



Georgia Lions Camp



November 2023

2023 Fall Joint Meeting

November 10, 2023

Camp Directors Report

- 1. Attendance at GVEST** (A conference sponsored by the Macon Academy for the Blind to provide updated information on training tools, educational information, and services that are provided to the TVI's of Georgia) (Teachers for the Visually Impaired Students)
 - a. Camp Board Chairman, Jay Taylor and I presented information about the Camp with all the amenities we have to offer. We offered information and brochures for teachers to share with the parents of their students.
 - b. Some teachers expressed that parents have concerns about sending their children away for the first time. We offered information that the camp could and would work with any parent or teacher who thought the child would feel more confident if they had someone, they knew come with them.
 - c. Teachers asked many questions about dates, age groups, programs, and staff.
 - d. One of the teachers' biggest concerns is that they felt the children need a place to and be among their peers to socialize, get away from cell phones, computers, and the everyday classroom environment. When they heard that the camp focused on recreation and personal growth of the campers, they were glad to hear that we offer a place for the kids to get out and just be a kid. Nothing but fun and no pressure to succeed.
 - e. Attending GVEST seems a repeat every year and it is. But it is the greatest place to meet with and talk with most if not all the teachers and special needs personnel here in Georgia.
- 2. Christmas Camp will be December 8-10, 2023**
 - a. Camper registrations opened up on October 23, 2023 and will remain open until November 28, 2023.
 - b. Christmas Camp 2023 will have a theme titled "Happy Trails"
 - c. 1stVDG Rita Harris and her group "Living Life Team" will host the camp's annual Christmas Party. Food, games, caroling, dancing, and did I mention Food! Will be provided by her and her group.
 - d. Santa Just may show up this year!!!
 - e. A few of you have volunteered to help and if you are interested in helping where ever the help is needed, just give me a call.
- 3. Camp Usage:**
 - a. Rental groups have been a little down this year due to some cancellations. They have re-scheduled for 2024.
 - b. Camp Hope who is a group from Satilla Hospice came again this year. They are a support group to children who have suffered a loss of a loved one due to cancer. Children ages 5- 14 participated in fun games, fishing, climbing wall, arts and crafts, and some good counseling.
 - c. The camp was host of it's first wedding here. Hoping to spread the word of what we have and build a great relationship with the local public.
 - d. Christmas parties are a great way to help with rentals but we need to look into having a simpler access to the buildings needed.
- 4. What can you do to help the camp?**
 - a. Promote by speaking at other civic groups, share with your church, share with the local government in your area, and I was given some advice by a young man I met while speaking at the Donaldson Ville Lions Club. Share the camp information with your physicians and your hospital staff.
 - b. Contribute that little extra. A little by every-one makes a lot.
 - c. Campers!!! We need Camper attendance to grow. Youth is where you can start. Fill this camp up for next summer.

- d. Be a Blessing to some-one. Put a smile on a child's face.
- e. Make camp a great place to get away and have some fun.

5. Thanksgiving!!

It is that time of year again where I am thankful for the wife I have been blessed with. Children who have blossomed and become great adults and parents. Grandchildren who are a blessing just because they are. A Great-grandson and a great-granddaughter on the way!!! A job where I get to meet and serve others. Friends who are there to support you and help you where help is needed. A most of all I am thankful for Gods' Grace and Mercy. Where would I be without it. LOST!!

When you sit down with your family here in a couple of weeks, think of those who do not have a family to sit with. Don't walk away when you see someone who doesn't quiet look like we think they should. They may need a helping hand, some kind words and a smile. Smiles are cheap! We should give them away constantly.

“HAPPY THANKGIVING”



**Let's “Keep The Camp Fires Burning”
Add more Wood “Make It Burn Brighter”**

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Greeting from the GA Lions Camp!

Here is an update on this past month's happenings here at the Georgia Lions Camp.

It has been a busy time of clean-up. With summer camp sessions behind us, we take these next few months to clean up and prepare for the upcoming Christmas Camp which will be the weekend of December 8-10, 2023. Christmas Camp registrations began October 28, 2023, and continue through November 28, 2023. Campers are encouraged to register by visiting the camps' website www.glcb.org and registering through our CampDoc link.

Over the past couple of months, the camp has been on the receiving end of some strong winds and a hurricane. Trees had fallen, limbs and debris was everywhere. Some damage to a few of our structures.

October 6-8, 2023, was the camp's scheduled Lions Service Days at the camp. Better known as work weekend. A time set aside for Lions and volunteers to come and help with cleaning and some repairs needed Attendance was down, but many things were accomplished.

Our next scheduled Lions Service Days for spring. April 4-7, 2024, Save the Date!!! Please make plans to come out and join us!!

Another date to make plans to attend is February 24, 2024. This will be the camps' Seventh Annual Cars and Crafts Show. Sponsored each year by the Lions of Woodbine. Last year we had 112 entries, lets see if we can make that 150 this year.

January 5-7th 2024, the camp will host the Grace Clower Leadership Training.

January 19-20, 2024, at the camp will host our Annual Board Strategic Planning retreat. Where our board has an opportunity to come together and work on the Camp's Strategic Plan and the Approved Action Items.

Financially, the camp has been on the receiving end of a few grants, On Thursday 9 November 2023 Board Chairman Jay Taylor accepted a \$5000 grant from Flint Electric EMC. In Reynolds, GA. Thank You, to those who donate to Operation Roundup on your electricity bill!



The camp has established a new Marketing Committee to do just that, help us Market what a great Camp we have, thank you to PCC Garner Andrews for helping with our marketing plan.

We are pleased with the success of this year's summer camp and are excited about our upcoming Christmas Camp. Before you know it, we will be looking ahead to Summer Camp 2024.

Remember to keep the Campfires burning and help support YOUR Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

Very respectfully,

Jay Taylor

Board Chairman
GA Lions Camp Inc.

Jim graduated from Auburn University. He worked in the property and casualty insurance business as an underwriter for 47 years – living the first 36 years in the Atlanta area and the remaining 11 years in Alamo, Georgia.

Jim retired in 2018. He and his wife Janice have 4 children and 11 grandkids.

Jim is active in his community, a member of Alamo First Baptist Church, a member of the Wheeler County Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Wheeler County Board of Equalization. He enjoys working on his tractor, working on his pond, deer hunting and riding in the woods with his black lab Oakley by his side.



Jim became a Lion in 2013 and has served on the club level as club President and Service Chair and on the district level as Zone Chair, 2nd VDG, 1st VDG and currently is a district governor. He is a guiding Lion and was a participant in the Lions Leadership Camp. He has received International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation in 2018, 2020 and 2022.



Hal Simpson has been an innovating presence in the visually impaired sporting community for more than 20 years. His first introduction to sports for the blind was in 2001 when he began coaching goalball to create an opportunity for his then ten-year old visually impaired son, and he formed one of Georgia's first competitive youth teams. The program attracted interest from all age groups and eventually grew to include adult teams that competed in national tournaments. His adult men's team won their first national championship title in 2011.

After 10 years of running and growing a successful Goalball program, Hal founded the Georgia Blind Sports Association in 2011, to create sports opportunities for the blind and visually impaired community throughout the state. Now in its 12th year, GBSA has 3 men's and one women's adult Goalball teams, youth Goalball teams, beep baseball, kayaking, tandem biking, audio darts and golf. GBSA is launching the state's first 5-a-side blind soccer team in the spring of 2024.

Hal has been frequently recognized for his work in the visually impaired sports community, working to help similar programs both around the US and internationally enhance their sporting initiatives for the blind. In 2016 Hal was honored by the Atlanta Braves as an inaugural Community Hero for his work with blind athletes.

Camp Finances Y-T-D thru OCTOBER 31, 2023

We have now passed thru month 10 of our 2023 Fiscal year -- Post SUMMER CAMPING SEASON 2023 -- and now, Christmas Camp is almost upon us.

Our Year-to-Date ACTUAL income -- THRU OCTOBER 2023 -- is \$47,692.90 **ahead** (see section 1 below) of our Year-to-Date ACTUAL Expenses. HOWEVER, considering that we have had to transfer \$50,000.00 from our Investment Fund (our own money) into our Operations Budget, in reality, we are really \$2,607.10 **SHORT** of Breaking even for the past 10 months of 2023. We need your financial support to correct this situation.

Our fiscal year is ALMOST over -- but our Club Contributions for 2023 are far from the 100% level (See section 2 below). District I is in the lead with the largest percentage of Clubs giving to the Camp -- HOWEVER, District N is in the lead with the most dollars contributed. Support is needed from ALL Lions to improve the Camping Experience we can give our Campers.

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 -- or financial contributions.

We are asking ALL Lions Clubs AND Individual Lions to step-up and help support our Camp financially. We need your support!

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME!

1 ----- Operational Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru OCTOBER, 2023

Total Actual Income Thru JULY 2023 *	306,592.67
Total Actual Expenses Thru JULY 2023	258,899.77
NET Operating Income Thru JULY 2023	47,692.90

* Y-T-D INCOME includes \$50,000.00 Transfer from our Investment Fund for Operations

2 ----- Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru OCTOBER 31, 2023

	18L	18I	18O	18N
# of Clubs Contributing in 2023	23	38	21	28
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	55%	76%	43%	50%
 Contributions by District for 2023	 41,538.26	 28,792.70	 25,160.00	 60,245.41

3 ----- DISTRICT Year over Year COMPARISON -- as of OCTOBER 31, 2023

	2022	2023	Ahead / (Behind) 2022
18L	38,798.12	41,538.26	2,740.14
18I	33,182.38	28,792.70	(4,389.68)
18O	16,409.51	25,160.00	8,750.49
18N	44,877.02	60,245.41	15,368.39
MD18	133,267.03	155,736.37	22,469.34

As you can see above (in section 3 above)-- **ONLY 3 Districts are now contributing more this year than they did last year.** We need **ALL** Districts to KEEP their contributions ahead of last year. Overall, Lions are giving more than last year! PLEASE keep it up! We need **YOUR** help this year -- and every year!

Financially, the Camp has work to do -- with your financial help, it will get done! **ALL** Contributions are appreciated!

Thank-You!

David E. White,
Board Treasurer

Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

“KEEP THE CAMP FIRES”



“BURNING”

Help Send the Visually Impaired/Blind to Camp

**Come join us and become a partner by being a
participant at the 2024 Car Show**

February 24, 2024

**Proceeds from the Car Show helps provide funding
for Camper Scholarships, Programs, and supplies
for camper activities.**

Check out the Camp’s website:

www.glcb.org

7th Annual Lions' Camp for the Blind Car Show

5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA



Feb. 24, 2024

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. 14,
\$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. _____

Rev.

1976 SOCIETY - October 01, 2023 - October 31, 2023

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

NAME

Lion Joanne Huff

LIONS CLUB

Thomson Camelia

CENTURY CLUB - October 01, 2023 - October 31, 2023

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

NAME

Lion Mark Anners

Lion Robert Lique

Lion Paul May

Lion Yavonne Quigley

Lion Judith Stewart

LIONS CLUB

Bellville

Ellijay

Milledgeville

Lyons

Lyons

LEVEL

Bronze

Gold

Silver

Bronze

Bronze

Brick Memorial Garden - October 01, 2023 - October 31, 2023

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



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 10/9/2023

Many have asked what does the camp need?

The following items will help eliminate the cost of supplies needed during camp season and beyond, maintenance and other operations of the camp.

1. There is a need for some pillows. Sometimes campers forget theirs and are needed here. Low-cost pillows from Walmart are sufficient. Nothing expensive. 20 pillows needed.
2. Bottle Water- 16oz. by the case **Camp goes through 40 cases per year**
3. PowerAde/Gatorade sports drinks- single serve bottles/24 to a case **10 cases needed (The lime and red are favorite flavors)**
4. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
5. Gallon size bleach- Five cases of 6 bottles per case (you do not have to buy all five cases needed)
6. Lysol dis-infectant spray- 2 cases of 6? cans per case
7. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable- 3 cases of 6? Bottles per case
8. Windex window cleaner- 2 cases of 6 per case
9. Clorox disinfectant spray bottles – 2 cases of 6 per case-(32 oz.)
10. Toilet Tissue – any brand
11. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted. -20 cans spray or pump
12. **Wasp Spray- Black Flag brand preferred. 2 cases of 12 per case.**
13. **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.**
14. Copy paper for the office

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.

“Please Note that, you are not asked to buy the amounts listed per item. Any purchase of a listed item is very much appreciated. If it's one item of something, a case, or several cases. Nothing is ever turned away.”

Maintenance Needs:

- Sidewalk Edger or Weed Eater capable of converting to an edger. (Husgvarna or Skill preferred)
- Reciprocating Saw - electric or battery operated (20V) or Both
- Drill bits- for wood and for masonry
- Pressure Washer – needed for cleaning buildings
- 6'X10' utility trailer with gate that will let down to load equipment
- Paint brushes – needed during work weekend tasks (30) these do not have to be expensive brushes
- Pneumatic Staple Gun (there are usually combinations of three separate size staplers in one package deal)
- Camp is in need of an air compressor
- DeWalt 10” Jobsite Table Saw

2023-2024 Work Projects-----Report

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

Spring 2024 Lions Service Days: April 5-7, 2024

Pick A Project!

Call to schedule a special work date for you and your club!
912-283-4320 or email: director@glcb.org

1. New Landscaping needed at the Administration office. This is a big project!
2. Windows and Blinds in all the buildings can be cleaned
3. There will always be a need for pressure washing the buildings – **Administration Building Cleaned**
4. PVC railing that leads to canoe dock will need repairs (this can only be done after all the trees have been removed
5. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
6. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
7. Repair broken board on canoe cart
8. All cabinets in the main dorm need to be checked for easy opening and closing-repair those that need repairing
9. Replace weathered boards on wooden ramps at the exits of the main dormitory and repaint
10. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
11. Nature Trail –build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
12. Sitting Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
13. 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!!
14. Repair fence out in front of property near the highway
15. Still a need for some of the bathroom lights in the dorms that need to be converted to LED.
16. Storm Damage to Canoe building and fence surrounding Director's house back yard
17. Trees down will have to be removed by a professional tree surgeon

Upcoming Events

December 8-10, 2023

Christmas Camp at Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

January 5-7, 2024

Grace Clower Leadership Training at Georgia Lions Camp-Waycross, GA

January 19-21, 2024

Strategic Planning Retreat at Georgia Lions Camp-Waycross, GA

February 24, 2024

Car Show at the camp

April 5-7, 2024

Spring 2024 Lions Service Days: April 5-7, 2024

Lions Camp Information

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

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Camp Alumni Contact Information

Camp Alumni Association Contact: Brian Donegan: doneganbrian1@gmail.com