



Georgia Lions Camp



February 2023

February is here and soon things will start to spring forth with new growth as the weather warms up a little.

Recently the camp had its Winter meeting in Perry, Ga. A lot had to be discussed and the attendance was great. Those who could make it were given some insight on some of the camps' needs and plans for the upcoming year.

I did miss a lot of familiar faces who were either sick or just could not make the meeting due to scheduling conflicts. It was a great day and a lot was accomplished.

To those who could not make the meeting I would like to let you know what is coming up at the camp for the next few months. I hope the following information is helpful to you.



Georgia Lions Camp Inc., Helping Others

All through this information you may find something you can be a part of. Car Show, Work Weekend, Swamp Run, always an opportunity to help where you can.

Some informative information and Upcoming Events at the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

1. Camper fees for Summer Camping sessions are now \$400.00 per attendee.
2. Transportation fees for Campers that are being transported to and from the Macon Academy for The Blind is now \$100.00 per individual.
3. Christmas camp fees are to remain the same at \$100.00 per camper.
4. **2023 Summer Camp Schedule to begin:**

Staff Training June 17, 2023

Pre-Teens-6/12 years old June 25 thru June 30

Senior Adults-40+ years July 2 thru July 7

Adults 18/39 years old July 9 thru July

Teenagers – 13/17 years old July 16 thru July 23

LIONS DAY: July 22, 2023

Letters to campers about dates and fees sent out by the end of February.

Registrations to begin March 13, 2023 and a completed application by June 2, 2023.

5. Looking for ideas to for greater interaction times between Campers and Lions during the day's activities. (Email us your ideas)
6. 2023 Christmas Camp Schedule: December 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2023
7. As the Camp Director plan are to visit and speak at the Macon Academy for The Blind. I also plan to speak with students at the St. Augustine School for the Deaf and Blind in Florida. I am planning to attend the Florida Lions State Convention in Orlando, Fl. Continuing to strengthen our relationship between the Georgia Lions Camp and the Lions of Florida. Last year we had 7 campers attend our camp who came out of Florida.

8. What is coming up at the camp? Lions want to know!



9. Lions Camp Cars and Crafts Show – February 18, 2023. Sponsored by the Woodbine Lions Club. The camp wants to invite you to come and join in on all this excitement. This will be the camp's 6th annual car show. What a great time to promote the camp and lionism. Set up as a vendor, enter a car, or just come to volunteer where you can.

A. limited number of RV spots are still available and of course we have the dorms. Let's make this one of the best shows ever.

10. Lions Service Days (work weekend) February 24-26, 2023.



There are many jobs to complete before the 2023 camping season. Come as a worker.

Bring a club member or volunteer with you.
Ask as a club for a specific job you all would like to do.

The list of jobs and a sign-up sheet is in the Camp's monthly newsletter or you can call the camp office to register.

11. Annual 10-K Swamp Run and One Mile Fun Run March 18, 2023.

Sponsored by the Okefenokee Track and Cycling Club.

This event has been going on for the last 47 years. The Lion's Camp has been the host for the past 6 years. Each year there can be 120 to 180 participants. Up to 400 people on the camp grounds that day.



For a \$30.00 entry fee,

You can also become a participant. The 10-K Run will begin promptly at 8:00 am followed by the One Mile fun run at 10:00 am. Each year they have donated to the camp to help with camper sponsorships.

Put a team together and let's show everyone what we are made of.

For those who just feel like supporting the runners, come stand along the course and cheer them on. Congratulate them as they finish the race. "Wear your Lions Vest" Show your "Colors"
Contact the camp office if you are interested in supporting this race. Or email: director@glcb.org

12. Leo Gathering March 24-26, 2023

They are back to serve and build future Leaders. The Lions Camp once again welcomes the Leos of MD-18.

Leos from all over the state are encouraged to attend. See your Leo leadership for registration details.

13. Summer Camp planning has already begun. We began as soon as the 2022 camping season ended. It is now time to put things in motion for another great camping season.

BELIEVE AND YOU CAN ACHIEVE!!!!

Let's "KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING"

Add More Wood

Make It "BURN BRIGHTER"

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

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

The Camp had its Winter Board Meeting on February 4. Most of the Board Members were present along with several Committee Members, PID Kembra Smith, members of the MD18 Council of Governors and Lions of MD18. Several actions that took place were:

1. Elections were held and the following officers for 2023-2024 were elected:
Chairman of the Board of Directors – Lion Jay Taylor
Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors – 18N 2VDG Larry Griggers
Secretary – Lion Joanne Huff
Treasurer – 18-L PDG David White
2. The summer camping dates were approved (See Camp Director Mike Williams report.
3. Nine Action Items from the Long Range Committee and their retreat were presented and approved. (See report below.)
4. The first reading of a proposed amendment to the Camp's Bylaws was conducted. (See report below.)
5. The Board approved the purchase of a new double oven to be paid from current restricted funds.
6. The Board approved the purchase of a new high temperature dishwasher to be paid from current restricted funds.
7. The Board approved the repairs to the climbing wall to be paid from current restricted funds.
8. The Board approved the purchase of a new chest freezer to replace one that just recently failed. This purchase is to be made from current restricted funds.
9. The Board approved the purchase of a new second lawn mower by the end of April to be paid for from the Investment Fund. Lions Jay Taylor and Larry Griggers are working to try to get one at a reduced cost. The cost should not exceed \$16,000.

I would like to thank PCC Olin Newby for serving as the Camp's Secretary for the past two years.

As mentioned in the Camp's January Newsletter, districts 18-I and 18-O will need to have elections at their respective district conventions for their District Directors for the Camp for a term of two years. Once we have the District Directors approved there will be numerous committee positions from each District that will need to be filled. This is an opportunity for "old" Lions to get involved with the Camp and an opportunity for "new" Lions to learn and serve the Camp. These positions will be discussed in our future Newsletters. However the immediate need is for a Lion from each District to serve on the Camp's Board of Trustees. This is a two year term to direct the actions of the Camp's Investment Fund. If interested please contact Lion Ed Ressler, current chair, or Paul May (me), incoming chair of Trustees.

We start 2023 with lots of events and opportunities for Lions to get involved with the Camp. See Camp Director Mike Williams report above. In February we have two big events at the Camp that we need the support of the Lions. On February 18 the Woodbine Lions Club sponsors a car and craft show. They can always use some extra hands. Then on February 24- 27 is the Camp's Service Days. There are all types of tasks that need to be done. Even if you can come for one day it would really help. It is a great opportunity to **SERVE THE CAMP** and to fellowship with other Lions. The Camp **NEEDS YOUR HELP**.

A quick reminder, the Camp will be having its **Silent Auction** at the State Convention. Hopefully you and/or your Club will enter a basket or item.

Congratulations to 18-O for leading MD18 Clubs for taking a big lead (thanks to the Centerville

Lions Club) in contributions for January with \$5,550. And congratulations to 18-I for continuing to lead all districts in percentage of Clubs contributing to the Camp at 14%. The year is young with a long ways to go. I am hoping that this year each district will be challenging each other for the most dollar contributions and percentage of their Clubs making contributions. Let's have a good race all year long.

For more information about our Georgia Lions Camp please go to our web page 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 JANUARY 2023

The first month of our 2023 Financial Year has now been completed. The Camp almost made our expected Budget for the Month of January. January and February are typically low expense and low Income months. While expenses do pick up a little in February, mainly because of our Annual Audit and Tax Preparation Expenses, the big jump in expenses starts in March and runs thru July -- so it is in front of us right now.

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 JANUARY 31, 2023

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Income Thru January | 15,376.28 |
| Total Expenses Thru January | 17,814.50 |
| NET Operating Income Thru January | (2,438.22) |

Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru JANUARY 31, 2023

| | <u>18L</u> | <u>18I</u> | <u>18O</u> | <u>18N</u> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| # of Clubs Contributing in 2023 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 4 |
| % of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing | 5% | 14% | 10% | 7% |
| Contributions by District for 2023 | 1,445.00 | 1,036.88 | 5,550.00 | 758.13 |

DISTRICT Year over Year COMPARISON -- as of JANUARY 31, 2023

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>Ahead / (Behind) 2022</u> |
|-----|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 18L | 1,028.11 | 1,445.00 | 416.89 |
| 18I | 2,884.76 | 1,036.88 | (1,847.88) |
| 18O | 3,430.00 | 5,550.00 | 2,120.00 |
| 18N | 2,200.00 | 758.13 | (1,441.87) |
| | 11,564.87 | 10,813.01 | (752.86) |

As you can see above -- Overall Club and District Contributions for 2023 were DOWN just a little from 2022 contributions at this same time last year.

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

Long-Range Planning Committee Update

At the Winter Meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp Board of Directors, the Board approved the nine action items I presented on behalf of the Long-Range Planning Committee, thus officially completing the Long-Range Plan. The plan was 2.5-years in the making and will help get all the camp's stakeholders moving forward together with a well-thought out plan as guidance. Chairman May will be distributing a more detailed synopsis later, but to briefly summarize the action items:

The plan calls for the creation of a marketing committee, a capital asset management plan, improvements to the camp amenities, enhancements to the camp website, a competition between districts for most contributions to the camp, holding an annual planning retreat, creating a digital survey, enhancing the attraction of the camp to off-season users, and encouraging Lions to include the camp in their wills.

Planning is a critical factor to the success of any organization and we are delighted to have a completed Long-Range Plan guiding us going forward. My many thanks to the committee for their hard work on the long-range plan.

Larry Griggers, Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws Committee Update

The Constitution & Bylaws Committee reviewed the Board-approved Long-Range Plan and drafted an amendment based on recommendations in the plan. The committee also reviewed some other suggested changes that had been presented and added language to the amendment implementing those changes.

To briefly summarize the proposed changes to the Bylaws: The amendment will change references from "visually impaired campers" to "campers with visual impairment" to be more sensitive to how our beloved campers are described. Language setting forth the procedures for removing a board member for cause will be removed from the Bylaws where it duplicates language found in the Constitution to avoid confusion. The "Constitution & Bylaws Committee" would be renamed "Governance Committee," the "Long-Range Planning Committee" would be renamed the "Strategic Planning Committee," and a new standing committee named the "Marketing Committee" will be created. Finally, the Bylaws would call for a planning retreat be held each year.

The Bylaw amendment was read for the first time at the Winter Meeting. The motion is required to be laid over until the next meeting with a 30-day notice to the Board members that the amendment will be voted upon. Chairman May will call a meeting for the purpose of considering the amendment, and should the amendment pass, the changes will go into effect immediately.

Larry Griggers, Chairman

6th Annual Lions' Camp for the Blind Car Show

5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA



Feb. 18, 2023

Car registration 8-10 AM Trophies @ 2PM

Vendors - Food, Arts & Crafts, Breakfast Available

Proceeds to benefit the camp

**Entry fee per car: \$15 for pre-registered before Feb. 10,
\$20 day of show, Spectators \$5 adult, children under 12 free**

No Alcohol, Dogs must be leashed

For more info call: 912-882-4046 or email: MikeJune@sbcglobal.net

Make Checks payable to: " Woodbine Lions Club" write "Car Show" on memo line

Mail to: Lions Car Show C/O Mike Daugherty, 158 Colonial Court, Woodbine, GA 31569

Detach here

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number or email (optional) _____

Car Make _____ Model _____ Yr. _____

1976 SOCIETY - January 01, 2022 - January 31, 2022

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

| NAME | LIONS CLUB |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Joanne Huff | Centerville |
| John Pearce | Dahlonega |
| Helen Troha | Tucker LaVista |

CENTURY CLUB - January 01, 2022 - January 31, 2022

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

| NAME | LIONS CLUB | LEVEL |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| William Sutton | Woodbine | Bronze |
| Mary Williams | Forsyth CO | Bronze |
| Steve Williams | Forsyth CO | Bronze |

Brick Memorial Garden - January 01, 2022 - January 31, 2022

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

| NAME | LIONS CLUB |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Randall Collins | Snellville |
| Dimple Forrest | Thomaston |
| Donald Wes Gifford | Atlanta |
| Tammy Hitchcock | Statham |
| Pamela Jones | NonLion |

Regional organizations have been very generous to the Georgia Lions Camp this autumn, contributing over \$30,000. We appreciate the investment these organizations have made and thank them warmly:

The Cobb Friendship Club awarded the Georgia Lions Club Camp a grant of \$3,000 to support upcoming camps. The Friendship Club is an organization that for over 40 years, has distributed donations to area charities through Cobb County employee payroll deductions. This is the first grant for camp from the Friendship Club and we are very grateful for their investment! Pictured is volunteer Vanessa Stanley accepting the donation on behalf of camp and all the lucky nonprofits that received awards from this generous group.



Cobb Friendship Club



The Delta Pilots Charitable Fund, a group of dedicated pilots wishing to make a difference in the local communities in which Delta Airlines has a hub, gave a generous first-time donation to the Georgia Lions Camp of \$2,500 in October, for which we are very grateful.

Please Fly Delta!

Live Like Kings Foundation: THANKS, FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR COLLECTIVE HEARTS for the generous donation! Our campers will benefit in multiple ways from this generous donation!



An organization with a generous heart, Cobb EMC's Operation Round Up program continues to

support our campers and to date, has donated in support of campers from Cobb, Cherokee, Paulding, Bartow, and parts of Northwest Fulton County. We appreciate that Cobb EMC's charitable arm encourages monthly applications and considers support of a variety of our needs at camp.

Hey Lions! Let's Talk Electrical Membership Organizations...

*Many Electrical Membership Corporations around the state participate in "Operation Round Up" (ORU) programs, in which customers round up their monthly bills and the dollars are used to support nonprofits serving their local service areas. If you receive your power from a Georgia EMC with an Operation Round Up program, we encourage you to sign up and **please--let us know!** We host campers from every corner of the state and as we continue to apply for funding from the various ORU programs, your support and status as a member will serve as a powerful endorsement of the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. Thank you!*



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

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.glcb.org/camp-donations.html



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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

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

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

February 18, 2023

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March 18, 2023

Annual 10K/1 mile Fun Run.

March 24-26, 2023

Annual Leo Gathering.

October 6-8, 2023

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Lions Camp Information

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Camp Alumni Contact Information

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