

## Lions Announce Family Camp Leaders

The Georgia Lions Camp is pleased to announce that Janet Cloaninger and Barbara Sonnier will provide professional leadership for the Enhanced Family Camp session scheduled for June 10 – 15, 2018. These two TVI's have 40+ years of experience between them; the program they have worked up is designed to answer questions and provide valuable insight for adults who are working to support the development of a visually impaired child.

The program is intended for campers who have completed the school years K – grade 2. Campers will attend along with a parent, grandparent, or other adult who is intensively involved with the development of the camper. The campers will have opportunity to enjoy classic recreational camp activities such as the swimming pool and water activities, horseback riding, fishing in the pond, the climbing wall, and crafts.

Meanwhile, sessions for the adults will cover topics such as development of the individual education plan, the expanded core curriculum for visually impaired students and what to expect from schools, parents rights and advocacy, as well as what to expect from the medical team. We expect that the shared insights and experience of our leaders will provide information of great benefit to adults who are able to attend. In addition, the parents will leave with mutual contact information so that they become a virtual support group.

While the camper program will target the youngest school ages, there may be students in grades 3 or 4 who could enjoy the camp activities and who have parents in need of the information that will be provided. On recommendation of the TVI serving such an older student, that student can be included in this session with the adult.

**Application deadline is April 21, 2018!** Please contact one of the two volunteers listed below for further information and to set up the application:

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Comments related to this effort – especially from TVI's -- are appreciated.