



Georgia Lions Camp



April 2020

This article was started on March 31. Since then Governor Kemp has issued a Shelter in Place for the state of Georgia and cancelled school for the remainder of this school year. Just one more obstacle to overcome. Good thing I learned in the Marine Corps that when you find an obstacle, step back reconnoiter and then figure out how to either go over it or around it so that's what we are doing.

What a tough time this is for everyone. Most states are telling us to Shelter in Place and if we are around others, stay six feet away. Can't even get a hug from anyone and that is why I joined the Lions.

Then we add to this the fact that at the Georgia Lions Camp we start camp on June 14 and have camp every week for the next five weeks. Consultants are working on their programs for their week and Camp Director Mike Williams is getting his staff together. Campers are starting to select their sessions but that's difficult with all the public schools being closed through April 24. This year we worked hard, listened to the suggestions from the Advisory Board and are adding to our programs.

Now we have to get that word to the potential campers. The vision teachers, TVI's, have been very good in the past about getting the word out and actually helping the students but school is closed through April 24. The Center For The Visually Impaired has an after school program that was also a source for campers but that program is closed until the fall.

More than ever before this now becomes a project for the Lions of Georgia to help find, contact and encourage campers to come to camp. That can be done through the camp website, through contact with people you know that are visually impaired or just mentioning to friends about our camp and maybe they know someone that would be a great camper. Everyone I, is not just sitting home watching TV their multitasking, watching TV, talking on the phone visiting with Skype or Zoom. Mention the Georgia Lions Camp and increase everyone's

knowledge about one of the two official Lions of Georgia projects.



There are also campers that cannot afford to pay the \$350 fee to attend camp and if they ride the bus from Macon, that's another \$75. Maybe you could help a camper go to camp by donating to the sponsorship of a camper, any amount. Does not have to be the full amount, just what your club can afford.

Based on information received today, it appears that the United States may be able to restart at the end of May. If so, then camp can start on June 14 and we will be prepared. However we first need campers and then we need funds to help pay for them.

Campers enjoying a canoe ride at summer camp

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 starts with the April issue and the winner will be announced in January 2021.

A TISKET, A TASKET, PART II: That's right, Lions! The extremely popular Silent Auction of themed baskets, which first debuted at the 2011 State Convention in Tifton, will once again take place at the 2020 Convention. Now is the time for your club to begin planning what theme and contents your basket will have. We need your club's support to make this another successful fundraiser for your Camp. Let your imagination run wild and the creative juices flow. We'll have a room for displaying and bidding. We ask that you attach a card listing the title or theme and the contents, as well as an estimated retail value of the basket. Try to bring them to that room on Friday, or as early on Saturday as possible. Bidding will go until late Saturday afternoon. Winners will be posted and baskets should be picked up that evening.

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

GEORGIA LIONS CAMP

1976 SOCIETY

Membership Application



SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SIGHT
The 1976 Society Commemorates the founding date of the GA Lions Camp for the Blind. 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.

Your gift will be credited to your listed Lions Club.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: ____ ZIP _____

Phones: Home: AC: _____ - _____ - _____

CELL: _____ - _____ - _____

E-MAIL: _____

Paid by Cash: ____ Monthly; ____ Quarterly; ____ Annually

Credit Card: Card Type: __ Visa, __ Master Cd, __ Disc, __ Am Exp

Name as on Card: _____; CODE: _____

Address of card: _____

ZIP: _____ LIONS CLUB: _____

Mail to Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA 31503

Because of the coronavirus the following were cancelled or postponed:

March 20-22, 2020

The Day of Service schedule for March will now happen in October. However, once we can start getting back to a normal life and if a club would like to go to the camp and work, contact Camp Director Mike Williams to schedule.

March 21, 2020

The Okefenokee Swamp Run was postponed and no new date has been set.

April 18, 2020

The baseball game in Gwinnet County to help raise money for the camp has been postponed and is waiting for Major League Baseball to start so the Minor League teams can set their schedules.

Upcoming Events

June 5-7, 2020

During the Lions State Convention from June 5 to June 7, 2020, there will be a Silent Auction benefiting the Georgia Lions Camp. Please help support the camp by bringing items to the auction. While you are there you can also bid on something you just have to have.

June 14 - July 19, 2020

2020 Summer Camp Season

Session #1 Pre-Teens- Ages 6-12
June 14 thru June 19, 2020

Session #2 Senior Adults- Ages 40 & Up
June 21 thru June 26, 2020

Session #3 Young Adults- Ages 26-39
June 28 thru July 3, 2020

Session #4 Transitional- Ages 18-25
July 5 thru July 10, 2020

Session #5 Teenagers- Ages 13-17
July 12 thru July 19, 2020

July 18, 2020

You're invited to Lions Day at the Camp on July 18, 2020 hosted by District N. This is an opportunity for Lions members to come and interact with campers.

This event will be hosted at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, Georgia on July 13, 2020 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.gclb.org.

Contest Questions:
What is the name of the camp?
What is the first day of summer Camp 2020?

Lions Camp Information

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

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

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Camp Alumni Contact Information

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