



Georgia Lions Camp



April 2023

MD-18 Leos Come to help camp get prepared for campers who will be attending one of our summer sessions this 2023 summer season.

Each year these Leos of MD-18 come to put in a few service hours while learning to be future leaders in their respective Lions Clubs.

Preparing the camp's grounds ensures that all campers who attend will be in a safe and healthy environment while attending summer camp.

During the camp's recent Lions Service Days back in February we had several work projects completed by Lions. During the Leo Gathering a few more of the projects were completed.

While working together in teams, they painted the pump house at the campers fish pond, cleaned the outdoor amphitheater where campers learn about nature, stained the fence that separates camp activities from surrounding structures and cleaned up the walking trail; where campers really get to know about nature, while getting in some exercise.



These students/Leos were from the Colquit County school system. Many of these students were here at the camp for the first time. Over the past twelve years I have seen many young Leos grow and serve by helping out here at the camp.

If you or your Leo club missed this past Gathering and would like to come to the camp and help out, contact me by email at director@glcb.org or call the camp office, 912-283 4320.

There will always be plenty of need for your help. Always a project that needs attention. Volunteers are always welcome. Call and schedule a time you, your club, or maybe your co-workers would like to come and knock out some of these maintenance projects.

Lions looking to volunteer during the upcoming summer sessions? It seems that most of our summer counseling

staff are returning along with a few new staff. There is always need for extra help. A few Lions have asked how they can help? They have offered to help this summer for maybe a week or two.



One great way to help is in the kitchen. Last year our kitchen staff was short handed. It takes a lot to prepare food for the campers and staff; not just cooking and serving. There is washing

dishes, wiping tables, mopping floors, pre-meal setup and cleanup after each meal. There is always a place where you can help. There will be free time you can work with the campers and help with activities. Or just become a friend.

We will feed you good! Maybe even give you a tee-shirt.

Camp 2023 Summer Session Planning, is well underway. That's right, this is April and camp starts in late June.

Camper registration is open. Campers can register by using the camp's website, www.glcb.org and follow the prompts under registration/CampDoc.com. Call the office if you need some assistance helping a camper fill out their application. The more you can do on your own will help us to help others who need a little assistance. We will accept camper applications until June 2, 2023.

Many campers have already registered. We are asking you to help us fill the beds for summer camp. You can do this by contacting your local school administrators, Chamber of Commercials, City/County officials, whom ever you see. Tell them about the camp. Dr's, Lawyers, Nurses, and best of all your Optometrist!!! What better location than an optometrist office where you can ask to hang a camp flyer on their wall.

Do you need some handouts while doing some of your school eye exams? Call me at the office and let's get you some materials.

We at the Lions Camp and the Lions Camp's Board of Directors have all taken on a goal of increasing our camper attendance starting with our youth programs. 6-12 years old and our teenagers, 13-17 years old.

As the Camp Director I have spoken to many Lions clubs over the past few months and I have a few more meetings to attend soon. I am currently in contact with the Macon Academy for The Blind where many of our young campers attend school. A trip to meet with fellow Lions of MD-35 (Florida & Bahamas) is scheduled for May.

Last year the Lions Camp had several campers who attend the St. Augustine School for The Deaf and Blind attend our summer camp. Plans are in the making to speak directly with these students soon.

The upcoming 2023 Summer Camp is to be one of the best we have ever had. Not only will there be the usual activities such as swimming, the climbing wall, horseback riding, canoeing, social activities and of course, all the great food. We will be have at least one off campus field trip scheduled for each session.

During the 2022 Camping season our teenage campers were visited by some Lions International Youth Exchange Students. Our teenage campers enjoyed speaking with them, asking many questions about their cultures and making new friends. The Youth Exchange students will be coming again this year during our teenage camping session. The Youth Exchange Program is having two fundraising projects: Lions Day at the Atlanta Braves game on July 14 and Lions day at the Macon Bacon game on July 21. If you would like to know more about the Youth Exchange Program and fundraisers or to provide assistance, contact Becky Jarrell of the Atlanta Lions Club at beckyJarrell@gmail.com.

All of our summer programs and activities focus on each individual campers desire to become the best person they can. We (the Lions Camp and Lions) want all campers, seasonal staff and volunteers to know!

IF YOU BELIVE YOU CAN ACHIEVE!!

All youth and adults that attend the camp are given the opputunity to participate at any level. No expectations. All programs are designed to be age apprpiate. A week to spend time with friends and a chance to make new ones. The only mandatory requirement is, let's all have fun!

Parents of campers know that their child will be in a safe and empowering enviroment while attending summer camp here. Where they can trust that the staff are well trained and have a heart for serving others. Parents want to know that their child is equally and respectfully treated. Trust is very importatnt when you are responsible for somone elses child. At the Lions Camp we have the facilities that allow a parent to come and see what we do here. Letting them know first hand, We Care!

We just have to get the word out to everyone. I can't do this alone. It takes team work. A little from everyone will produce the greatest results if we work as a team.

Thanks to all of you who support the camp. Our campers trully enjoy what this camp has to offer them. Many of the older campers live for the day they can return each year. New campers go back home with joy and excitement. Telling all about what they were able to do at camp. Encouraging their friends to come back next year with them.

A little information on Lions Camp usage by others:

Many of our rentals groups here at the Lions Camp have been coming here for several years. New rental inquiries come from individuals that attend with the larger groups. We received questions about the camps availble ammenities, individual buildings such as the dining hall, activities buliding, pool, the grounds or even the RV spots? Some have asked about renting the entire camp.

Speaking of The Activities Building. This is a resource that we need to make more accesible to the public. There are so many possiblities for this structure. Easy access and amenities will be key to its increased use. Talk to a Building and Grounds committee member or a Camp Board member to see how you can help. Or contact me, director@glcb.org.

Promote, Promote, Promote!!

The Lions Camp's number one strategic goal is Marketing. That will take more than just a flyer or brochure. Speaking out, promoting. In every conversation you should talk about the Georgia Lions Camp. Next will come the questions. Be prepared to answer them and express with excitement all the good things the Georgia Lions Camp has to offer. Remember, you are telling them about a camp where they can feel confident in sending their child here. It will take lots of hard work.

Rewards will be unmentionable! If it changes the Life of just one camper/child. That one, may be the one that change the world!!

This is a great camp facility and we want to use it to its mamximum potential for the Visually Impaired and Blind. Open to all groups who need a place to grow. It's here, let's build on it!

**Let's "KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING"
Add More Wood
Make It "BURN BRIGHTER"**

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

**BOARD CHAIRMAN'S
APRIL NEWSLETTER
GROWING THE CAMP MORE**

It was a very interesting month in attending all four of MD18's District Conventions and getting to meet some new Lions and talking to some Lions that have never been to the Camp. Hopefully they will make plans to attend Lions Day at the Camp on Saturday, July 22. District 18-I and 18-O elected new District Directors: 18-I new Director will be Lion Young Martin and 18-O's new Director will be PDG Tommy Powell. In District 18-N, DGE Jim Mock will be appointing a new Director since 2VDGE Larry Griggers will become the Camp's Vice Chair on July 1. In 18-L District Director Lion Donna Townsend is resigning from her position to be able to other work in her district and for LCI. District Governor Al Hernandez will be appointing her replacement. I thank Lion Donna for all her work for the Camp and know that she will continue to support the Camp as she further serves her District and LCI..

Incoming Board Chairman, Lion Jay Taylor, will be looking for the each District's Member-at-Large Director and for members of the six Standing Committees: Building & Grounds, Finance, Governance, Strategic Planning, Fundraising and the new Marketing. If you are interested in **servicing the Camp** on any of these positions, please contact a member of your Camp District Director, District Governor's team or Jay Taylor. We need to have some new Lions to bring some fresh ideas to these positions.

During March the Board approved amendments to the Camp's Bylaws. The revised Bylaws will be issued to the Lions of Georgia via the MD18 State Office. The Board also approved several major equipment needs for the Camp all of which all but one will be paid for from restricted funds that have already been received: New dish washer for the kitchen, new dish washer for the B&G's house, a microwave for the Directors house, double oven for the kitchen and to make major repairs to the climbing wall. Another item that was approved was to purchase a new lawn mower which will be partly funded from remaining restricted funds and the balance from the Camp's Investment Fund. A special thanks goes to the Woodbine Lions Club, Marietta East Cobb Lions Club and the Ellijay Club and a few individual Lions that made special donations that enabled us to fulfill these needs.

Camping season is nearly upon us and registrations is open for the summer sessions. We still need to ensure that the word is getting out about our Camp and what it provides for the visually impaired. **We need your help** to get this message to those visually impaired in your community. **We need for you** to contact your local school boards and get the message to the right people. If you are willing to help and need more information, please contact me at pafastphoto@windstream.net.

Our MD18 State Convention will be held on May 19-21. Please make reservations to attend and bring a basket or item for the Camp's fundraising Silent Auction. The Camp's Annual Board Meeting will be held on Friday, May 19 at 12:45 and is open to all Lions.

As I said before, several Clubs have made special donations to provide the needs of new equipment. Now we need the rest of the Clubs to provide the funds necessary to carry on the day-to-day needs of the Camp and to provide the sponsorship of campers. As can be seen in our Treasurers report below, we are very low on operational funds. We hope that you and your Clubs will carry us thru this year.

Congratulations to 18-N for continuing to lead all the MD18 Districts in total contributions with \$13,279. (Note a couple of large contributions just came in from 18-L that will be reported in April.) And Districts 18-I continues to lead with the highest percentage of Clubs contributing to the Camp at 39%.

GROWING THE CAMP MORE,

Paul May
Chairman of the Georgia Lions Camp's Board of Directors

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

We have now passed thru month 3 of our 2023 Fiscal year. Camping Season 2023 is just over 2 months away -- our main event. This is one of our reasons for being. We owe it to our Campers to make their Camp experience something great for them.

Looking forward -- we are expecting a lot of support from the Lions Clubs in MD18, both financially and 'hands-on' where possible. 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.

Our main challenge is to grow the number of Visually Impaired Campers we serve. To do this, we need to make some improvements to the Camp -- as well as improve some of existing structures.

Of course, providing more services and making needed improvements for the Campers means we will need more funding. IF you have ever thought about helping the Camp -- **NOW is the time**. Helping in person AND/OR contributing financially -- both are equally important.

There are many Lions in our state that may not know much about the Camp for one reason or another. IF you would like to know more about the Camp we, the GA Lions, support -- please ask your Club's Program Chair to contact the Camp's District Director for your District -- they will be glad to come and present a Program for you, giving your Club an update about the Camp.

There are also numerous ways to make contributions to the Camp -- and your Club will receive credit at the same time.

Our Fundraising Committee anticipates a busy year in 2023, please support them in their effort.

Operational Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru MARCH 31, 2023

Total Income Thru MARCH	47,788.38
Total Expenses Thru MARCH	51,822.71
NET Operating Income Thru MARCH	(4,034.33)

Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru MARCH 31, 2023

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2023	7	22	8	14
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	17%	39%	16%	25%
 Contributions by District for 2023	 8,623.74	 11,052.64	 7,900.00	 13,279.15

DISTRICT Year over Year COMPARISON -- as of MARCH 31, 2023

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Ahead / (Behind) 2022</u>
18L	7,665.23	8,623.74	958.51
18I	10,258.52	11,052.64	794.12
18O	6,190.00	7,900.00	1,710.00
18N	18,887.15	13,279.15	(5,608.00)
MD18	43,000.90	40,855.53	(2,145.37)

As you can see above -- 3 out of our 4 Districts are contributing more this year than they did last year so far. We need **YOUR** help to make this year a SUCCESS!

Financially, the Camp has work to do -- we are counting on you in 2023? **ALL** Contributions are appreciated!

Thank-You!

David E. White,
Board Treasurer

1976 SOCIETY - February 01, 2023 - February 28, 2023

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Joanne Huff	Thomson Camelia
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Olin Newby	Washington

CENTURY CLUB - February 01, 2023 - February 28, 2023

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB	LEVEL
Bryan Gordon	Toccoa	Gold
Randall Gowen	Woodbine	Gold
Stephen Johnson	Snellville	Gold
Daniel Nobles	Lyons	Gold
Joanne Smith	Winder	Gold
Kembra Smith	Decatur	Gold
Joel Williams	Woodbine	Gold

Brick Memorial Garden - February 01, 2023 - February 28, 2023

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Ed Ressler	Marietta-East Cobb
Perry Lions Club	Perry Lions Club
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GEORGIA BLIND SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The Georgia Blind Sports Association is seeking volunteers for our various sports and events. GBSA is a 501c-3 nonprofit working with the blind and visually impaired throughout the state of Georgia to offer sports and recreational opportunities for the blind and visually impaired, both youth and adults. With sports such as goalball, beep baseball and blind soccer we are training athletes and fielding teams to compete at the highest levels. Our recreational events offer our participants to participate in activities that many of us take for granted such as kayaking or bike riding. In addition we also host competitions with participants from around the country. We need volunteers at all levels, no experience is needed.

For more information on volunteer opportunities or the work of Georgia Blind Sports Association, contact Hal Simpson by email. halsimpson@gmail.com and see their Facebook page.

Georgia Lions YOUR support is needed to

KEEP THE
CAMP FIRES



BURNING

at Georgia Lions Camp

There are numerous ways that you can support YOUR camp:

- Encourage your Club to hold a fundraiser specifically for the Georgia Lions Camp.
- Join the 1976 Society Club
- Join the Century Club
- Place a Brick in the Memorial Brick Garden
- Contribute Honorariums and Memorials
- In Kind Donations
- Gifts of Stock, Wills, Bequests
- Amazon Smile and Kroger Community Rewards Card
- Cash Donation using PayPal or Venmo
- Sponsor a Camper
- Giving Tuesday



The Georgia Lions Camp is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a unique recreational camping experience to people of all age ranges who are visually impaired

Donations ensure that the camp can continue to make improvements and introduce new programs/activities that will allow all campers a chance to build confidence in themselves.

For forms and detailed information about each of the programs listed go to:

www.glc.org/camp-donations.html



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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 1/09/2023

Many have asked what does the camp need?

The following items will help the daily maintenance and other operations of the camp.

1. Gallon size bleach- Five cases of 6 bottles per case
2. Lysol dis-infectant spray- 2 cases of 6? cans per case
3. Spray cans of room deodorizer- 20 cans of spray
4. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable- 3 cases of 6? Bottles per case
5. Windex window cleaner- 2 cases of 6 per case
6. Clorox disinfectant spray bottles – 2 cases of 6 per case-(32 oz.)
7. Dish towels for the kitchen
8. Toilet Tissue – any brand
9. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
10. 13-gallon trash bags
11. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted. -20 cans spray or pump
12. Disposable ponchos for rainy days – 50 – these can be found at dollar stores or dollar general
- 13. Wasp Spray- Black Flag brand preferred. 2 cases of 12 per case.**
- 14. 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.**
15. 15. 50-1 mix for weed eaters and lawn maintenance tools used here at the camp. 24 bottles
16. 16. 5W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts. Per case
17. 17. 10W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts. per case
18. 18. 1 five-gallon bucket of Hydraulic Fluid for the tractor
19. 19. Copy paper for the office
20. 20. AA, AAA and 9V Batteries

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.

2023 Work Projects

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

Pick A Date!

Lions and Lions Clubs-Pick “Your” Service Day at the Camp

Call to schedule a special work date for you and your club!

1-912-283-4320 or email: director@glcb.org

1. Pressure Wash all buildings
2. Playground border fence needs repair and repainted
3. Playground needs limbs of tree trimmed to adult head height.
4. Paint the Water Tank
5. Replace weathered boards on wooden ramps at the exits of the main dormitory and repaint
6. Clean Low Ropes Course and Amphitheater areas
7. 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!!
8. Repair the Whale Watch element at the Low Ropes Course
9. Nature Trail –build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
10. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
11. Paint the pump house at the pond
12. Paint sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
13. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
14. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
15. Railing and post need repair at the back double door entrance to the dining hall
16. Sitting Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
17. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
18. Repaint Dining Hall.
19. Lights in Large Dormitory and Bunkhouse Dormitory still need to be converted to LED bulbs.
20. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
21. Repair broken board on canoe cart
22. Tin roof over bleachers at horse arena needs to be re-applied
23. Pressure wash poolside deck
24. Fence repair (several post and rails have decayed and broken)
25. Fence is leaning at rental house needs to be secured properly
26. Low hanging limbs over the road that access’ RVs to the back of the camp need trimming. Man-lift, chain saws will be needed
27. All cabinets in the main dorm need to be checked for easy opening and closing-repair those that need repairing
28. Need some shower heads replaced in the main dormitory

“Scheduled”

Spring 2023 Lions Service Days: February 24-26

Fall 2023 Lions Service Days: October 6-8, 2023

Upcoming Events

July 22, 2023

Lions Day at the Camp.

October 6-8, 2023

Fall 2023 Lions Service Days will be on October 6-8, 2023.

Lions Camp Information

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

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

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Camp Alumni Contact Information

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