



# Georgia Lions Camp



**March 2023**

**T**he first two months of 2023 have come and gone. It is now March. A time when you think the weather is about to change. And, you are right! It changes regularly. One day it may be a sunny clear day, maybe up to 80 degrees. Then the wind starts to blow and before you know it, it's 35 degrees, cool again.

One thing that lets you know it is about to be spring time is when pear trees start to bloom, Dogwoods blossom, and the POLLEN falls!! Pine tree pollen is terrible here in South Georgia. Everywhere else I hear also. No need to wash your vehicle if you can stand it.

Even though the pollen is high this time of year the weather seems to be perfect just before the camps' annual Car Show. Held each year on the third Saturday in February. For the past six years there has been some rain to settle the pollen just before the show and then a beautiful day of sunshine the day of the show.

I would like to thank the Woodbine Lions Club for another great fundraising event for the camp. Woodbine Lions volunteered to cook and serve breakfast, park spectators' cars, sell 50/50 raffle tickets, run and setup the event, and clean up afterwards.

Mike Daugherty and his wife June usually start promoting the car show six months in advance. Mike seeks out sponsors, participants, and puts in all the little details that make the show a success. Some may think you just have a car show and that's all there is to it. No sir! It takes a lot of planning and many hours of work.

Most of us know Mr. Louis Keene of the Woodbine Lions Club. He is the driving force behind this event. Mr. Louis was able to come out on Saturday and help where he was needed. He has been a huge part of this camp for many years. Serving on the Building and Grounds committee for years. He has served on the camps' Board of Directors. It has not been until recently that he has slowed down, a little. Always there when I need some advice or direction when it comes to camp operations and maintenance. Thanks, Mr. Louis!

Each year we hope to have more car show entries than the year before. Last year in 2022 we had 99 entries. This year we had 112 entries into the show. The most we have ever had. Several came for the first time. Many come back each year to support the camp.

I wish you could have been here to see all the hard work and dedication these folks put into these cars and trucks. They are amazing to see. Maybe you can make it next year. Volunteers are always welcome.

Last year we wanted to present the Top 25 participants with something other than a trophy. Something that came from the campers. A little different and unique. The cars show helps raise funds needed for programs and activities for the campers. It also helps defer some capital improvement cost for items needed at the camp. With some planning and teamwork our campers helped prepare a wooden paddle. Each paddle would be something that the campers had a part in making. We think it was a big success.

So, why not do something like this again. Something to show how much the campers appreciate those who support the camp. Something that would bring up a conversation about the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. What it offers to the visually impaired and blind community. How the camp promotes independence, self empowerment and growth. Most of all a place where, all are allowed to have a bit of fun while trying new things. Activities they never thought they would get a chance to do. Making new friends and re-uniting with old ones is always a plus.

The question was, what can we give that is directly from a camper here at the camp? What a great time to bring back an activity that was done here a few years ago and was introduced by 2nd Vice District Governor of District I, Mrs. Rita Harris. Painting with fruits and vegetables. A hands-on activity you would say.

During this past Christmas Camp each camper was given an eight by ten canvas board and various cut up fruits and vegetables to use to express themselves in their own way. Touching each and every item to see how they felt. Then applying these items to the canvas'. What better way to start a conversation about the camp than with something that was completely done by a camper.

A picture done by each camper would be given to each winner of the Top Twenty- Five car show entries of this year's Lions Camp Car Show.

The campers along with a little help from our staff and volunteers had a great time painting these special pieces of art work. Now, the campers did all the art work, the rest of us just provided the tools they needed.

I believe the car show participants were very pleased with their awards this year. The Best of Show winner received two paintings because she had two of her vehicles chosen for the Top Twenty-Five.



The campers also did an extra painting that will be present for you to view at the 2023 MD-18 State Convention. Come by the camps' table and see what they have done. Who knows. You may want one of the master pieces.

Thanks again to all the volunteers, vendors, participants, and spectators who helped make this another successful event. A special shout out to PDG Mark Anners for coming and help sell lots of coffee "Cups". Mrs. Gail says she has never

made so much coffee!!

Mark also helped drive the Blue Train around for the kids, and adults! The train only stopped long enough to unload and reload. This went on for four solid hours. This was a great day for a family outing. The most kids I have ever seen here at the camp in one day.

On the following weekend it was time for spring cleaning. Lions Service Day was on February 24-26, 2023. A little early this year due to scheduling conflicts with Lions events.



Our number of participants was a bit down but we accomplished several duties on the work list. We did complete clean up at the playground, painted the water tank, pressure washed a few buildings, cleaned and painted a couple of swing frames, trimmed low hanging limbs, raked a lot of leaves, a lot of grounds clean up. One of the important tasks that we have had on the worklist for the past two years was, converting the lighting in the dorms over to LED. Hoping



to save some energy cost and maintenance.

Tom Linek from Conyers, District I, came and completed this task for us. This was his first time participating on work weekend. He



*Water Storage Tank. The before and after look.*

completed switching over all lights in the main and small dorm sleeping quarters.

Another participant for work weekend was the wife of the camps' Building and Grounds Chairman (Hal Simpson). Mrs. Linda Simpson came and helped with the task of cleaning up the playground. Hal and Linda's son, Matt Simpson was a camper here when he was young. Matt is now a grown man, a team member of the USA's Paralympics Goal Ball Team, and he is a Lawyer. Matt is just one of many who have attended camp here at the

Georgia Lions Camp and has no boundaries on what he can accomplish.

Even the camp's office manager, Mrs. Gail helped during cleanup. Mrs. Gail, Mrs. Linda, and Joann Huff of District I made the playground look great. Thanks ladies.

Many who could not make it that weekend have called to see when would be a good time to bring a group with them to help out here at the camp. There will always be jobs that need to be done and your help is always welcome. The camp needs steady maintenance to keep it in top shape for summer camping sessions and to look its best for rental groups who use the camp.



There will be another date for you to come on October 6-8, 2023. Any time you think you can come, just give me a call and let's get you or your club scheduled.

Join Us on March 18, 2023 for the Annual 10-K-One Mile Fun Run here at the Georgia Lions Camp. This event has been going on for the past 46 years and it has been here at the camp since 2017. Each year runners from all over come to do what they enjoy. Run! While supporting a good cause. This club runs throughout the year raising funds to help many non-profit organizations. They are all truly dedicated to what they do. They meet each week to stay in shape and spend a little quality time with each other.



Ron Crosby who is a member of this club also helps with one of our local schools' cross-country team. Spending long hours helping them train and grow.



Come on out and support these participants. You can also be a participant in person or virtually. A great way to support Your Georgai Lions Camp, Inc. It's only \$30.00. We will get you a cool looking shirt.

Just visit their website for details Or call the camp office. 912-283-4320.

**BELIEVE AND YOU CAN  
ACHIEVE!!!!**  
**Let's "KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING"**  
**Add More Wood**  
**Make It "BURN BRIGHTER"**

Thanks to all,  
Mike Williams  
Camp Director  
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

**BOARD CHAIRMAN'S  
MARCH NEWSLETTER  
GROWING THE CAMP MORE**

February is a relative quiet month for the Camp and its Board of Directors. The first Service Days at the Camp this year was held on February 25-26. Several Lions attended and accomplished some needed projects. I thank those that came down and helped. This is one area that **WE NEED HELP FROM THE LIONS OF GEORGIA**. There are numerous projects that need to be completed at the Camp. Mike and Gail are only two pair of hands and many more are needed. If you or some of your Club members can spend a weekend or just a few hours even during the week, please contact Mike Williams, the Camp Director, and schedule some service time.

I would like to give a special **BIG THANK YOU** to several Lions Clubs that have made special donations to the Camp in addition to their regular annual contributions:

- The Woodbine Club for their significant donations that allowed the Camp to purchase a new high temperature dishwasher for the kitchen and for sponsoring the annual car show at the Camp.
- The Marietta Each Cobb Lions Club for their significant donation for the new dishwasher.
- The Lyons Lions Club for several major donations of supplies to the Camp and for obtaining a chest freezer to replace the one that failed earlier this year.
- The Ellijay Lions Club for providing funds for a new double oven in the kitchen and several kitchen appliances.
- The Centerville Lions Club that made a large extra donation to the Operating Budget.

March and April are busy times for the Lions of Georgia with each District having their District Conventions. I will be attending each one. Mike has several conflicts and will only be able to attend 18-N and I's. Districts 18-I and 18-O will be electing their District Directors.

Once all the District Directors are elected, all the Directors, Board Chairman and Incoming Chairman, Lion Jay Taylor, and each DG's Team will need to be filling the five Standing Committees and Trustees for the year 2023-2024. I would hope that each committee would be able to have at least one new committee member to bring fresh ideas and solutions to their committee. If you are interested in learning more about the Camp and willing **TO SERVE** on one of these committees, please contact your District Director or Governor.

The Camp's Board of Directors will be having a Called, Zoom Board Meeting on March 20 to approve the proposed Bylaws Amendment that were first read at the Winter Meeting and to discuss several other items. Assuming the amendments are approved, I will then issue the revised Bylaws to the Lions of Georgia.

If you have not made your reservations for the upcoming State Convention, I encourage you to do so. The Camp's Annual Meeting will be held at 12:45 on Friday, May 19. The Board meeting is open to all the Lions of Georgia and their guest.

Congratulations to 18-N in leading the Districts with \$7,108 in total contributions with 18-O only \$160 behind. As usual 18-I is leading the pack with 21% of its Clubs making contributions. We have another 8 months to go, so let the four Districts make a real race to the finish.

For more information about our Georgia Lions Camp please go to our web page [www.glcb.org](http://www.glcb.org) or to our Facebook account "Georgia Lions' Camp, Inc."

**GROWING THE CAMP MORE**

Paul May

Chairman of the Georgia Lions Camp's Board of Directors

## Camp Finances Y-T-D thru FEBRUARY 2023

We have now passed thru month 2 of our 2023 Fiscal year. For the most part, our expenses are usually low in the winter months. The problem is, our revenue is normally a little less as well and this year was no exception. The big jump in expenses starts in March and runs thru July -- so we are entering into that 'critical' time frame right now. I say 'critical' because Camping Season is approaching -- and we must raise our Cash level in preparation for that.

Looking forward -- we are expecting a lot of support from the Lions Clubs in MD18, both financially and 'hands-on' where possible. 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.

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 improve some of existing structures. Of course, providing more services and making needed improvements for the Campers means we will need more funding. IF you have ever thought about helping the Camp -- NOW is the time.

There are many Lions in our state that may not know much about the Camp for one reason or another. IF you would like to know more about the Camp we, the GA Lions, support -- please ask your Club's Program Chair to contact the Camp's District Director for your District -- they will be glad to come and present a Program for you, giving your Club an update about the Camp.

There are also numerous ways to make contributions to the Camp -- and your Club will receive credit at the same time.

Our Fundraising Committee anticipates a busy year in 2023, please support them in their effort.

### Operational Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Total Income Thru FEBRUARY	25,836.70
Total Expenses Thru FEBRUARY	33,639.56
NET Operating Income Thru FEBRUARY	<b>(7,802.86)</b>

### Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru FEBRUARY 28, 2023

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2023	4	12	7	6
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	10%	21%	14%	11%
<b>Contributions by District for 2023</b>	<b>5,445.00</b>	<b>1,641.00</b>	<b>6,950.00</b>	<b>7,108.13</b>

### DISTRICT Year over Year COMPARISON -- as of FEBRUARY 28, 2023

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Ahead / (Behind) 2022</u>
18L	3,965.23	5,445.00	1,479.77
18I	3,341.64	1,641.00	<b>(1,700.64)</b>
18O	4,550.00	6,950.00	2,400.00
18N	6,700.03	7,108.13	408.10
MD18	18,556.90	21,144.13	2,587.23

**As you can see above** -- 3 out of our 4 Districts are contributing more this year than they did last year so far. We need **YOUR** help to make this year a SUCCESS!

Financially, the Camp has work to do -- we are counting on you in 2023? **ALL** Contributions are appreciated!

Thank-You!

David E. White,  
Board Treasurer

**1976 SOCIETY - February 01, 2023 - February 28, 2023**

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>
Helen Troha	Tucker Lavista

**CENTURY CLUB - February 01, 2023 - February 28, 2023**

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>LEVEL</b>
Eugenia Massingale	Decatur	Bronze

**Brick Memorial Garden - February 01, 2023 - February 28, 2023**

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>
Pamela Jones	NonLion

# Georgia Lions YOUR support is needed to

KEEP THE  
CAMP FIRES



BURNING

## at Georgia Lions Camp

### There are numerous ways that you can support YOUR camp:

- Encourage your Club to hold a fundraiser specifically for the Georgia Lions Camp.
- Join the 1976 Society Club
- Join the Century Club
- Place a Brick in the Memorial Brick Garden
- Contribute Honorariums and Memorials
- In Kind Donations
- Gifts of Stock, Wills, Bequests
- Amazon Smile and Kroger Community Rewards Card
- Cash Donation using PayPal or Venmo
- Sponsor a Camper
- Giving Tuesday





The Georgia Lions Camp is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a unique recreational camping experience to people of all age ranges who are visually impaired

Donations ensure that the camp can continue to make improvements and introduce new programs/activities that will allow all campers a chance to build confidence in themselves.

For forms and detailed information about each of the programs listed go to:

[www.glc.org/camp-donations.html](http://www.glc.org/camp-donations.html)



**Georgia Lions Camp, Inc**

5626 Laura Walker Rd.

Waycross, GA 31503

[www.glc.org](http://www.glc.org)

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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.



## Needs List 2023: updated 1/09/2023

### Many have asked what does the camp need?

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

1. Gallon size bleach- Five cases of 6 bottles per case
2. Lysol dis-infectant spray- 2 cases of 6? cans per case
3. Spray cans of room deodorizer- 20 cans of spray
4. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable- 3 cases of 6? Bottles per case
5. Windex window cleaner- 2 cases of 6 per case
6. Clorox disinfectant spray bottles – 2 cases of 6 per case-(32 oz.)
7. Dish towels for the kitchen
8. Toilet Tissue – any brand
9. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
10. 13-gallon trash bags
11. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted. -20 cans spray or pump
12. Disposable ponchos for rainy days – 50 – these can be found at dollar stores or dollar general
- 13. Wasp Spray- Black Flag brand preferred. 2 cases of 12 per case.**
- 14. 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.**
15. 50-1 mix for weed eaters and lawn maintenance tools used here at the camp. 24 bottles
16. 5W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts. Per case
17. 10W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts. per case
18. 1 five-gallon bucket of Hydraulic Fluid for the tractor
19. Copy paper for the office
20. AA, AAA and 9V Batteries

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.

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

### Pick A Date!

#### **Lions and Lions Clubs-Pick “Your” Service Day at the Camp**

**Call to schedule a special work date for you and your club!**

**1-912-283-4320 or email: [director@glcb.org](mailto:director@glcb.org)**

1. Pressure Wash all buildings
2. Playground border fence needs repair and repainted
3. Playground needs limbs of tree trimmed to adult head height.
4. Paint the Water Tank
5. Replace weathered boards on wooden ramps at the exits of the main dormitory and repaint
6. Clean Low Ropes Course and Amphitheater areas
7. 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!!
8. Repair the Whale Watch element at the Low Ropes Course
9. Nature Trail –build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
10. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
11. Paint the pump house at the pond
12. Paint sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
13. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
14. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
15. Railing and post need repair at the back double door entrance to the dining hall
16. Sitting Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
17. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
18. Repaint Dining Hall.
19. Lights in Large Dormitory and Bunkhouse Dormitory still need to be converted to LED bulbs.
20. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
21. Repair broken board on canoe cart
22. Tin roof over bleachers at horse arena needs to be re-applied
23. Pressure wash poolside deck
24. Fence repair (several post and rails have decayed and broken)
25. Fence is leaning at rental house needs to be secured properly
26. Low hanging limbs over the road that access’ RVs to the back of the camp need trimming. Man-lift, chain saws will be needed
27. All cabinets in the main dorm need to be checked for easy opening and closing-repair those that need repairing
28. Need some shower heads replaced in the main dormitory

### “Scheduled”

**Spring 2023 Lions Service Days: February 24-26**

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

# Upcoming Events

**March 18, 2023**

Okefenokee Swamp Annual 10K/1 mile Fun Run.

**March 24-26, 2023**

Annual Leo Gathering.

**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.glcb.org/>

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## **Camp Alumni Contact Information**

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