



Georgia Lions Camp



December 2022

At the end of another year but a look at the beginning of one of the first!

I found this picture recently along with several others. It seems this picture was taken as the first dormitory building was being constructed.

This building is now known as the Hellen Keller Building. Most recently referred to as the renovation building. It is amazing of the stories one picture can tell you. How today there are several other buildings added to this site. The fields are bare and if you will notice the tree in the background behind the water tank. Notice its size back then.



First dormitory building

Look at its size today - some 45+ years later. I thought this would be a little interesting piece of the camp's growth.

This month is December and we are about to have Christmas Camp. We are preparing, planning, and putting things together and it is a busy time. I do not have a lot to report to you since pre-Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for January updates and I am sure there will be lots to tell about Christmas camp.

I do want to thank you all for helping with the gift cards. Campers enjoy purchasing gifts kids whose families have fallen on hard times. Your gift cards help us buy them gifts. It's the campers way of "Helping Others". If you

haven't given a card yet, you can still help us out. We will apply them to the purchases we make for the gifts.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Lions Camp. We could not be here to provide for the campers if it was not for your generosity.

Mrs. Gail and I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Christmas is our time for reflecting and being thankful for the greatest gift of all - time. Please spend time with your families and spread a little sunshine where you can. Give to others and I assure you you will receive much more in return.

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

P.S. Yes, Gail and I are now proud Great GrandParents. His name is Malachi.



First dormitory building known as the Hellen Keller Building

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

It is that time of year where everyone is preparing for the upcoming Christmas holidays as is our Georgia Lions Camp. Mike and Gail have been busy registering campers, obtaining staff, supplies and organizing Lions to come help with this year's Christmas Camp on December 9-11.

The next Board meeting of the Camp, the Winter Meeting, will be held early this year on Saturday Feb. 4. It is our joint meeting with the MD-18 COG and Lighthouse. It is time to be planning ahead. I encourage all Lions to try to attend. Per the Camp's Constitution, at this meeting we will be electing the new officers for 2023-2024. The cutoff date for letters of intent to run for an office was December 1. Three letters were received: from Lion Jay Taylor for Chairman of the Board, Lion PCC Olin Newby for Secretary and Lion Joanne Huff for Secretary. There were no letters for Vice Chairman and Treasurer. This means that the vote for Chairman of the Board maybe by acclamation. A written ballot vote will be held for the two candidates for Secretary. For the position for Camp Vice Chair and Treasurer, nominations are to be made from the floor and if more than one candidate is presented for each position, a written ballot vote will be held. I encourage the Lions of Georgia to consider running for the positions of Vice Chair and Treasurer. If you have any questions please contact me.

The ad-hoc Nominations Committee is Lion Ed Ressler, chairman, MAL of 18-L PDG Vanessa Stanley and MAL of 18-O Lion Young Martin.

At this Winter Meeting the Board will also be voting on new members for the Board of Trustees for a two year term from each of the four MD-18 Districts. Per the Camp's Constitution Article VI. Section 2. Paragraph (b) the selection process for Members of the Board of Trustees is as follows:

At least two weeks prior to the Winter Meeting, the District Directors and District Governors may make recommendations to the Chair of the Board of Trustees of one or more Lions from their respective districts they think worthy to be appointed to the Board of Trustees. The Chair of the Board of Trustees shall forward these recommendations to the Board of Directors accompanied by any comments or recommendations they or the Board of Trustees may have that they would like to be considered when the appointments are being made. After giving due consideration to all recommendations thus submitted, the Board of Directors shall make appointments at the Winter Meeting to any positions on the Board of Trustees becoming vacant at the end of the position holder's current term of office. The Board of Directors is not obligated to limit its choice of appointments to those names, if any, who have been forwarded from the Chair of the Board of Trustees. A trustee may serve no more than two successive two-year terms; however, after laying out for a full two-year term, they shall become eligible to be appointed to the Board of Trustees again.

For the Lions year 2023-2024 the elections for the Camps District Directors two year term for District 18-I and 18-O are up for election. These elections are to be held at each of the respective District Conventions. Per the Camps Bylaws: Article II, Section 2, Paragraph (c):

A Lion who is a member in good standing in a Lions Club in good standing within a district may declare their candidacy for the office of that district's director by sending a written letter of intent, with an endorsement from their home Lions Club attested to by the club president or secretary attached, to the district governor and the Secretary of the Board of Directors at least thirty days prior to the annual district convention of the district to which they are a member. The election process for the district

directors shall follow the same process for election as a district governor, as set forth in Article 6 of the Multiple District 18 Bylaws, as adopted on July 1, 2016. The district governor of each district shall notify the Board of Directors Chair within ten days after the district election of the person elected or appointed.

District 18-I's convention will be held on March 11 and 18-O's is on April 1.

Congratulation to District 18-L for taking over the lead from 18-N for the most contributions amount to the Camp at \$45,753 and congratulations to 18-I for continuing to be the District with the highest percentages of Clubs making a contribution to the Camp at 77% up even more than last months. Be sure to see the Treasurer's report below.

I would like to thank all Georgia Lions Clubs that have helped the Camp so much this year and hope that each Lion and their family will have a safe, blessed and Merry Christmas.

What can you and your Club do to help **GROW THE CAMP MORE.**

Paul May

Chairman of the Camp's Board of Directors

Camp Finances Y-T-D thru NOVEMBER 30, 2022

We are now 11 Months of the 2022 Fiscal Year -- the end of the year is getting close. We only have about 3 weeks left to make this a successful financial year -- and we have a long way to go. Christmas Camp is our big event at this time of year -- and we know many Campers are looking forward to another trip to Camp, they always do.

Looking forward -- we have a new fiscal year starting January 1, 2023. As we said last month, we are looking forward to the challenges of 2023. We are planning to increase our number of Campers in Summer Camp and also in Christmas Camp during 2023. Plans are underway to make this new year the best yet. Of course, providing more services to more Campers means we will need more funding to make things happen. Our 2023 Budget will need support from Lions Clubs and Individual Lions from every locality in Georgia. Please consider how you can help our Camp financially -- now and in 2023.

Our current Cash Liquidity rose to 1.2 months of normal monthly expenses for the month of NOVEMBER. We are still in a 'Cash Rebuilding Stage' -- we need to replenish our cash. We need everyone's help to do so. As you can see below, we are still behind in dollars for the year. Contributions -- from Clubs or individuals -- are needed now. This is the time to build our Cash. Please Help -- NOW.

There are numerous ways to make your contribution -- and your Club will receive credit at the same time. Our Fundraising Committee is working hard to do their part, please support them in their effort.

The Camp, and, therefore, the Campers, benefit tremendously when the Camp is in a healthy financial position.

Operational Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru NOVEMBER 30, 2022

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income for 2022 to-date	229,829.51	293,220.00
Total Expenses for 2022 to-date	250,987.80	292,325.00
NET Operating Income for 2022 to-date	(21,158.29)	895.00

Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru NOVEMBER 30, 2022

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2022 to-date	21	43	20	30
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	50%	77%	40%	53%
Contributions by District for 2022 Y-T-D	45,752.85	38,555.38	16,172.39	45,472.02

As you can see above -- Our fiscal year 2022 is almost over, and you can see the number of Clubs contributing to the Camp in 2022 is NOT where it should be. Right at 92% of our year is now over -- on the average, only 55.0% of the Clubs across Georgia have made a Contribution of any size to the Camp so far this year. This is barely more than 1/2 of the Clubs in our Multiple District -- **ALL Clubs in MD18 need to support their/our Camp.** Going into 2023 -- Lions support is needed more than ever. ANY and ALL Contributions are very much appreciated.

Your Camp District Director receives a report each Month showing the contributions made from each Club in your District. Please contact him or her with any questions as to how you can help support our Camp in giving the Camp experience to others. Remember, **ALL** Contributions are appreciated!

Thank-You!

David E. White,
Board Treasurer

Regional organizations have been very generous to the Georgia Lions Camp this summer and fall, contributing nearly \$30,000. We appreciate the investment these organizations have made and thank them warmly:



The Delta Pilots Charitable Fund, a group of dedicated pilots wishing to make a difference in the local communities in which Delta Airlines has a hub, gave a generous first-time donation to the Georgia Lions Camp of \$2,500 in October, for which we are very grateful.

Please Fly Delta!

Live Like Kings Foundation: THANKS, FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR COLLECTIVE HEARTS for the generous donation! Our campers will benefit in multiple ways from this generous donation!

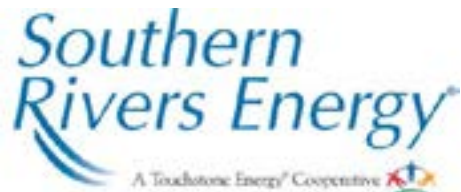


An organization with a generous heart, Cobb EMC's Operation Round Up program continues to support our campers and to date, has donated in support of campers from Cobb, Cherokee, Paulding, Bartow, and parts of Northwest Fulton County. We appreciate that Cobb EMC's charitable arm encourages monthly applications and considers support of a variety of our needs at camp.



Snapping Shoals EMC in Covington, Georgia

Camp received a generous donation of \$5,000 in September from the Snapping Shoals EMC Operation Round Up program. The grant is in support of campers participating in summer and Christmas camps from Newton, Rockdale, Henry, DeKalb, Butts, Walton, Jasper and Morgan Counties.



Southern Rivers Electric Trust in Barnesville, Georgia

The Trustees of their regional giving program awarded the Georgia Lions Camp \$2,500 in support of campers from their service areas of Bibb, Coweta, Crawford, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Pike, Spalding and Upson Counties. Southern Rivers Electric Trust has been a friend to the Georgia Lions Camp for many years.



Greystone Power Foundation. Douglasville, Georgia

Greystone Power Foundation make a grant of \$1,200 in support of campers hailing from their service area which includes sections of Douglas, Paulding, Cobb, Fulton, Coweta, Fayette, Carroll, and Bartow Counties.

Hey Lions! Let's Talk Electrical Membership Organizations...

*Many Electrical Membership Corporations around the state participate in "Operation Round Up" (ORU) programs, in which customers round up their monthly bills and the dollars are used to support nonprofits serving their local service areas. If you receive your power from a Georgia EMC with an Operation Round Up program, we encourage you to sign up and **please--let us know!** We host campers from every corner of the state and as we continue to apply for funding from the various ORU programs, your support and status as a member will serve as a powerful endorsement of the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. Thank you!*



Cobb Friendship Club

Stay tuned to the next Newsletter to learn about our newest supporters: The Cobb County Friendship Club!



Georgia Lions Camp



1976 Society Member Application

SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SIGHT

The 1976 Society Commemorates the founding date of the Georgia Lions Camp. 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*

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.glcb.org/camp-donations.html



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1976 SOCIETY - November 01, 2022 - November 30, 2022

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Robert Lique	Ellijay
Joann Huff	Thomson Camelia
JC Coefield	Centerville
Gail Coefield	Centerville

CENTURY CLUB - November 01, 2022 - November 30, 2022

There were no donations to report for November.

Brick Memorial Garden - November 01, 2022 - November 30, 2022

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
C.B. Hester	Decatur



Amazon.com Smile

There are several ways to help your camp receive some unexpected money and it does not cost you any extra money. Did you know that if you buy things on Amazon, and most people do, Amazon will donate to the Georgia Lions Camp. Here's how you do it.

1. Go to smile.amazon.com.
2. Log in using your normal sign in. You will be sent to the amazon smile link where you start typing Georgia Lions Camp then click on search to select the camp. You are now logged in and you are linked so that a portion of your purchase goes to your camp.
3. Complete your purchase as you normally would.



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 digital coupons 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
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 11/10/22
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. Toilet bowl cleaner- 2 cases of 12? bottles per case
3. Lysol dis-infectant spray- 2 cases of 6? cans per case
4. Spray cans of room deodorizer- 20 cans of spray
5. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable- 3 cases of 6? Bottles per case
6. Dish detergent (dawn preferred)-Large size- 20 bottles needed
7. Windex window cleaner- 2 cases of 6 per case
8. Clorox disinfectant spray bottles – 2 cases of 6 per case-(32 oz.)
9. Dish towels for the kitchen
10. Toilet Tissue – any brand
11. Paper towels – any brand - 4 cases
12. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
13. 13-gallon trash bags
14. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted. -20 cans spray or pump
15. Disposable ponchos for rainy days – 50 – these can be found at dollar stores or dollar general
16. Small first aid kits- 24 sets of travel size
17. **Wasp Spray- Black Flag brand preferred. 2 cases of 12 per case.**
18. **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.**
19. 50-1 mix for weed eaters and lawn maintenance tools used here at the camp. 24 bottles
20. 5W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts. Per case
21. 10W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts per case
22. 1 five gallon bucket of Hydraulic Fluid for the tractor

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.

Check out those Christmas Clearance Sales- The camp could use several (8) four-foot artificial Christmas trees. These have been used for outdoor decorations here at the camp.

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. 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!!
2. Repair the Whale Watch element at the Low Ropes Course
3. Wooden picnic tables **need replacing**. This task has been **COMPLETED!**
4. Nature Trail –build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
5. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
6. Paint the Water Tank
7. Paint the pump house at the pond
8. Paint sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
9. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
10. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
11. Railing and post need repair at the back double door entrance to the dining hall
12. Sitting Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
13. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
14. Repaint Dining Hall.
15. Lights in Large Dormitory and Bunkhouse Dormitory still need to be converted to LED bulbs.
16. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
17. Repair broken board on canoe cart
18. Tin roof over bleachers at horse arena needs to be re-applied
19. Pressure wash poolside deck- (This will now have to be done next spring)
20. Pressure Wash all buildings
21. Fence repair (several post and rails have decayed and broken)
22. Fence is leaning at rental house needs to be secured properly
23. Low hanging limbs over the road that access' RVs to the back of the camp need trimming. Man-lift, chain saws will be needed
24. Playground needs limbs of tree trimmed to adult head height.
25. All cabinets in the main dorm need to be checked for easy opening and closing-repair those that need repairing
26. Need some shower heads replaced in the main dormitory
27. Climbing Wall due for pressure washing and wood treatment (Man lift will need to be rented to accomplish this task) Other minor maintenance can be done during this activity) **Climbing Wall has some structural damage that must be repaired before camp season 2023. This work will have to be done by a professional contractor.**

Spring 2023 Lions Service Days: February 24-26

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

Upcoming Events

February 24-26, 2023

Spring 2023 Lions Service Days will be on February 24-26, 2023.

October 6-8, 2023

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

Lions Camp Information

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Camp Alumni Contact Information

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