



Georgia Lions Camp



October 2020

It sure has been one hot summer. Along with high temperatures, extremely high humidity, and the typical mid-afternoon thunderstorms we are famous for here in South Georgia, it is good to see some cooler temperatures.

I'm sure we will get a few more hot days but nothing like summer time at the Lions Camp! Around here we know when summer is over when our local fair is in town, which is usually in November. It's always colder after the sun goes down during that week of activities.

Fall brings in a time for nature to put on one of the most spectacular shows you will see. The colors of fall are indescribable. I envy you who live in the areas where trees change their colors.

Fall also means schools are back in session. Students are excited to be in an upper grade from the previous year; facing new challenges and making new friends.

High School football says it is time for fall. With these games bring things like spirit days, game preparation, spirit rallies. (though they may be a few changes this year; social distancing you know) And yes, there is the annual Homecoming Game during football season. This means there is a Home Coming Court. Students are chosen from each grade to represent their class.

One of our own campers was chosen this year to represent her Freshman class. Her name is Charlee Ray. She attends Pickens High School. Charlee has been coming to camp now for the past three years and she always brings her "A" game. She loves to read and always ask if we have braille books here at the camp. She loves to take one home with her when she leaves camp. Charlee is not shy. She does not have a problem carrying on a conversation with you or asking questions. Her favorite question is: and then? Congratulations Charlee!! Look at that Smile!!



*Charlee Ray: Freshman Class
Pickens High School escorted by her dad*

“CELEBRATION 2020” is our theme this year for Christmas Camp. This past month we have started planning for Christmas Camp 2020. Campers know it is time to begin registrations. On October 5th, 2020 registration opened. Campers or parents can log in to the camp’s website, choose the registration button which will connect them to CampDoc.com. They can then fill out their camper application on line. Many campers have expressed their excitement about attending Christmas Camp.

Here at the camp we have begun to prepare the activities and programs for that weekend in December. (December 11-13, 2020). Staff and volunteers are on our contact list of things to do.

We are going to flip around the events of the year. You’ve heard of Christmas in July. We are going to celebrate the annual July festivities in December. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor picnic, some fun games for all, unique craft projects, horses, wagon and hayrides. It will be a busy time but a fun time. Volunteers are welcome to come help. Just contact the camp office and get the process of registration started.

We still plan on the Saturday evening social event. Snacks, games, and some summertime music. Dress accordingly. And we will have the Camp Store available for the campers. (see attached article)

As we make all these plans, the safety and health of Campers, Staff, and Volunteers will come first. As you know with our campers there is some hands-on that must be done. Independence for camper’s mobility and participation is encouraged but some will need our assistance. This is where those needed volunteers come in. To help us set up, break down, clean, sanitize. Especially as we go from the dorms, to dining, to activities and programs. I guarantee you will be needed.

As we have all missed out on Summer Camp 2020, let’s make this a Christmas Camp they will talk about for a long time. For those who attend that may be students in school, they will tell their friends what a great time they had. Last year we had a great Christmas Camp so let’s make this one greater! Give us a call to see how you can help. Let’s “Keep The Camp fires Burning”

Mike Williams

Camp Director

Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

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.

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.



Country Store

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. During this upcoming work weekend, we will be conducting an inventory of all buildings. We need your help to get this done!
2. Repair 4x4 post bracing damaged by carpenter bees at the Arts and Crafts Building
3. Paint bracing and post at Arts and Crafts building
4. Paint Porch on Arts and Crafts Building
5. Install Braille Signs- **70% completed**
6. Some minor sheetrock repair in kitchen serving area and then paint ceiling
7. Paint entry sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
8. Install Ceramic Tile in kitchenette of Activity Building.
9. Install Ceramic Tile in Foyer of Activity Building
10. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
11. Repair damaged handrails leading to the floating dock.
12. Paint the railing around the playground
13. 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)
14. Memorial Garden, there are sections that need new flowers.
15. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
16. Swings at the fire pit need to be painted.
17. Facia boards at pool shelter need to be replaced and repainted
18. Some areas of screens at the bar-b-que shelter needs to be re-stapled.
19. Hang new screen door to bar-b-que shelter.
20. Pressure wash Administration Building.
21. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
22. Paint the pump house at the pond
23. Paint the Water Tank
24. Interior Dining Hall to be repainted
25. Kitchen serving area needs walls to be painted
26. Kitchen paint to match serving area.
27. Nature Trail – clean up debris. To build up low lying areas we need Three loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
28. Remove soiled carpet from (Rental House) (Directors house)
29. (Rental House) Replace carpet with either laminate flooring or ceramic tile Camp has some tile enough to do maybe three of the four rooms.
30. 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.
31. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing.

Scheduled Lions Service Work Date has been changed to: October 16-18, 2020

Spring 2021 date will be determined by the November camp Board meeting

Georgia Lions Camp

Work Weekend Reservation Form

Complete and fax to the Camp at (912) 283-5130

Please contact the camp's office (912) 283-4320 with any questions or if changes occur after this form has been submitted

Work Weekend - October 16-18, 2020

Work Weekend - April- TBD-2021

Lion _____ Club _____

Address _____ District _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Which Work Weekend will you be attending? _____

Arrival Day: _____ Estimated Time: _____

Departure Day: _____ Estimated Time: _____

Please list the number of Male participants: _____

Please list the number of Female participants: _____

Please indicate number of each participant for each item below;

Meals: Saturday Breakfast _____

Saturday Lunch _____

Saturday Dinner _____

Sunday Breakfast _____

Beds: Friday Night _____ (males)

Friday Night _____ (females)

Beds: Saturday Night _____ (males)

Saturday Night _____ (females)

Please list any unique maintenance skill, materials, or equipment your group can provide _____

In previous reports I have told you that the interior renovation of the building know as the Staff building is complete. But as you know this does not include the furniture that will be needed. A list has been provided of these needs.

One of our very own, Sharon Croyle previously with the Smyrna Jonquil Lions Club has helped considerably with some of these needed items. She spoke with Serta Simmons about the possibility of them providing us with four queen size beds, Mattresses and frames, and Eight Twin size mattresses for some bunk beds.



New mattresses

Through her efforts Simmons was more than glad to help the camp out. All we had to do was go pick them up.

As of today, all four rooms are equipped with one Queen size bed and a set of bunkbeds. One more step closer to being totally complete. All we had to do was go pick them up.



New mattresses

Rooms are beginning to take shape. Soon they will be ready for full occupancy.

Thanks again Ms. Sharon.

What's going on at the camp you may ask? Thankfully and finally! The grass has started slowing down on its growth. We only have to mow about every week and a half now instead of every week!! I don't think the weeds ever stop growing.

We have been busy planning the upcoming camping season. Administrative duties are keeping us busy. Gail stays on top of your continued donations, information needs of campers and Lions, Phone calls never stop, bills have to be paid, data kept up with, etc., etc. Daily maintenance is still a re-occurring routine. There is always something to do.

Earlier this year we had our every five-year inspection from DNR on the camp water supply system. The camp is required by the State, to monitor our drinking water. Certain guidelines are required. All things were good except for the fact we have to have the well system inside a locked fence. So, a six-foot-high, 120 linear foot fence was installed around the water system.



Water System

This project was proposed by one of the volunteer groups who has come to the camp to help with service past projects. First Baptist Church Jasper has been coming to the camp since 2014. They have now been here on three different occasions. (2014,2016,2020) Working on projects such as enlarging the horse arena, building shelters over the fishing docks at the pond, built a shelter for campers to sit under, out of the sun, while waiting on their turn to participate on the climbing wall, rebuilt the outdoor amphitheater, cut down trees, worked on the memorial garden, and many other projects.

When this group comes, they come to work! They bring eighty or more people to perform these tasks. They have been doing mission work since 1976.



Sewage System

They provide their own kitchen crew with full setup of all needed equipment. Stoves, refrigerators, sinks, etc. Whatever they need they supply it. A large Tent provides coverage for this outdoor kitchen.

Some have their own RV's to sleep in and many bring their tents. Because they need several hookups for their RV's (can be as many as ten units) they have had to stay over at Laura Walker State Park while they are here. This can cost them up to \$6,000.00 in fees for the week.

After their coming in 2016 Jasper began to talk about staying on the camp property while they were here doing work. If this could be made to happen it would allow them to save that \$6,000.00 in rental fees and apply that money to projects here at the camp. Projects that would benefit our campers, their activities, and the camp's mission.

During their visits in 2014 and 2016, Jasper has invested around \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00 in camp upgrades and needs. None of their projects cost the camp any of its operational funds or any funds for that matter. This comes with their labor also.

They were scheduled to return this year but COVID-19 caused us to change plans. Although they would not be able to bring down their entire mission crew they asked if there was some project that they could help with. They could possibly bring about twenty people to help out for a long weekend.

As many of you know, we have been renovating the staff building. The interior portion of this renovation is complete. We however still needed to install emergency landings and ramps to the three new emergency exits. All these had to be up to ADA standards. The camp also was widening several sidewalks at the camp to meet ADA standards. All of these projects required the forming of these landings, ramps, and sidewalks and then pouring and finishing the concrete needed.



Sewage System

This group came and provided the labor for these jobs and saved the camp around \$7,000.00 in labor cost.

While they were here working, they asked to meet with the Building & Grounds committee, Camp Chairman, Camp Director, Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee, a member of the trustee committee, and several other board members. Some board member was meeting via zoom.



Sewage System

Their proposal was to ask the camp to allow them to come stay on camp property while doing service projects for the camp. If the camp would allow them to stay and provide an area for the needed four additional RV hookups. Make them completely serviceable, power, water, and sewage. Power and water for their many tents and power and water hookups for their kitchen. This would allow them to save the monies spent on rental fees and apply those savings to what ever needed projects that the camp's Building & Grounds, Long Range committees and the Camps' Board deemed necessary to enhance the camp's mission and programs.

Jaspers proposal was a win win for the camp. Not only would these additional hookups benefit the volunteers but it will be an annual amenity that we can offer to other rental groups that want to use the camp in the off season. It will help the camp with fund raising events by providing water and power where there was none before. Lions who may need these full hookups when staying at the camp to work.

Jasper proposed to take the monies saved by not having rental fees to help finance this project. The plans were for them to re-schedule their mission trip back to the camp next summer in 2021. They are planning on returning next summer. Plans were to have this RV Expansion complete before they return.

All of this was presented to the Camp's Board and approval to move forward was granted. Plans were to get started as soon as possible when weather permits. Plans to be completed by February was the set completion date. We were not sure how busy certain contractors would be and we did not want to interfere with the planning of Christmas Camp.

With help of one of our Building and Grounds members, Mr. Louis Keene who is a retired electrician himself, he has acquired a company to install the water and electrical lines needed. They will completely install all needed power outlets and water connections.

First thing that had to happen was applying for a permit for the sewage. A septic system would be needed before we put down the first water line.

Installation of a one-Thousand-gallon septic tank required to service four RV units was completed on Monday September 28, 2020.

Power and Water lines needed are scheduled to begin soon, 2020. Weather permitting of course. This entire project should be completed by mid-November.

There will be lots of information to keep you updated as we move along. Keep checking out the Camp's newsletter for the "Rest Of The Story."

This is a project that has been part of the Camp's goal to help Blind and Visually Impaired campers and visitors with their independence to move around the camp.

Building names, room accessibility and mobility is one way we are moving forward to become more adaptable to all who visit.

Directional signs will be installed after the sidewalk widening project is completed.



Braille Sign for restroom

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. What we at the Georgia Lions Camp request are 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.

Georgia Lions Camp Chairman's Challenge

The Chairman of the Board of the Georgia Lions Camp doesn't think that 100 people will donate \$10 (each) to the camp. However, if you do, he will donate \$1000 of his personal money to the camp. Better yet, he will have the names of all 100 donors placed in a bowl and a winner will be drawn.

The prize is a prepaid \$25 gift card paid for by the Chairman.

Here are the rules:

1. Envelope must be postmarked between October 1 and 31, 2020.
2. Must be a personal check, not a club check.
3. The memo field must contain the word Chairman and your club if a Lion.
4. You do not have to be a Lion to win.
5. Winner will be drawn on Friday, November 13, 2020.
6. Payment may be submitted using PayPal.

Information pertaining to donations and PayPal may be found on the camp website at <https://www.glcb.org/camp-donations.html>



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GEORGIA LIONS CAMP ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Constitution and ByLaws the following pertains to the election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

By December 1st of each year, any Georgia Lion interested in running for a Camp officer position shall submit to the Immediate Past Chairman a letter of intent to stand for election. Said letter must be countersigned by the president of the candidate's home Lions Club and must certify the club's endorsement of the candidate. In the event that no candidate submits a letter of intent for a position, a nomination may be accepted from the floor, provided that the nominated person is a Lion in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in MD-18, Georgia and meets any other officer qualifications. The Immediate Past Chairman and two other members of the Board of Directors, appointed by the Chairman of the Board, shall comprise the Nominations Committee. They are charged with the responsibility of verifying that each candidate for office is qualified and meets all criteria for that office.

The letters of intent should be sent to:

PCC Olin Newby

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Washington, GA 30673

olinnewby230@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

October 16-18, 2020

DATE CHANGE! You're invited to Lions Camp Work Weekend on October 16-18, 2020. For more information, visit www.gclb.org.

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.

Contest Questions:

**What is the name of the camper that is on the Homecoming Court?
What company provided the beds for the renovation project?**

Lions Camp Information

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

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Camp Alumni Contact Information

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