



# Georgia Lions Camp



November 2021

**C**an you believe it is almost Thanksgiving? Temperatures have actually begun to feel like fall here at the Lions Camp. It is the time of year where we sit back and think about all the things, we should be thankful about. Thankful to have another day we can enjoy. Thankful for our families. Thankful to have friends who want the best for us and will also hold us accountable. Those who will not judge you, but encourage you. Thankful to have a roof over our heads and food on the table.

If we have a chance to help someone who is less fortunate than ourselves, we should strive to make their day a better one. You don't have to spend money. Money is only temporary. Kindness, compassion, a listening ear, are just a few ways we can make someone's day! Who knows, you may just get what you are needing to help get you through a tough time. Oh, what a smile can do! Memories are forever.



*Picture of birds*

The month of November here at the camp is a time to be thankful that we have those who support us and work to make sure we can help those who may have limited access to outside events. The Lion's Camp is a place where many return year after year to reacquaint themselves with old friends and a place to meet new ones. A place where there are no limits, no one to tell them they can't do something, a place where we are all equal. Because, we are!

Here at the camp, we are preparing for our annual Christmas Camp weekend. (December 10-12, 2021) Campers have begun to register. Deadline for registration is November 23, 2021. If you know of someone who would like to come, please give them a call. Put the word out among your friends and professional contacts. Let's make this one of the best Christmas Camp's ever.

We will have our most requested activity among the campers. The Hay Ride! We will have a new favorite again this year, a horse drawn wagon ride. A surprise craft project and yes, the annual Christmas Camp party. All who are interested are encouraged to attend. Maybe that jolly ole fellow will show up again this year! I will give him a call.

Want to serve at Christmas Camp? Give me a call and let's put you where you will be needed.

This past month was Lions Service Days here at the camp. Many of you were unable to attend. Some say there were other events scheduled for the same day. Many clubs have their fall festivals scheduled during this time. Maybe you can make it to the next work day.

Many may not know that if you or your club would like to come take on a work project on a weekend other than these scheduled dates it can be arranged. Pick a project that You would like to do. Bring some help. Bring some club members who have never been here. Give me a call at the office to see if a particular date is available and let's get-er-done! It doesn't have to be a weekend. I have Lions who can only come during the week days. We do stay busy here at the camp with planning, outside events, rental groups, and other activities. Make that

call. I would love to see you here. Check out the work project list in the newsletter or posted on the camp's website.

The 2022 Lions Service Days will be:

Spring:

April 8-10, 2022

April 29 – May 1, 2022

Fall:

October 21-23, 2022

Below is a look at upcoming events and weekend dates you can work around in order to come help out at your convenience.

November 13th meeting in Perry

November 20th open for workers

November 27th Thanksgiving holiday

December 4th Event scheduled at camp

December 11th Christmas Camp weekend – but you are welcome to come help, may need some help in the kitchen

December 18th open for workers

December 25th Christmas holiday

January 1st New year's holiday

January 7-9, Grace Clower Leadership training here at the camp.

January 8th

January 15th open for workers

January 22nd open for workers

January 29th open for workers

February 5th open for workers

February 12th Leo's will be here

February 19th Car show- you for sure can come help with this

February 26th open for workers

March 5th open for workers

March 12th open for workers

March 19th - 10-K Swamp Run – more than welcome to come that weekend

March 26th open for now

April is set aside for possibly the Walk to Emmaus group

But I do have two tentative work weekends scheduled

April 8-10

April 29-May 1st



*Paul May working on weeds*

The camp's board chairman, Paul May came down to help weed out the Memorial Garden and help cover the pool for the winter months. I asked him once if his finger tips were getting sore from pulling the weeds? He said, what finger tips! I was thankful he made the trip. Not only did some physical work get done but he was able to sit down with Gail and myself and discuss camp business.

I am thankful for the past eleven years I have been fortunate to serve our campers. We could not do this without your support.

I know times are tough but this camp touches many lives. Many in ways you may never know. All who walk these grounds love this camp. If you have been here once you know what it means to others. Come by, visit, ask questions, ask how you can help. What is the saying?

Where there is a NEED, there is a LION!

Thank You,  
Mike Williams  
Camp Director  
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

LET'S **"KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING"**

Add more Wood: **"MAKE IT BURN BRIGHTER"**

November Newsletter  
From the Chairman of the Board  
Paul May

It seems like summer was just yesterday and today it feels like winter; not sure what happened to fall. This past month we have had a few renters and Camp Director Mike Williams is in full swing planning for Christmas Camp. A BIG question is where have all the Lions gone? We had Work Day at the Camp with only two Lions responding. We have Mike filling two previous full time employees positions and our income is way below previous years. We desperately need Lions (Clubs and Individuals) support. If you or several members of your Club can take a day to work at the Camp, there are plenty of jobs that could be completed. Please contact Mike. If your Club has not made a contribution to the Camp please try to do so.

November is a very active month for the Board. A Board Work Session is scheduled for Nov.9 and a joint meeting in Perry, GA with the MD18 Council of Governors, the Lighthouse and the Camp. All of the Camp's Committees have been very active. At the Board meeting the Treasurer will be presenting the 2022 Financial Budget for approval. The Long Range Planning Committee will be presenting the initial part of its new strategic plan for approval by the Board. The Constitution and Policy Committee will be presenting its proposal for a complete rewrite of the Camp's Constitution and new Bylaws. The plan is to present the Constitution and Bylaws for review at the Fall Meeting. We will then have a called meeting of the Board before the end of 2021 to approve the revision of the constitution. That will be followed by a vote of the Lions of Georgia at the Winter Meeting on Jan. 29. Assuming the revised constitution is approved then the Board will be asked to approve the new Bylaws.

By December 1 all applications to run for any officer's position of the Camp (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) must have been submitted to Lion Ed Ressler, the Immediate Past Chairman of the Board. See below the Constitution requirements to run and be elected as an officer of the Camp. The elections will be held at the Winter Meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp Board of Directors on Saturday, Jan. 29 in Perry, GA.

Lets each Lion and each Lions Club find a way to **SERVE THE CAMP MORE.**

Paul May  
Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Georgia Lions Camp

Per the Constitution of the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. a Lion desiring to run for an office on the Board of Directors is to have their application in by December 1. The election of officers is to be held at the Winter Meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp Board of Directors. The officers to be elected each year are:

**Per article V. Officers**

**Section 1. Officers**

A. **Chairman.** The Chairman must be a Lion in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in MD-18, at the time of their election and at all times while in office. Any candidate for Chairman must have served at least one full term of office on the Board within the last five (5) years before standing for election. The Chairman will preside at all meetings of the Board. The Chairman will be an ex-officio, non-voting member of all committees. The Chairman must have served at least one full term of office on the Board within the last five (5) years before standing for election. The Chairman shall be authorized to create ad hoc committees and appoint members to such committees as needed.

B. **Vice Chair.** The Vice Chair shall be a Lion in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in MD-18 at the time of their election and at all times while in office. In the event the Chairman is not able to perform their duties, the Vice Chair shall assume the role. The Vice Chair shall perform such duties as assigned by the Chairman or the Board.

C. **Secretary.** The Secretary must be a Lion in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in MD-18 at the time of their election and at all times while in office. The Secretary is responsible for recording the actions of the Board, serving as the custodian of all corporate documents, and such other duties as assigned by the Chairman or the Board.

D. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer must be a Lion in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in MD-18 at the time of their election and at all times while in office. The Treasurer shall be responsible for developing an annual budget for the operation of the Camp, chairing the Finance Committee, supervising the financial accounts of the Camp, preparing financial reports for the Board, filing any federal, state and local governmental forms and returns required by law, and performing such other duties as assigned by the Chairman or the Board.

**Section 2. Annual Election of Officers**

B. **By December 1st** of each year, any Georgia Lion interested in becoming a candidate for a Camp officer position shall submit to the Immediate Past Chairman a letter of intent to stand for election. Said letter must be countersigned by the president of the candidate's home Lions Club and must certify the club's endorsement of the candidate. In the event that no candidate submits a letter of intent for a position, a nomination may be accepted from the floor, provided that the nominated person is a Lion in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in MD-18 and meets all other officer qualifications. The Immediate Past Chairman and two other members of the Board, appointed by the Chairman, shall comprise an ad-hoc Nominations Committee. The Nomination Committee shall certify that each candidate meets the requirements for each position and shall conduct the elections.

## Camp Finances Y-T-D thru October 31, 2021

Financially, 2021 is still proving to be a challenging year for the Camp -- just as it is for Lions Clubs in general. However, thanks to Past Chairman Ed Ressler, things did improve during October. Past Chairman Ed was instrumental in applying for a PPP loan for the Camp several months ago. This PPP Loan was just 'forgiven' in early October, making the amount of \$27,963.00 ours to keep and use for Operations. This financial improvement was one GOOD step in the right direction -- however, it is only a one-time help. It is now up to us to KEEP ourselves in good financial shape. A big **Thank-you** goes to all who contributed to the Camp so far this year -- Please continue, and encourage others to do the same, the year is not over yet.

IF your Club has not been able to contribute to the Camp so far in 2021 -- PLEASE consider a donation to the Camp before the end of 2021. A personal or individual donation by a Lion Member, to the Camp, will be given as credit to your Club -- a win-win situation. Every donation helps in our effort to offer the 'Camp Experience' to more Campers. As you can see below, every contribution to the Camp is **very much needed and appreciated!** Thank-you

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	179,077.50	279,950.00
Total Expenses	186,050.64	262,411.30
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>(6,973.14)</b>	17,538.70

### Contributions -- Y-T-D thru August 31, 2021

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2021 to-date	23	37	20	29
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	52%	69%	31%	50%

**A Giving Idea** -- Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows IRA holders, age 72 or older, to donate to a Qualified Charity from their Traditional OR Roth IRA (including inherited) tax-free. The donated funds have to be issued directly from your Traditional OR Roth IRA and sent directly to the Qualified Charity -- GA Lions Camp, in this situation.

Consult your Tax Professional for details, and to make sure it would be in your best interest to do a charitable distribution this way.

It was in my best interest to do this -- it may be in your best interest as well.

## **CHAIRMAN CHALLENGE - October 01, 2021 - October 31, 2021**

No gifts were made to the Chairman Challenge this month

### **1976 SOCIETY - October 01, 2021 - October 31, 2021**

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LIONS CLUB</b>
JC Coefield	Centerville
Rita Gail Coefield	Centerville
Joanne Huff	Thomson Camelia
Jim Proctor	Woodbine
Joe Richardson	Covington

### **CENTURY CLUB - October 01, 2021 - October 31, 2021**

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LIONS CLUB</b>	<b>Levels</b>
RW Gowen	Woodbine	Bronze
Eugenia Massingale	Decatur	Bronze
Daniel K Yarbrough	Waycross Okefenokee	Gold

### **Brick Memorial Garden - October 01, 2021 - October 31, 2021**

No gifts were made do the Brick Memorial Garden this month.

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](http://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*

### 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.





### **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](https://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](https://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.

## 2021-2022

### 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](mailto:director@glcb.org)

**April 8-10, 2022 and April 29-May 1, 2022 are our next scheduled Service Days:**

**(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 to come work at the camp)**

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. Clean Low Ropes area
  4. Repair screens at the bar-b-que shelter
  5. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing. (Some work has been done, need more help) some painting needed.
  6. 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.
  7. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
  8. Paint the Water Tank
  9. Paint the pump house at the pond
  10. Paint sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
  11. 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. Buildings are scheduled for a Fall deep cleaning.
  16. Some Emergency Lights in Main Dorm needs to be replaced.
  17. Fish Pond needs some fall cleanup.
- \*Remove carpet from (Rental House) (Director's house)  
 \*(Rental House) Replace carpet with laminate flooring. Funding needed. \*These two items will be completed when funds are available.



*Nature Trails*



*Picnic Table*

# Upcoming Events

**December 10-12, 2021**

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

**January 7-9, 2022**

Grace Clower Lions Leadership Training

**February 11-13, 2022**

Leo Gathering

**February 19, 2022**

5th Annual Car Show – Fundraiser

**March 19, 2022**

10-K Swamp Run – Fundraiser

**April 8-10, 2022**

Spring Lions Service Days

# Upcoming Events

**April 29- May 1, 2022**

Spring Lions Service Days

**May 27-29, 2022**

Camper Alumni Reunion

**October 21-23, 2022**

Fall Lions Service Days

## **Lions Camp Information**

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## **Camp Alumni Contact Information**

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