



Georgia Lions Camp



July 2020

This is Chapter Two of a short story that is only two chapters long. Recently I mentioned what was done in Chapter One so now I would like to mention what should happen in Chapter Two.

Before I do that, let me say thank you to the Board of Directors, Committee Chairman, committee members and our camp staff, Mike and Gail Williams. Without all of you there never would have been a Chapter One.

A goodbye but not so long to Joanne Huff, Ken Gordon, Ken Fuller, PDG Billy Carroll and PDG David Crawford who are no longer on the Board of Directors. Let me say hello to DG Mark Anners, Larry Griggers, PDG Dede deMarks and Louis Keene as they join the Board and bring new ideas with them. Louis Keene has been a long time supporter of the camp, Mark Anners has been involved with the camp before and Larry Griggers is just learning about the camp as is PDG Dede deMarks. There are some new Committee Chairman and committee members and I welcome them all.

Moving forward, the dates for Christmas Camp have been set and they are December 11 to 13, 2020. There will be more information published in early August but if you are interested in volunteering, mark the dates and let Camp Director Mike know. Campdoc will again be handling our online registration. With but a few issues we found this system will allow us to accomplish multiple tasks now and in the future. For the campers, they only have to create their account one time, update their information and select their camping session. No need to fill out the 24 pages of the application. For the camp, we have their medical records available for the nurse and we also have a built in mailing list that will continue to grow.

Last year we had an Advisory Board and they provided Camp Director Mike with multiple ideas including using consultants for each session instead of a Program Director for the entire season. The Advisory Board will again be active and Vice Chairman Paul May will again be Chairman of the Advisory Board. Time will tell what new ideas they suggest we try.

There already is a fundraising project which is called the 1976 Challenge. Look for details in this issue of the newsletter. Fundraising Chairman Jay Taylor is working on other ideas that will generate revenue for the camp.

If any districts or clubs have articles that pertain to the Georgia Lions Camp, please send them in and we will put them in the newsletter. The goal is to publish our newsletter by the 10th of every month.

Check out the new project called Wall of Fame. Have you got any ideas about that, want to help, let the camp know. This a new idea and there is lots to be done to make this a great promotional and recognition tool. A Task Force is forming to develop this great way to recognize our campers.

Finding campers is always an issue. The vision teachers in each school system have been a great help. There is also a time in October when many of the vision teachers are in Macon and we have been able to make contact with them. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has already caused the October 2020 program to be cancelled.

Having said all that, this Board of Directors will keep the camp on the right path to again being what it can be. The support of the Lions of Georgia is greatly appreciated and any ideas and suggestions are welcome. Constructive criticism is also welcome.



1976 Society



The Beginning: In 1972, the Waycross Okefenokee Lions saw a need to provide recreational opportunities to the vision impaired children of Georgia. By 1974, then Governor Jimmy Carter met with a delegation of Georgia Lions to secure 61 acres of state land. The Department of Natural Resources approved the land transfer to the Georgia Lions and on September 12, 1975 the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind was chartered as a non-profit organization. Then in 1976 the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind became a multiple district project.

The 1976 Society: The idea of the 1976 Society ($\$19.76 \times 12 \text{ months} = \237.12) was proposed by Jon Winters, then Camp Treasurer at the annual Winter Camp Meeting on February 5, 2012.

Georgia Lions Camp –The 1976 Society

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Lions Club _____ District _____

Email _____

Phone (Home) _____

Cell _____

To promote a “Vision for a Brighter Tomorrow” at the Georgia Lions Camp, I hereby request membership in 1976 Society.

_____ I am donating a minimum of \$237.

Make check payable to Georgia Lions Camp. For more information, or to send your Contribution Contact: Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

5626 Laura Walker Road
Waycross, GA 31503
(912) 283-4320
www.glcb.org

Signature _____

Date _____

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.

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.

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. Repair 4x4 post bracing damaged by carpenter bees at the Arts and Crafts Building
2. Paint bracing and post at Arts and Crafts building
3. Paint Porch on Arts and Crafts Building
4. Install Braille Signs
5. Some minor sheetrock repair in kitchen serving area and then paint ceiling
6. Replace mechanical room light with a 4' led light fixture. Arts and Crafts Bldg.
7. Repair and replace guide rope post with 4x4's and 6x6's in areas needed for better support.
8. All Guide rope post will need to be painted.
9. Trim around exit doors needs to be repaired in some areas and all need to be repainted.
10. Paint entry sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
11. Move guide rope post located near the end of where campers sit during horseback riding (Looking for a set of three seat aluminum bleachers for campers to have easy access).
12. Pull up carpet in kitchenette of Activity Building, prep for tile installation.
13. Foyer carpet in activity building needs to be replaced. (some floor tiles are on hand and available to be placed in this area.
14. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.

15. Repair damaged handrails leading to the floating dock.
16. Floating dock needs to be re-secured.
17. Paint the railing around the playground
18. 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)
19. Memorial Garden needs to be weeded and there are sections that need new flowers.
20. Memorial Garden needs attention to where weeds are beginning to grow in between bricks.
21. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area. CLEANED STILL NEEDS PAINT
22. Swings at the fire pit need to be painted.
23. Facia boards at pool shelter need to be replaced and repainted
24. Some areas of screens at the bar-b-que shelter needs to be re-stapled.
25. Paint and hang new screen door to bar-b-que shelter. DOOR PAINTED STILL NEEDS TO BE HUNG
26. Pressure wash all buildings. ONLY MAIN DORM REMAINS
27. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
28. Paint the pump house at the pond
29. Paint the Water Tank I
30. Interior Dining Hall to be repainted (Covington Lions Club had offered to do this job before today's health issues happened) (Still can be done safely)
31. Kitchen serving area needs walls to be painted
32. Kitchen paint to match serving area.
33. Nature Trail – clean up and rocks and dirt applied where needed. Project has started with donation of crushed Asphalt (two loads) by Douglas Lions Club and Douglas Road Pavers. To build up low lying areas we still need THREE more loads of crushed asphalt and two loads of fill dirt.
34. Remove soiled carpet from (Rental House) (Directors house) Replace carpet with either laminate flooring or ceramic tile Camp has some tile- enough to do maybe three of the four rooms.
35. Install gates at two entrances to camp located near Main Dormitory: these are 28' openings and what is called cattle gates would be sufficient
36. We have several wooden picnic tables that need repairs or replacing.

Next Schedule Lions Service Work Date Is: October 23-25, 2020
Spring 2021 date will be determined by the November camp Board meeting

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

Upcoming Events

October 23-25, 2020

You're invited to Lions Camp Work Weekend on October 23-25, 2020. For more information, visit www.gclb.org.

Contest Questions:
What is the date of Lions Day 2020?
Who is Chairman of the Board of the Georgia Lions Camp?

Lions Camp Information

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