



Georgia Lions Camp



November 2020

On October 23-25, 2020 several Lions from around the state came to help tidy up things a bit here at the camp!

It was a beautiful weekend for getting some work done. The weather was perfect. Several pending projects from the work list were completed.

Joining us for the weekend was Camp Board Chairman (Ed Ressler) and his wife Joanne who came down on the 22nd to get an early start.

Speaking of early arrivals, Bill Owens and Gary Potter who are members of the Monroe Lions Club also came down on Thursday evening. This was their first time visiting the camp.



Oak Tree

Bill had read the project list that is posted monthly in the camp's newsletter. He called several weeks in advance and asked what project could some of his club members do to help here at the camp. Once I mentioned that the Activity Building's entrance (Foyer) and the buildings kitchenette needed ceramic tile installed, he did not hesitate to sign up for these two projects.

This project would take several days to complete so they decided to be here early and get an early start. Both areas had previously had carpet on the floors and had become stained and soiled from dirt, paint, food, drink, and who knows what else. Cleaning and sanitizing these areas would be much easier with tile on the floors.



New tile floors



New tile floors

Richard Henderson and Charlie Phillips, members of the Oxford Lions Club came to help with some painting and construction repairs. On their way here they stopped by and picked up Paul May. Paul is a member of the Milledgeville Lions Club and he is also the camp's Vice Chairman.

Carpenter Bees are a problem here at the camp like so many other places. They can do some damage. So, there were some repairs to be done. The fence that surrounds the camp has many railings that need replacing. Don't let anyone tell you that these bees do not borrough into treated lumber (All the above was treated materials).



Fence Repair

While here Richard and Charlie replaced fascia boards around the pool shelter. They painted the post that have the new Braille signs on them, hung the screen door at the bar-b-que shelter and did some touch up painting in other areas.



Pool deck repair

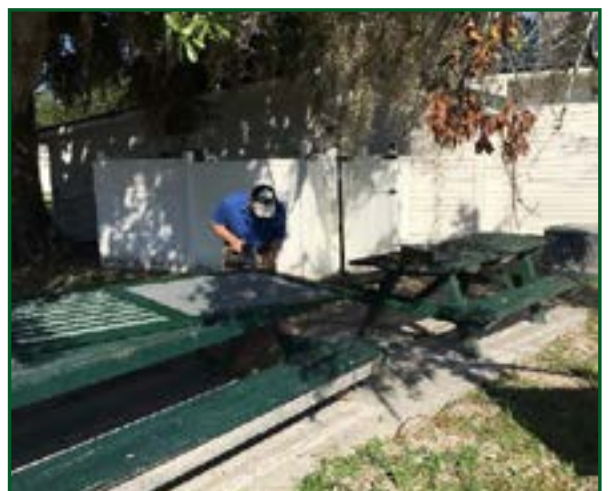
Pool deck was cleaned by Paul in preparation of winterizing the pool until it is needed again in the spring. The pool is covered with a 40' x 70' tarp to prevent debris from falling into the pool and it also prevents algae growth during the winter months. Placing this tarp over the pool is a big task. What better time to take advantage of the helpers on site!

Camp Board Member at Large for District N, Mr. Louis Keene of the Woodbine Lions Club and a long-standing member of the Building and Grounds Committee, came over to help me with some electrical preparations needed for installing ceiling fans on the porch at the Arts and Crafts Building. Although he is retired from his

profession, he continues to help the camp when there is a need.

At the beginning of this article is a picture of one of the camp's focal points; the playground. Over the years this playground has been in several different locations. It now is under one of the most magnificent trees on the camp's property.

This massive Oak Tree provides shade and much cooler temperatures during the summer months. Many who come to the camp, either as a camper or as a rental group love to come and play in the sand, swing, and climb.



Working on screen door



Playground

Keeping this area clean and safe for those who come to play here is one of our regular duties. Sometimes we need a little help.

During the work weekend, Suzanne Walker of the Darien Lions Club came and helped with cleaning up the playground. She and Joann Ressler worked hard to make it look as good as you see it in the picture.

As a matter of fact, Suzanne came back the following Saturday and pressure washed the swings, slide, climbing bars, and etc. She plans a return trip on a later date to bring some helpers do some touchup painting at the playground.

As the work weekend came to an end, but wasn't quite over. On Sunday, District N Governor Mark Anners came to give a helping hand. He had been to the camp before but had never seen the entire grounds. While giving him my tour!! We did a little cleaning in areas such as the trail to the boat dock and putting away materials left over from the work that was done by others over the weekend.

I know many of you had meetings to attend and some had emergencies to come up. Many would have been here but life happens. Our next Work weekend, 2021 will be most likely in April next year. I will see you then!!

I for sure want to thank Gail, (office manager, My Wife) for preparing our meals. You may ask, what did Ed do? Well he helped in the kitchen and took some of the pictures.

Well, it's getting a little cool outside so, "Let's Keep The Camp Fires Burning".

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.



New signage



Memorial Garden

This past years Annual Brick Laying Ceremony at the Memorial Garden (which is normally part of Lions Day here at the Camp) was cancelled and we were hoping to have the Ceremony during Christmas Camp 2020. With the COVID-19 Virus still around, that date too will be delayed.

As of now maybe we can do this during 2021 spring work weekend, sometime in April.

By next spring the Memorial Garden will be one of our work projects. We are consulting with a Professionally Licensed Landscaper to come in and give us some recommendations. Plants and flowers that will require little to no maintenance. Many of you have shown an interest in helping keep the Garden clean and looking good. Help will be needed.

Dave and Dimple Forrest will be heading up this project. They may need help with the removal of all old mulch, replace weed barrier materials, dig and plant new shrubs, trees, and flowers. All of this will be a big part of this project. It is time to give the fountain a good cleaning and a new paint job. This will be a big part of this project also. If you are interested please contact the camp's office or contact a member of the Building and Grounds Committee. Joanne Huff is the committee Chairperson.

“CELEBRATION 2020” is our theme this year for Christmas Camp. This past month we have started planning for Christmas Camp 2020. Campers know it is time to begin registrations. On October 5th, 2020 registration opened. Campers or parents can log in to the camp’s website, choose the registration button which will connect them to CampDoc.com. They can then fill out their camper application on line. Many campers have expressed their excitement about attending Christmas Camp.

Here at the camp we have begun to prepare the activities and programs for that weekend in December. (December 11-13, 2020). Staff and volunteers are on our contact list of things to do.

We are going to flip around the events of the year. You’ve heard of Christmas in July. We are going to celebrate the annual July festivities in December. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor picnic, some fun games for all, unique craft projects, horses, wagon and hayrides. It will be a busy time but a fun time. Volunteers are welcome to come help. Just contact the camp office and get the process of registration started.

We still plan on the Saturday evening social event. Snacks, games, and some summertime music. Dress accordingly. And we will have the Camp Store available for the campers. (see attached article)

As we make all these plans, the safety and health of Campers, Staff, and Volunteers will come first. As you know with our campers there is some hands-on that must be done. Independence for camper’s mobility and participation is encouraged but some will need our assistance. This is where those needed volunteers come in. To help us set up, break down, clean, sanitize. Especially as we go from the dorms, to dining, to activities and programs. I guarantee you will be needed.

As we have all missed out on Summer Camp 2020, let’s make this a Christmas Camp they will talk about for a long time. For those who attend that may be students in school, they will tell their friends what a great time they had. Last year we had a great Christmas Camp so let’s make this one greater! Give us a call to see how you can help. Let’s “Keep The Camp fires Burning”

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

As we begin planning for the 2020 Christmas Camp season which is scheduled for the weekend of December 11th-13th. I need your help.

Last year we had a theme called “Country Christmas”. We introduced the Camp Country Store. A program where campers could earn tokens to spend at the store and purchase trinkets they could give as Christmas gifts.

These items like scarfs, necklaces, coffee cups, pocket games, etc. So many to name. We will again incorporate the Camp Store at Christmas Camp 2020. Look around your homes and I’m sure you will find items that our campers would love. Things you have collected over the years and are just collecting dust, put away in a closet, a cabinet, or in a dresser drawer. It doesn’t have to be a big item. Our campers enjoy the chance to earn these tokens and spend them as money.



Country Store

If you can and are willing to mail items to the camp please do so. If you would like to bring them to the Camp’s fall meeting, scheduled November 14th in Perry, Ga. That will work. (Hope we get to meet, in person)! We plan to extend this program into summer camping season also. Campers love to shop no matter when! Look, see what you have and if it is something you can share with others, send it to us.

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. Paint post at Arts and Crafts building
2. Paint Porch on Arts and Crafts Building
3. Some minor sheetrock repair in kitchen serving area and then paint ceiling
4. Paint entry sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
5. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
8. Repair damaged handrails leading to the floating dock.
9. Paint the railing around the playground
10. 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)
11. Memorial Garden, there are sections that need new flowers.
12. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
13. Swings at the fire pit need to be painted.
14. Some areas of screens at the bar-b-que shelter needs to be re-stapled.
15. Pressure wash Administration Building.
16. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
17. Paint the pump house at the pond
18. Paint the Water Tank
19. Interior Dining Hall to be repainted
20. Kitchen serving area needs walls to be painted
21. Kitchen paint to match serving area.
22. Nature Trail – clean up debris. To build up low lying areas we need Three loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
23. Remove soiled carpet from (Rental House) (Directors house)
24. (Rental House) Replace carpet with either laminate flooring or ceramic tile Camp has some tile-enough to do maybe three of the four rooms.
25. Install gates at two entrances to camp located near Main Dormitory: these are 28' openings and what is called cattle gates would be sufficient. Gates needed.
26. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing.

Thanks to all who were able to participate this past Lions Service Work Date: October 16-18, 2020

April 2021 will be our next scheduled Service Day: exact date: TBD

Thank you everyone for meeting the Challenge.

As of Thursday, October 29, 2020 there was more than \$2000 donated to the Chairman's Challenge. There will be additional funds since the envelope only had to be postmarked by October 31, 2020. It would be awesome if we surpassed the \$3000 mark but I am excited and very thankful that we surpassed the \$2000 mark. A \$25 and a \$50 winner will be drawn on November 13 and announced by Camp Director Mike Williams at the Georgia Lions Camp Board meeting on November 14, 2020 in Perry, Georgia.

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.

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.

Dear Fellow Lions:

I would like to talk to you about the GA Lions Camp in Waycross, GA. Every organization needs funding to keep going, and the GA Lions Camp is no different! I would like to Challenge you to become a member of the 1976 Society!

This was the idea of former camp treasurer, Jon Winters. It is really quite simple, the Camp became a multiple district project in 1976. So, Jon proposed if we could get people to donate \$19.76 a month for a yearly total of \$237.12 we could help the camp prosper and help more campers.

To promote a "Vision for a Brighter Tomorrow" at the camp, I want to personally challenge you to become a member of the 1976 Society.

We have many clubs who are not able to meet and raise funds at this time due to COVID-19, so we thought if we could get individuals to make a pledge and join the society we would all be doing our part to help the camp, so we can host campers!!!

This year, I was tapped to be the chairman of the fundraising committee and I am appealing to all Lions in the state of GA to help support the Camp! Currently, we have 220 active clubs and of those, only 88 clubs are supporting the camp. WE CAN DO BETTER!!!

We need the support of all Lions to make the camp the best that it can be! Please join with me in becoming a member of the 1976 society and know that your donation will allow the Lions of GA to continue hosting camp for those who are sight impaired.

If you would like more information about the camp, feel free to email me or reach out to Mike and Gail at the camp!

Yours in Lionism
Jay Taylor
Fundraising Chair
GA Lions Camp
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GEORGIA LIONS CAMP ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Constitution and ByLaws the following pertains to the election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

By December 1st of each year, any Georgia Lion interested in running for a Camp officer position shall submit to the Immediate Past Chairman a letter of intent to stand for election. Said letter must be countersigned by the president of the candidate's home Lions Club and must certify the club's endorsement of the candidate. In the event that no candidate submits a letter of intent for a position, a nomination may be accepted from the floor, provided that the nominated person is a Lion in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in MD-18, Georgia and meets any other officer qualifications. The Immediate Past Chairman and two other members of the Board of Directors, appointed by the Chairman of the Board, shall comprise the Nominations Committee. They are charged with the responsibility of verifying that each candidate for office is qualified and meets all criteria for that office.

The letters of intent should be sent to:

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Upcoming Events

December 11-13, 2020

SAVE THE DATE! You're invited to Christmas Camp on December 11-13, 2020. For more information, visit www.gclb.org.

Contest Questions:

**What are the dimensions of the tarp that is placed over the pool?
What ceremony is held annually on Lions Day but was cancelled this past year?**

Lions Camp Information

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