



GEORGIA LIONS CAMP ---
PROGRAM EXPANSION COMMITTEE

POSITION STATEMENT and

SHORT TERM GOALS



Every summer since 1976, the Georgia Lions Camp has provided a recreational camping experience for persons who are blind or visually impaired. In the early days of the Camp operation, most people felt that being blind meant being disabled. In contrast to that idea, Lions decided to build a camp that would offer the support and adaptations that would allow campers to experience social and recreational activities which they were unable to experience anywhere else.

Now the Camp has undertaken a 21st century challenge. We recognize that assistive technologies are used by many visually impaired persons to pursue career development and higher education. These individuals are part of the main stream in our communities, often taking leadership roles. They seek a different challenge than we have been offering in our traditional camping experience.

While we will continue to offer the social and recreational opportunities that so many have enjoyed in the past, the Georgia Lions Camp Program Expansion Committee is working to add new programs to our roster of existing traditional programs. The new programs that will be interesting and valuable to a wide range of persons who are dealing with visual impairments, along with their families. We plan to collaborate with other agencies and organizations, and seek to incorporate the expertise of professionals to design and implement these additional programs.

We are committed to the concept that all of our programs and program leaders will collaborate with each other to further improve the positive impacts of all our programs. We are fully committed to development of a roster of programs that will be inclusive of all persons who are impacted by loss or lack of vision, to empower them to develop their potential throughout their lives. This expectation is in line with the Lions Code of Ethics, which we adopt as part of our position and goals.

Lions Clubs Code of Ethics

- **To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- **To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- **To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- **Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- **To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- **Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unserving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise: to build up and not destroy.

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