and improve the facilities here at the camp.

It is also a time of preparation for the upcoming Christmas Camp which will be the weekend of December 8-10, 2023. Campers are already asking when registrations will begin? Christmas Camp registrations are scheduled to begin October 28, 2023 and continue through November 28, 2023. Campers are encouraged to register by visiting the camps' website www.glcb.org and registering through our CampDoc link.

Over the past couple of months, the camp has been on the receiving end of some strong winds and a hurricane. Trees had fallen, limbs and debris was everywhere. Some damage to a few of our structures. A need for some help. Some of the damage will require a professional tree removal service.

October 6-8, 2023 was the camp's scheduled Lions Service Days here at the camp. Better known as work weekend. A time set aside for Lions and volunteers to come and help with cleaning and some repairs needed. Many of you tried to come but had some conflicting events scheduled. I do thank all of you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you here in the future.



As work projects were assigned to those who came, it was time to get busy. 1st Vice District Governor of N, who is a member of the Lyons Lions Club, Larry Griggers came ready to work. (pictured with the green shirt and big grin). Larry helped out with some clean up and painting.

Paul May, the camp's previous Board Chairman and a member of the Milledgeville Lions Club, (pictured in orange shirt) helped out with some much-needed pressure washing. Paul had commented, I just pressure washed the last time I was here. My reply was that there is always a need for pressure washing here at the camp. Always!!

Lions Jim Gertis and Howard Schulthorpe "District N" of the Jekyll Island Lions Club came on Friday and helped clean the railing at the playground. After cleaning it was painting time. Larry's assignment. He worked hard at this job.

Speaking of conflicting events schedules, Council Chair Mark Anners of the Bellville Lions Club called and asked if he could come a day earlier to help out here at the camp. Of course, work is available to be done on any given day. I did not get a picture of Mark but he cleaned up the damages done at the fishing dock. Caused by the fallen pine tree. This area needed cleaning because we have a group called Camp Hope who will be here with several young kids and they will be wanting to fish.



Also preparing for these kids to have a great event on Saturday, we wanted to make sure they had a safe environment. Some of the damage to the fishing dock was some broken safety rails. Bill Owens who was once with the Monroe Lions Club helped install a few rails to make sure the kids did not walk off the deck while fishing. These repairs are temporary and the entire roof and rails will need reconstructing at a later date.



Bill also helped replace the tin that was blown off one of the horse arena shelters. While his friend watched and took pictures of me taking pictures. Another job on the project list was replacing and repairing some

shower heads in the main dorm. Another project we can mark completed.

It was a beautiful weekend to work. Sunshine was pleasant, the temperatures were a lot more bearable than the summer heat. On Sunday morning as you stepped outside, you were greeted with temperatures that might have required you to wear long sleeves for a while. Once you started back to work, it did not take long to warm up.

This past summer two of our Lions from The East Cobb Lions Club helped repair the safety rails located at the emergency exits at the Dining Hall. They did not have time to paint them this past summer. So, both Mary Inman and Be'la Csepi came to help paint the rails. They also painted the new guide rope post that had been installed.



With temperatures cooling down and not much need for the pool during the offseason preparations were underway so we can place the covering over the pool until it is needed next spring. Paul May clean the pool deck and chemicals are being added this week. Ready for winterization.

And if you notice in the background of the pool deck washing. There are two RV's who used our facilities here over the weekend. Their comment was that this was a

great place to park. Lots of privacy, no dogs barking, a feel safe environment, and a place where they could either hike or ride their bikes. Weather was so great they were able to fly their drone. Maybe they will share some pictures with us.

You missed some great meals that were pre-pared and cooked by the camps' Office manager, Mrs. Gail. As she always does, she steps in to help out where she can. She starts at 6:00 am and finishes up late. Not only did she cook three meals, she cleaned the kitchen and serving areas. Rental groups are great. They



try to clean. But they leave a lot that needs attention.

Once again attendance was a bit low but a lot was accomplished. Don't fret. There is still work to be done. Buildings will always need pressure washing. Windows and blinds can be cleaned. Weeds are waiting on you to pull them up.

Always a need and a place to serve.

Our next scheduled Lions Service Days for spring.

April 4-7, 2024 Save the Date!!!!

Another date to make plans to be here is **February 24, 2024**. This will be the camps' Seventh Annual Cars and Crafts Show. Sponsored each year by the Lions of Woodbine. One of our leading Lions Club members, Mr. Louis Keene ask that all who can please try and make the effort to attend, participate, and maybe even volunteer. Last year we had One Hundred-Twelve entries. Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles. There was a variety of food vendors here to choose from and some unique crafts to purchase. Let's make 2024 a year to remember!!

Another event in 2024 will be the 49th Okefenokee Swamp Run. A 10-K along with the One Mile fun run. Again, participate, volunteer, or come set up to support the Lions Camp and what we have to offer children and adults who are visually impaired or blind. The actual date is not set as of this letter but it will be in March while the temperatures are still cool.

Campers!!! You ask, what can you do to help increase the attendance for Summer Camp or Christmas Camp? Well, talk it up! Speak to other civic organizations. While setting up a booth at one of your fund-raising events, have some informational brochures about the camp to hand out. Ask a Camp Board member to come and hand out this information. We are an Accredited Camp, great facilities, a safe environment, staffed with people who want to serve others, programs and activities that are age appropriate according to the age group attending sessions. A pool, a climbing wall, canoeing, crafts, games, the best food around. A great place to make and meet new friends.

Lions are the best source of getting this information out. Not just a few, all Lions needed. Leos Too!!! Let's start with increasing the 6/12 years and the Teenagers 13/17. The older groups continue to attend but some are developing health issues that keep them from attending some times.

Thanks again for the opportunity to be a part of the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.
REMEMBER:

Let's **"KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING"**
Add more Wood! **"MAKE IT BURN BRIGHTER"**
"Never Let the Fire Go Out"

Hello, from the GA Lions Camp!

I want to take a moment and say thank you to those who came and helped with projects from our recent work weekend.

Although I wasn't able to attend due work, GO DAWGS! (Yes, they won again!) I did get an encouraging report about those who were there.

Mike will have a more thorough report about the weekend, but we did get some things accomplished! Thanks for supporting YOUR Ga Lions Camp!

If you are interested in making the trip down to the camp and tackle a project give Mike a call to make sure the camp is not in use by a rental group. We would love to have your club or Leo's come on down!

Respectfully,

Jay Taylor
Camp Board of Directors Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "thank you" in a cursive, lowercase font. The signature is written on a white background and features a long, sweeping horizontal flourish that extends to the left and right of the words.

Charles Williams is a member of the Douglas Lions Club in MD 18N.

He serves as Flag chairman and as co-chair of the annual Big Buck Contest fundraiser in his club. He serves as member at large on the Camp for the Blind this year.

He has received Outstanding Service Award and President's Award for his dedicated service.

He is the General Manager for security over 3 plants for Inland Security and has been with the company for almost 12 years.

He is married to fellow Lion Cathy Williams, PCC.

He enjoys keeping his carpentry skills in tune around the house from his past 30 years of working in home construction. His passion has come alive with the building of his shop and filling it along and along with the needed tools to do crafting in woodwork with creations of bowls, wind chimes, wind spinners, ink pens of various styles, lap desks, stoves covers, foldable podiums, Christmas ornaments and much more.

He enjoys fishing and getting away to the mountains or whatever trip they can come up with whenever possible with his wife. They enjoy their time spent together and being able to be doing Lions service and meeting and making new friends across the country side.



Wanda has lived in Hahira for the past 14 years. She and her husband, Danny have been married for 14 years. They have 5 daughters, 8 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Wanda graduated from Hawkinsville High School and has worked as a bookkeeper and finance director throughout her career. They owned a picture framing business for 8 years and have been retired for the past 3 years.

She has been a member of the Hahira Lions Club for 6 years. She has served as club service chair for 2 years and is currently serving her 3rd consecutive year as Club President.

She is also currently serving as District O GST.

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

We have now passed thru month 9 of our 2023 Fiscal year -- Post SUMMER CAMPING SEASON 2023 -- and now, on our way to CHRISTMAS CAMP 2023.

Support is needed from ALL Lions to improve the Camping Experience we can give 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 big improvements to the Camp -- and that, as everyone knows, takes money.

SEPTEMBER 2023 turned out to be a very decent revenue month for the Camp -- it was needed after the expenses of Summer Camp. September will return back to some form of 'normal' -- so, if you ever wanted to help the CAMP financially -- **NOW is the time.**

We are asking ALL Lions Clubs AND Individual Lions to step-up and help support our Camp financially. We need your support!

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME!

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

Total Actual Income Thru JULY 2023*	286,624.50
Total Actual Expenses Thru JULY 2023	240,068.37
NET Operating Income Thru JULY 2023	46,556.13

* Y-T-D INCOME includes \$50,000.00 Transfer from our Investment Fund for Operations

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

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2023	22	38	21	28
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	55%	76%	43%	50%
Contributions by District for 2023	39,788.26	26,886.94	23,560.00	53,570.41

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

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Ahead / (Behind) 2022</u>
18L	38,443.39	39,788.26	1,344.87
18I	25,693.62	26,886.94	1,193.32
18O	16,172.39	23,560.00	7,387.61
18N	43,677.02	53,570.41	9,893.39
MD18	123,986.42	143,805.61	19,819.19

As you can see above -- **ALL 4 Districts are contributing more this year than they did last year.** We need **ALL** Districts to KEEP their contributions ahead of last year. Overall, Lions are giving more than last year! PLEASE keep it up! We need **YOUR** help this year -- and every year!

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

Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

“KEEP THE CAMP FIRES”



“BURNING”

Help Send the Visually Impaired/Blind to Camp

**Come join us and become a partner by being a
participant at the 2024 Car Show**

February 24, 2024

**Proceeds from the Car Show helps provide funding
for Camper Scholarships, Programs, and supplies
for camper activities.**

Check out the Camp's website:

www.glcb.org

7th Annual Lions' Camp for the Blind Car Show

5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA



Feb. 24, 2024

Car registration 8-10 AM Trophies @ 2PM

Vendors - Food, Arts & Crafts, Breakfast Available

Proceeds to benefit the camp

**Entry fee per car: \$15 for pre-registered before Feb. 14,
\$20 day of show, Spectators \$5 adult, children under 12 free**

No Alcohol, Dogs must be leashed

For more info call: 912-882-4046 or email: MikeJune@sbcglobal.net

Make Checks payable to: " Woodbine Lions Club" write "Car Show" on memo line

Mail to: Lions Car Show C/O Mike Daugherty, 158 Colonial Court, Woodbine, GA 31569

Detach here

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number or email (optional) _____

Car Make _____ Model _____ Yr. _____

Rev.

1976 SOCIETY - September 01, 2023 - September 30, 2023

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

NAME

Lion Joanne Huff

LIONS CLUB

Thomson Camelia

CENTURY CLUB - September 01, 2023 - September 30, 2023

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

NAME

Lion Joseph Griffin

Lion Randall Gowen

Lion Debbie Griggers

Lion Larry Griggers

Lion Tina Lindsey

Lion Alan Smith

Lion R.C. Sweatt

Lion Nickie Muzafarov

LIONS CLUB

National Hills

Woodbine

Lyons

Lyons

Lyons

Lyons

Woodbine

Lyons

LEVEL

Silver

Bronze

Bronze

Gold

Bronze

Diamond

Bronze

Bronze

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

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

NAME

Lion Jim Chamblee

Lion Ellene Hall Edge

Lion Vemon Gordon

Lion Charles Langford

Lion Mark Pace

Lion Sam Sitton

Lion Tasker Teasley

Lion Haynes Townsend

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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.



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. Gallon size bleach- Five cases of 6 bottles per case (you do not have to buy all five cases needed)
6. Lysol dis-infectant spray- 2 cases of 6? cans per case
7. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable- 3 cases of 6? Bottles per case
8. Windex window cleaner- 2 cases of 6 per case
9. Clorox disinfectant spray bottles – 2 cases of 6 per case-(32 oz.)
10. Toilet Tissue – any brand
11. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted. -20 cans spray or pump
12. **Wasp Spray- Black Flag brand preferred. 2 cases of 12 per case.**
13. **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.**
14. 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.”

Maintenance Needs:

Sidewalk Edger or Weed Eater capable of converting to an edger. (Husqvarna or Skill preferred)

Reciprocating Saw - electric or battery operated (20V) or Both

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 Staple Gun (there are usually combinations of three separate size staplers in one package deal)

Camp is in need of an air compressor

DeWalt 10” Jobsite Table Saw

2023 Work Projects-----Report

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. Wooden ramp and rails need repairs at the Arts and Crafts building. Re- Painted also - **Project Completed**
2. Several other smaller trees down, need to be cut up and removed (these can be done by volunteers) **Project Completed**
3. Two blinds in the small dorm (bunkhouse) need installing-**Project Completed**
4. Playground border fence needs repair and repainted - **Project Completed**
5. Clean Low Ropes Course - **Project Completed**
6. Railings at the back double door entrance to the dining hall- **Project Completed** Site cleaning and landscaping help needed
7. Tin roof over bleachers at horse arena needs to be re-applied- **Project Completed**
8. Pressure wash poolside deck- **Project Completed**
9. Need some shower heads replaced in the main dormitory- **Project Completed**
10. Camper guide rope post need to be painted- **Project Completed** Windows and Blinds in all the buildings can be cleaned
11. There will always be a need for pressure washing the buildings – **Administration Building Cleaned**
12. PVC railing that leads to canoe dock will need repairs (this can only be done after all the trees have been removed)
- 13.
14. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
15. Informational signs around camp need cleaning
16. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
17. Repair broken board on canoe cart

Upcoming Events

November 11, 2023

Council of Governors • Lighthouse (1:00 p.m.) Lions Camp (3:00 p.m.) • Location-Centerville Lions Club

December 8-10, 2023

Christmas Camp at Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

January 5-7, 2024

Grace Clower Leadership Training at Georgia Lions Camp-Waycross, GA

January 19-21, 2024

Strategic Planning Retreat at Georgia Lions Camp-Waycross, GA

February 24, 2024

Car Show at the camp

Lions Camp Information

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

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

Telephone: 912-283-4320

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Address: 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA 31503

Camp Alumni Contact Information

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