



# Georgia Lions Camp



December 2021

**F**rom my family to yours, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! This is a great time of the year to reflect on the blessings we all have been blessed with. I know I have, just look at all them that surround Gail and myself.

A wedding is planned for the first of January, 2022. One of our grandchildren will soon be experiencing the next step of her life. We expect many more to follow soon. They are all growing up fast.

To my family of friends at the Georgia Lions Camp. We are so blessed with, Gail and I - thank you. You have all made this past year a special one. Times have been tough but you always seem to come through when the camp and campers need you.

Our campers are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Camp here on December 10-12, 2021. Phones ring daily with questions of what are we going to do? Are we having a Christmas party, a hay ride, what are we eating, who else is coming, who is the nurse, who are the counselors, and many other questions. They are excited to say the least.

With not having Christmas Camp last year, campers are really glad we will be having Christmas Camp this year. This past summer camp was the first step in campers feeling comfortable with health and safety concerns. Campers who came for summer camp have spread the word. It's time to come back to camp and have some fun. Our attendance is not up to where it has been in the past but we are running about 50% of our normal attendees for Christmas Camp. We expect next summer to be almost back to normal. We are shooting for over 100 youth. Of course, we will be having a great session for our adult groups also.

We've got to, "Keep The Camp Fires Burning." I encourage all of you as Lions to help achieve this goal and let's, as I say, add more wood and "Make It Burn Brighter".

Several Lions are coming to volunteer their time for Christmas Camp. I hope to have a great report for you in next months article. I believe the Jolly Ole Fellow himself will be here.

If any have not answered to the past board chairman's (Ed Ressler) challenge, he has challenged you all to make a minimum \$100.00 individual donation to the camp. Those who do will receive a Chairman's Challenge coin in a 3-d display case. You have until December 31, 2021 to answer the call (we get some of his money, too)!

Don't forget that this is end of year and what better place to make a little extra donation? Yes, of course, the Georgia Lions Camp Inc. looks good on those IRS reports. Century Club or 1976 Society membership, Bricks for the Memorial Garden, Chairman's Challenge, or just a gift from your Heart!!

Lions know that if it wasn't for this camp, those who are Visually Impaired and Blind would never get to



*Picture Camp Director's Family*

experience programs and activities that are offered at other recreational summer camps. We just do ours in a special way. A little more one-on-one instruction with the desire to encourage them, that all things are possible. The Georgia Lions Camp helps build their self-esteem and confidence! Where would you be if those certain someone(s) had not helped you at some time in your life? I know we all have many stories we could share. Let's pass it forward!

Yes, the year 2021 is soon to be part of the past. 2022 is right around the next bend. Things are going to progress and we will all want to be a major part in helping the Georgia Lions Camp Inc, in Serving Others.

Thanks again from Gail and myself.

Hope you are Blessed,

Mike Williams  
Camp Director  
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

### DECEMBER CAMP REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Paul May

Mike and Gail Williams have been hard at work in getting campers signed up, counselors, cooks, nurse and supplies for Christmas Camp on Dec. 10-12. Lion volunteers are always needed, just call Mike at the Camp.

The Board of Directors met in Perry on Nov. 13 and the 2022 financial budget was approved for a total of \$322,730. An increase of \$20,320 over 2021. The initial part of the Strategic Plan by the Long Range Planning committee was approved by the Board. The responsibilities of Camp Director Mike Williams were also approved. The proposed revision of the Camp's Constitution and the new proposed Bylaws were presented to the Board by the Constitution and Policy Committee. Copies of the Proposed Constitution and Bylaws have been emailed to all the Board Members and I have called a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on January 4, 2022 to vote on approving the Proposed Constitution. This meeting will be held by Zoom. If the Board approves the Proposed Constitution, it will then be presented to the Lions of Georgia for final approval at the Winter Meeting on January 29 in Perry. If approved at the Winter Meeting then the Proposed New Bylaws will be presented to the Board of Directors at the Winter Meeting for final approval.

All current officers have submitted their nominations to run again and letters of recommendations from their Clubs were sent to Immediate Past Board Chairman Ed Ressler by December 1. With no other nominations in hand, this will be the slate of officer for 2022:

Board Chairman -- PCC Paul May  
Board Vice Chairman -- Lion Jay Taylor  
Board Secretary -- PCC Olin Newby  
Board Treasurer -- PDG David White

Per the Constitution these candidates may be voted by acclamation at the Winter Meeting on Jan. 29, 2022.

I would like to thank the ad-hoc Nomination committee chaired by Lion Ed Ressler with members Lion Joanne Huff and PDG Mark Anners for their work.

The Board and its committees have all been working very hard in providing the leadership and governance for the Camp these past five months. Now it is time for each of us to direct our efforts to raising the funds for the Camp and to work on getting more campers to come to next summer's sessions.

I would hope that each District Director will report on their Club visits and status of their Club's contributions at the Winter Meeting. I have asked Vice Chairman Jay Taylor to create and chair an ad-hoc Advisory Committee and will be asking the Board's approval of the committee at the called meeting on Jan. 4. This committee may consist of non Lions who work with the vision impaired. The purpose of the committee is to solicit guidance to help us, the Board Members, reach out to the student-age vision impaired in Georgia to increase the number of campers this coming summer.

The Chairman's Challenge set up by Past Chairman of the Board, Ed Ressler, ends this month. This is a great way to recognize a fellow Lion or a family member or just help the Camp. Make sure your donation is postmarked by December 31.

Serving More for the Camp,  
Paul May  
Chairman of the Georgia Lions Camp Board of Directors

## Camp Finances Y-T-D thru November 30, 2021

Financially, 2021 is almost over for the Camp -- and almost time to start a brand new FINANCIAL YEAR. Any END-OF-YEAR Contributions to the GA Lions Camp would certainly be appreciated. We want to complete 2021 in great shape, so we can start 2022 off in great shape, financially speaking. However, we can not do it without help from the Lions of Georgia -- we need your help!

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 November 30, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	189,039.42	290,340.00
Total Expenses	197,246.59	277,598.13
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>(8,207.17)</b>	12,741.87

### Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru November 30, 2021

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2021 to-date	24	40	20	29
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	55%	74%	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.

**Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.**  
**Operations Budget Worksheet for Year 2022**  
**Approved 2022 Budget**

**INCOME**

40100 Camper Registrations	7,400.00
40101 Transportation Fee	3,750.00
40110 Camper Sponsors	
40111 Sponsor Lions	15,900.00
40112 Sponsor Non Lions	4,600.00
40200 Facility Rental	30,000.00
40300 General Contrib. Unrestricted	
40301 Lions Clubs	120,000.00
40310 Non Lion Contributions	4,800.00
40400 Interest Income	100.00
40500 Lions Day Income	1,200.00
40700 Major Fund Raisers Unrestricted	
40701 Basket Auction	4,000.00
40703 Keep the Camp Fires Burning	2,500.00
40704 Brick Memorial Garden	5,000.00
40705 1976 Society	7,200.00
40706 Century Club	7,500.00
40709 Raffle for Cruise	20,000.00
40710 Chairman's Challenge	0.00
40810 Investment Fund Release	81,780.00
41000 Promotional Items Sold	2,500.00
42000 Misc. Unrestricted Revenue	0.00
42030 Honor. & Memor. Unrestricted	
42031 Hon. & Mem. By Lions	4,000.00
42032 Hon. & Mem. By Non Lions	500.00
42050 Refunds from Vendors	0.00
50005 Gain(Loss) on Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00
50006 PPP Loan Forgiveness Income	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>322,730.00</b>

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**EXPENSES**

60100 Accounting Fees	7,200.00
60150 Bank Fees	100.00
60155 Merchant Fees	400.00
60200 Awards Expense	500.00
60300 Camp Board Meetings	100.00
60400 Camp Store Supplies	2,000.00
60600 Conferences/Training	1,500.00
60700 Depreciation Expense	0.00
60800 Director's Travel Expense	3,000.00
60900 Dues & Subscriptions	2,500.00
61000 Electricity	30,000.00
61100 Equipment - Maint/Repairs	3,600.00
61140 Garbage & Waste Pickup	1,900.00
61150 Grant Writing Expense	0.00
61201 Insurance - Prop & Liability	13,900.00
61202 Insurance - Vehicle	1,400.00
61300 Lion's Day Expenses	1,200.00
61400 Maintenance	
61401 MAINT - Air Cond / Heating	2,500.00
61402 MAINT - Electrical	500.00
61403 MAINT - General	7,500.00
61404 MAINT - Landscaping	3,000.00
61405 MAINT - Plumbing	1,000.00
61406 MAINT - Pool	2,200.00
61407 MAINT - Water Testing	2,400.00
61408 Paper Supplies	600.00
61409 Janitorial Supplies	1,200.00
61500 Office Equip - Repairs/Svc	4,200.00
61600 Office supplies	2,500.00
61700 Pest Control	2,000.00
61800 Postage	1,800.00
61910 Chairman's Travel Expenses	1,300.00

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62000 Printing	1,200.00
62100 Propane Gas	1,000.00
62200 Public Relations Supplies	3,000.00
62220 Safety Supplies	300.00
62500 Telephone & Internet	4,000.00
62701 Vehicles - Ad Valorem Taxes/Tag	200.00
62702 Vehicles - Gasoline	1,600.00
62703 Vehicles - Repair & Service	2,500.00
62800 Work Weekend Expenses	2,000.00
63000 Fundraising Expenses	
63003 Century Club Supplies	800.00
63005 Brick Memorial Garden	1,750.00
63007 Chairman's Challenge Expense	0.00
63010 Annual Raffle Expense	4,500.00
63020 Misc. Fundraising Expenses	500.00
63100 Camp Food	12,000.00
63102 Horses	2,300.00
63103 Program Supplies	15,300.00
63104 Transportation	14,000.00
63200 PAYROLL	
63201 Permanent Staff	64,800.00
63202 Seasonal Staff	57,780.00
Program Director -----	7,100.00
Counselors -----	22,200.00
Kitchen -----	11,880.00
Grounds -----	15,000.00
Misc. Maint. -----	1,600.00
63203 Payroll Taxes - Employer	8,600.00
63204 Worker's Compensation	7,000.00
63205 Health Insurance	7,200.00
63206 Contract Labor for Nurse	8,400.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>322,730.00</b>
<b>Net Operating BALANCE</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## **CHAIRMAN CHALLENGE - November 01, 2021 - November 30, 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>
William B Craig	Centerville
Nancy Lancaster	Houston
Asgar Kachwalla	Marietta-East Cobb
David McDonalds	Thomaston
Marty Myers	Pery

## **1976 SOCIETY - November 01, 2021 - November 30, 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

## **CENTURY CLUB - November 01, 2021 - November 30, 2021**

No gifts were made to the Chairman Challenge this month

## **Brick Memorial Garden - November 01, 2021 - November 30, 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>
Marcia Anderson Eason	Snellville
Charles Keene	Woodbine
Camilla Lions Club	Camelia





## Georgia Lions Camp 2022 Alumni Reunion

The alumni weekend, May 27-30, 2022, is intended for adults only. Attendees must be 21 years of age and be able to care for themselves; i.e., administer your own medication(s), bathe/shower, & feed. The cost to attend for the full weekend is \$100.00, with a deposit of \$25.00 required no later than January 31, 2022, to hold your place. The remaining \$75.00 must be received no later than March 31, 2022. Any deposit received after January 31 will result in a late fee of \$25 being applied for a total camp cost of \$125.00. All payments must be paid in full and received by March 31, 2022.

- \*Deposits are non-refundable.
- \*Send all payments via check and made payable to Lion Edward Ressler, 4103 N. Gloucester Place, Chamblee, GA 30341. In the memo field write GLCB Reunion.
- \*Applications may be emailed to [GLCBAlumnia@gmail.com](mailto:GLCBAlumnia@gmail.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred form of contact: Email  Phone

Emergency Contact Name and Number:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical or dietary need?  
\_\_\_\_\_

We are looking into the transportation needs of those that will be attending. Please select the box that represents your needs: I will transport myself to the camp  I will need transportation from Macon, GA  I will need transportation from Jacksonville Airport

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in the GLCB Alumni Reunion I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND HOLD HARMLESS: The GLCB Alumni Association, its Commission, and any partner, employee, servant, representative, associate, officer, agent, volunteer, successor and assigns of The City of Fort Lauderdale, (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, action, judgments, costs, expenses, court costs, attorney fees and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE, including but not limited to, SOLE, CONTRIBUTORY OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.

2. I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity, and to enter the above-named premises and engage in such activity knowing that certain risk of harm is or may be inherent in the various activities contemplated herein and that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE, including but not limited to, SOLE, CONTRIBUTORY OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

3. I further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage, demands, liens, liabilities, judgments or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY OR CONTRIBUTED TO IN WHOLE OR PART by any action or failure to act, negligence, breach of contract, or other misconduct on the part of RELEASEES or otherwise.

4. It is my express intent that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, personal representatives, executors and assigns, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

5. I expressly agree that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Georgia, and if any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute the Release For full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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

**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

**April 29- May 1, 2022**

Spring Lions Service Days

# Upcoming Events

**May 27-30, 2022**

Camper Alumni Reunion

**October 21-23, 2022**

Fall Lions Service Days

## **Lions Camp Information**

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

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

Telephone: 912-283-4320

Fax: 912-283-5130

Address: 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA 31503

## **Camp Alumni Contact Information**

Camp Alumni Association Contact: Brian Donegan: [doneganbrian1@gmail.com](mailto:doneganbrian1@gmail.com)