



Georgia Lions Camp



Happy Holidays

December 2020

Here we are in December, the calendar year is almost over, Christmas is just around the corner, we are in a pandemic, our Lions Clubs have not been able to get out and raise money as they normally do and our taxes will be due in a few short months. Having said that, the Lions of Georgia proved to me in October that some of you still have money to help and believe in the camp and our mission. Some of you saved money because there was no face to face District or State Conventions and the associated expenses. Many have not been out to eat in a restaurant since last March and it looks like it will be awhile before we are going to be doing that again. If you have been working from home then there is no clothing expense nor money spent on lunches with co-workers.

All that adds up to saving money, some of which you could help the camp with. You do understand that there are ways that you might be able to reduce your taxes and also help the campers. I say campers because it is not about us, it is about them. The money we spend is to make a better place for the campers. The Georgia Lions Camp has several easy ways for you to help so let me briefly tell you about them:



Coffee cup 2020

1976 Society. The 1976 Society celebrates the year camp was started. For a total of \$237.12 (19.76 x 12) you will receive a nice certificate but more important, you will help provide some assistance for a camper to attend camp and cannot afford to pay their own way. Don't want to or unable to donate all at once, then donate monthly.

Century Club. A membership in this club receives a nice key that has a place for 10 medallions. Each year that you donate you receive a medallion. Donations start at \$100 but you can also donate \$250, \$500 and \$1000 and receive a different medallion for each level. Again, you can donate monthly.

Brick Memorial Garden. This garden which is at the Georgia Lions Camp, allows individuals to honor someone that may or may not be a Lion. The information submitted on the form is engraved onto the brick and each year there is an appropriate ceremony at the camp honoring those bricks that have been created during the past year and acknowledging those that have been honored.

Lastly, if you prefer not to participate in any of the above programs, you can simply donate to the camp and write in the memo field where you would like it spent. Campers are always looking for assistance in paying for their week at camp. Additional information about each of these three ways and forms are on the website for the Georgia Lions Camp, www.glcb.org. If you prefer, the Georgia Lions Camp has a PayPal account and you can donate there.



Power and water line installation

Installation of power and water lines for the RV Expansion has begun.

Last week the camp became one step closer to the completion of the Full-Service RV hookups.

Mr. Louis Keene of the Woodbine Lions Club (he is also a member of the Building and Grounds Committee) oversaw the installation process. Mr. Keene talked with his son who is owner and operator of Satilla Electric to install all the service lines needed for the project.

This project will provide service for Lions, special program activities, fund raising events, rental groups, and utility services for future Camp Long Range Plans.

Currently there is water now extended out to the camp's high ropes course (Climbing Wall). Power for ceiling fans will be installed at a later date. When finished, this project will provide the camp with ten total RV hookup, four will be full service. There are three more 20-amp power and water supply stations for future events and they can be used for tent camping. There is also a power station that is capable of supplying power and water for the set-up of an Emergency Disaster Relief Kitchen. All of these hookups will be available for Lions to use when attending events here at the camp. Lions Day, Lions Service Days (work weekends), and for training events. All you have to do is call the office in advance to reserve your spot.

During the 2021 summer camping season this project will service one of our volunteer groups who come to the camp periodically to help with service projects for our camp. These projects improve the camps ability to expand camper programs and activities. Except for some cleanup (picking up roots) and bringing in some fill dirt to help with landscaping, this project should be completed by January 2021.

Please plan to visit us soon and see all the work that has been done here at your, "Lions Camp".

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.



Power hook-up station

This year's theme for Christmas Camp is all about the summer. We will celebrate summer programs and activities along with our traditional Christmas Hay Ride.

Camp will be a three-day weekend filled with activities such as a cookout featuring hotdogs, hamburgers, pickles, cole slaw, sweets, and if I could find some - water melon! We may have to substitute this one.

Outdoor games such as horseshoes, maze race, tug of war, hula hoop competition, and maybe pin the tail on the Lion!

The campers who have signed up are excited to come. With the cancellation of summer camp, they can hardly wait to be with their friends.

We will have a small country store with the items that have been donated by several Lions and their clubs. The campers enjoyed this so much last year, we are going to make it an annual event. So, clean out those items you have collected over the years and set them aside for our campers. Items for youth will be used (particularly during the summer camping sessions). If you like you can search the internet for games for the visually impaired.

With all that has transpired this past year, we here at the camp have taken many precautions to maintain a safe and healthy environment for the campers who plan to attend.

Christmas Camp will be a little different but it will continue to be fun. All who are planning on attending have been informed of guidelines that we must follow (campers, staff, and volunteers).

You know, we can not have camp without your financial help. This has been a tough year for all. With next year quickly approaching, I ask you to keep us in your prayers and help where you can. Many of you have answered the challenge.

If you can, let's: "Keep The Camp Fires Burning"

Mike Williams
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Christmas Camp - "Celebration 2020"

As we begin planning for the 2020 Christmas Camp season which is scheduled for the weekend of December 11th-13th. I need your help.

Last year we had a theme called “Country Christmas”. We introduced the Camp Country Store. A program where campers could earn tokens to spend at the store and purchase trinkets they could give as Christmas gifts.

These items like scarfs, necklaces, coffee cups, pocket games, etc. So many to name. We will again incorporate the Camp Store at Christmas Camp 2020. Look around your homes and I’m sure you will find items that our campers would love. Things you have collected over the years and are just collecting dust, put away in a closet, a cabinet, or in a dresser drawer. It doesn’t have to be a big item. Our campers enjoy the chance to earn these tokens and spend them as money.



Country Store

If you can and are willing to mail items to the camp please do so. If you would like to bring them to the Camp’s fall meeting, scheduled November 14th in Perry, Ga. That will work. (Hope we get to meet, in person)! We plan to extend this program into summer camping season also. Campers love to shop no matter when! Look, see what you have and if it is something you can share with others, send it to us.

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.

1. Paint post at Arts and Crafts building
2. Paint Porch on Arts and Crafts Building
3. Some minor sheetrock repair in kitchen serving area and then paint ceiling
4. Paint entry sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
5. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
8. Repair damaged handrails leading to the floating dock.
9. Paint the railing around the playground
10. Limbs on oak tree located at the rear entrance of the kitchen need to be trimmed (this may have to be done by a professional to prevent damage to the roof)
11. Memorial Garden, there are sections that need new flowers.
12. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
13. Swings at the fire pit need to be painted.
14. Some areas of screens at the bar-b-que shelter needs to be re-stapled.
15. Pressure wash Administration Building.
16. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
17. Paint the pump house at the pond
18. Paint the Water Tank
19. Interior Dining Hall to be repainted
20. Kitchen serving area needs walls to be painted
21. Kitchen paint to match serving area.

22. Nature Trail – clean up debris. To build up low lying areas we need Three loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
23. Remove soiled carpet from (Rental House) (Directors house)
24. (Rental House) Replace carpet with either laminate flooring or ceramic tile Camp has some tile-enough to do maybe three of the four rooms.
25. 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.
26. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing.

Thanks to all who were able to participate this past Lions Service Work Date: October 16-18, 2020

April 2021 will be our next scheduled Service Day: exact date: TBD

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.

Want to win a T-shirt, sweatshirt or collared shirt from the Georgia Lions Camp? We've started a contest for you to learn about the camp. In the newsletters and on the website will be information about the camp. All that will be available to everyone. Each month there will be at least one question in the Georgia Lions Camp Newsletter.

The answer to the questions will be somewhere in the newsletter and on the camp website, www.glcb.org. When you know the answer, send your answer to Camp Director Mike Williams at director@glcb.org or call the camp at 912-283-4320. They will need your name and your answer. You will not be told whether you are correct or not. Your name and answer will be recorded and the person with the most correct answers wins prize. In the event of a tie, a coin flip will determine the winner.

The prize will be determined by both your choice and availability. The contest started with the April issue and the winner will be announced in January 2021.

How awesome is it that over \$4513.51 was raised by everyone working together in one month. The amount is an odd amount because some used PayPal to donate and they charge us a fee. Not all participants were Lions, some were just friends of the camp and that is just as awesome as the amount donated.

The response was so good that I intend to try something again after the first of the year. Raising money shouldn't be just about having our hand out, it needs to be fun also. Look at how much the Lottery takes in and all that is done by individuals trying to win something.

As promised when we received over \$2000 there would be two winners plus I had to donate \$2000.

The winner of the \$25 gift card is Timothy Chisolm from the Lagrange Lions Club.

The winner of the \$50 gift card is Mike Mueller from the Jekyl Island Lions Club.

The winners should receive their gift cards in early December.

Right now, this item is more precious and in demand than Gold.

I ask each of you that can, when visiting your local retail outlet, please pick up a couple of extra bottles for the camp.

Many have donated this from a previous needs list. But I am totally out. When you put a bottle in each bathroom, dormitory, kitchen, nurse's station, office, and the list goes on, we run out quickly.

The pictured 10oz bottles with pump are preferred. Bring them with you to the next scheduled Camp Board meeting. Or if you like and can order them online, just ship them directly to the camp at 5626 Laura Walker Rd. Waycross, Ga. 31503

Thanks and Stay Sanitized!



10 oz bottles of Hand Sanitizer

Some times we get so busy that we forget to say thank you to people that do you a favor. I have been remiss more than once but this time I have done it in a big way.

Sharon Croyle was a member of the Smyrna Jonquil Lions Club and when I first met her she was Executive Director of Vision Rehabilitation Services. She retired and over a year ago offered to help the camp find with funding. Many hours were spent looking and searching and having some success. Although she was unable to accomplish the monetary part (it wasn't her fault), she was able to find some office chairs that were available if we could pick them up in Atlanta.

One of the best items we received was the bedding from Serta-Simmons for the renovation. Serta-Simmons donated four queen beds with frames and eight twin mattresses that fit into our bunkbeds. There were funds available but donors wanted to know what the funds would be used for. Since we cancelled 2020 summer camp, the funding was no longer available.

Sharon Croyle has now left the Lion Family but I say thanks for your hours of researching and what you did for the Georgia Lions Camp.

Upcoming Events

December 11-13, 2020

SAVE THE DATE! You're invited to Christmas Camp on December 11-13, 2020. For more information, visit www.gclb.org.

February 20, 2021

Save the date for the 4th Annual Car Show to be held here at the camp February 20th, 2021.

Contest Questions:
What size hand sanitizer bottles are preferred?
Plans are to play pin the tail on the?

Lions Camp Information

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