



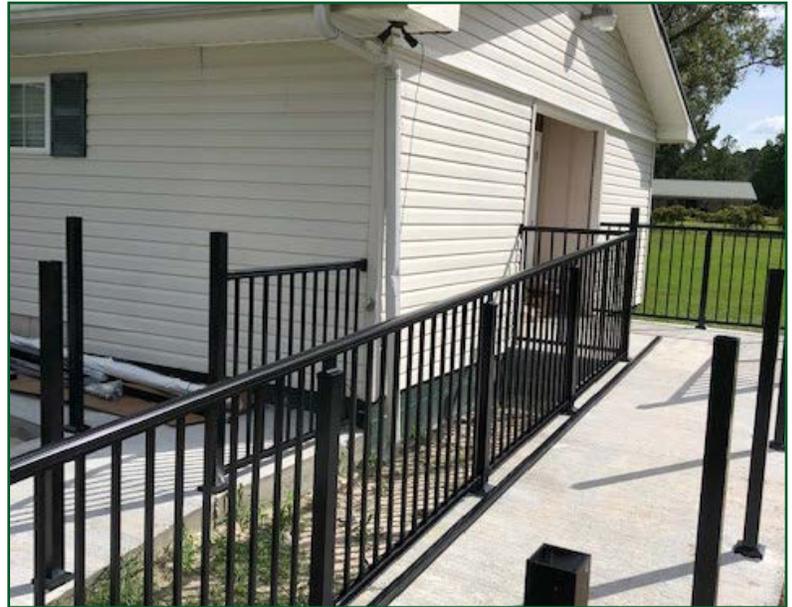
Georgia Lions Camp



September 2020

By redesigning the main entrances and interior rooms to have four completely handicap accessible bedrooms, the interior renovation of what is currently known as the Staff Retreat is completed. Two bedrooms are to have handicap accessible bathrooms and the others are up to State Fire Marshal Code. We are almost 100% complete.

Last month's installation of the required emergency landings and exit ramps were constructed and installed by the group First Baptist Jasper. We are now in the process of installing the railing and handicap hand rails located at these three new entry/exits locations.



New railings installed

Once these installations are complete, the camp will be able to apply for the Occupancy Permit.

This has been a very important project for the camp, allowing the camp to reach out to other non-profit organizations that need sleeping arrangements to those that require constant care.

Primarily this renovation will allow the camp to continue to expand its mission to reach out to the blind community that we serve. If a camper or parent is just not ready to make that big step of independence, these rooms will allow a guardian to come stay at the camp with their child and observe the camps activities and programs offered. Allowing that parent or guardian some peace of mind.

This building allows the camp to reach out and offer programs to couples. These rooms would allow them to come to camp together. But, currently are required to stay in separate sleeping quarters due to the way the camp is designed.

Sometimes a camper may need constant one on one care. They haven't come to camp because there were no accommodations for the caregiver and the camper. We can now accommodate up to four new campers and their families.

We are able to help the needs of rental groups that need private sleeping accommodations here at the camp. This renovation will help with the continued partnership with our local power company who use the camp as one of their sites for emergency crews during severe weather conditions.

As we prepare for upcoming camping seasons, I encourage you to talk with your local school systems. Find out if they have Teachers of Visually Impaired (TVI's). Let them know about the camp and share what it offers for their child. Many know about the camp but they don't know the camp. It is up to us as Lions to inform everyone about this great facility.

Christmas Camp 2020 will be here soon. Campers are already calling about registering. Plans are in the making for that scheduled weekend in December. Next year's Summer Camp is also in the pre-planning stage.

The camp will concentrate again on reaching out to the 6-12 year old age group and focus on the teenagers who are still in school. Adult sessions will be bigger and better than ever. I'm getting excited just talking about it!

The camp's Board of Directors have been a great help to the camp. All seem to be extremely interested in the what the camp has and how to add new programs.

We are still looking to work with the Florida Lions Clubs with an open invitation to the blind community of Florida.

With this past year's cancellation of summer camp, let's get the word out that 2021 will be an exceptional year here at your, Georgia Lions Camp.

Your support to the camp makes all these programs and activities possible.

Let's: "KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING"

Thanks again,

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

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. During this upcoming work weekend, we will be conducting an inventory of all buildings. We need your help to get this done!
2. Repair 4x4 post bracing damaged by carpenter bees at the Arts and Crafts Building
3. Paint bracing and post at Arts and Crafts building
4. Paint Porch on Arts and Crafts Building
5. Install Braille Signs- **70% completed**
6. Some minor sheetrock repair in kitchen serving area and then paint ceiling
7. Paint entry sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
8. Install Ceramic Tile in kitchenette of Activity Building.
9. Install Ceramic Tile in Foyer of Activity Building
10. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
11. Repair damaged handrails leading to the floating dock.
12. Paint the railing around the playground
13. 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)
14. Memorial Garden, there are sections that need new flowers.
15. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.

16. Swings at the fire pit need to be painted.
17. Facia boards at pool shelter need to be replaced and repainted
18. Some areas of screens at the bar-b-que shelter needs to be re-stapled.
19. Hang new screen door to bar-b-que shelter.
20. Pressure wash Administration Building.
21. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
22. Paint the pump house at the pond
23. Paint the Water Tank
24. Interior Dining Hall to be repainted
25. Kitchen serving area needs walls to be painted
26. Kitchen paint to match serving area.
27. Nature Trail – clean up debris. To build up low lying areas we need Three loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
28. Remove soiled carpet from (Rental House) (Directors house)
29. (Rental House) Replace carpet with either laminate flooring or ceramic tile Camp has some tile enough to do maybe three of the four rooms.
30. 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.
31. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing.

Scheduled Lions Service Work Date has been changed to:
October 16-18, 2020

Spring 2021 date will be determined by the November camp Board meeting

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.

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.

Thanks,

Mike Williams
Camp Director

Coming in October 2021. Help Chairman Ed Ressler spend his money. He doesn’t think you can do it so prove him wrong.

Chairman Ed has said that if 100 people donate \$10 to the camp he will donate \$1000 of his money.

Look for more information in the October 2020 newsletter. Will have to be a personal check, mailed with a postmark between October 1 and 31, 2020. More details will be published. The winner will receive a \$25 Visa or MasterCard gift card.

What better way to help the camp.

This is a project that has been part of the Camp’s goal to help Blind and Visually Impaired campers and visitors with their independence to move around the camp.

Building names, room accessibility and mobility is one way we are moving forward to become more adaptable to all who visit.

Directional signs will be installed after the sidewalk widening project is completed.



Braille Sign for restroom

The Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. Issues awards and recognition for the State and District levels based on the contest period from May 1 to April 30 of the following year. State level awards are presented by the Chairman or their designee at the State Convention. District level awards and Club Awards are presented by the District Director at their first District Cabinet Meeting.

State Awards

Dr. C. M. Blanton Award. A plaque is presented to the District Governor for the highest contribution per club member.

Thomas T. Purvis Award. A plaque is presented to the Club President with the highest contribution average per club member This will be a first and second place award.

Don Anderson Award. A plaque is presented to the Club President for the highest increase contribution average per club member over the previous year for both first and second place standings.

Keep the Camp Fires Burning Award. A plaque is presented to the Club President for the highest total donation average per club member for “Keep the Camp Fires Burning” for both first and second place standings.

Hank and Doy Barks Leo Service Award. A plaque is presented to the Leo Club within each District for the most service hours to the camp. This service, can be rendered at the camp, in the local community or any location as long as it benefits the Camp. Deadline for applying for this award is April 30 of each Lion Year.

C. M. Blanton Fellowship Award. A certificate will be presented to individuals of Clubs that contribute \$300 to the Camp in honor of or in memory of person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Camp.

Founders Award. A plaque will be presented to individuals of Clubs that contribute \$500 to the Camp in honor of or in memory of a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Camp.

District Awards

Patches. Awarded to clubs annually based on the average dollar amount donated to the Camp per club member. The patch indicating the year and the bar representing donation amount .

- \$25.00 Bronze Award
- \$50.00 Silver Award
- \$75.00 Gold Award
- \$100.00 Diamond Award

Highest Per Capita Award. A certificate is presented to the Club President in each District.

Individual Awards

1976 Society Award. A certificate will be presented to individuals Society members who have

contributed a minimum of \$19.76 per month or \$237.12 per Lion year. This certificate will be presented by the District Director.

Century Club Key Holder Award. A Key and Annual Medallion recognizing individual commitment as a Century Club Member. Levels of membership are:

Bronze Key Holder \$100 per year

Silver Key Holder \$250 per year

Gold Key Holder \$500 per year

Diamond Key Holder \$1000 per year

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.

The Georgia Lions Camp has awards for clubs based on the per capita donation to the camp during the period of May 1 until April 30 of the following year.

The calculations of the per capita is done by taking the clubs total donations and dividing that by the number of club members on April 30. Included in the clubs total donations are the club's annual donations plus what members donate individually.

As an example, an individual's donation to the 1976 Society, the Century Club and camper sponsorship will count as part of the clubs donation provided two things are done. In the memo section of the check one should note what the money is for and the club name of that person. For example, if I donated to the 1976 Society, I would note 1976 Society and East Cobb in the memo section of the check.

In this issue of the Georgia Camps Newsletter are the listings of the clubs earning a certificate and banner patch for the contest period May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. There will be clubs that donated which are not shown because they did not earn at least a Bronze Award.

DISTRICT L
CAMP AWARDS 2020

	Amount	Members	Per Capita	Award
Alpharetta	\$1,900.00	53	\$35.55	Bronze
Atlanta Buckhead	\$3,700.00	115	\$32.19	Bronze
Ball Ground	\$1,575.00	20	\$78.75	Silver
Chatsworth	\$1,000.00	30	\$33.33	Bronze
Dalton	\$2,435.00	21	\$115.95	Diamond
Dalton Noon	\$500.00	15	\$33.33	Bronze
Ellijay	\$3,425.00	81	\$42.28	Bronze
Griffin	\$460.00	14	\$32.86	Bronze
Jasper	\$2,425.00	29	\$83.62	Silver
Marietta	\$2,430.00	29	\$83.79	Silver
Marietta East Cobb	\$7,977.00	36	\$221.58	Diamond
McDonough	\$5,941.00	28	\$212.21	Diamond
North Cobb	\$1,100.00	17	\$64.71	Silver
Roswell	\$4,260.00	33	\$129.09	Diamond
South Cobb	\$1,560.00	35	\$44.57	Bronze
Trion	\$980.00	7	\$140.00	Diamond

DISTRICT 18I
CAMP AWARDS 2020

	Amount	Members	Per Cap	Award
Athens	\$530.00	13	\$47.17	Bronze
Athens Classic City	\$500.00	15	\$33.33	Bronze
Atlanta Chinese American	\$1,240.00	26	\$53.91	Silver
Clayton	\$1,900.00	7	\$271.43	Diamond
Covington	\$4,256.00	82	\$51.9	Silver
Dahlonega	\$1,040.00	23	\$45.22	Bronze
Decatur North Decatur	\$502.80	19	\$26.46	Bronze
Gainesville	\$1,150.00	13	\$88.46	Silver
Hartwell	\$640.00	20	\$31.11	Bronze
Jefferson	\$840.00	27	\$31.11	Bronze
Lawrenceville	\$1,390.00	16	\$86.88	Gold
Madison	\$1,600.00	24	\$66.67	Silver
Martin	\$1,000.00	11	\$90.91	Gold
Norcross	\$3,095.00	20	\$154.75	Diamond
Oconee	\$3,000.00	42	\$71.43	Gold
Snellville	\$3,860.00	39	\$98.97	Gold
Thomson Camelia City	\$1,809.00	22	\$82.23	Gold
Winder	\$420.00	14	\$30.00	Bronze

DISTRICT 0
CAMP AWARDS 2020

	Amount	Members	Per Cap	Award
Albany	\$375.00	11	\$34.09	Bronze
Bainbridge	\$10,725.00	27	\$397.22	Diamond
Barnesville	\$250.00	6	\$41.67	Bronze
Buena Vista	\$1,250.00	20	\$62.50	Silver

Byron	\$1,800.00	21	\$85.71	Gold
Centerville	\$3,151.76	37	\$85.18	Gold
Cuthbert	\$450.00	10	\$45.00	Bronze
Decatur County	\$950.00	20	\$47.50	Bronze
Fitzgerald	\$1,300.00	22	\$59.09	Silver
Fort Gaines	\$200.00	8	\$25.00	Bronze
Greenville	\$2,580.00	26	\$99.23	Gold
Hahira	\$610.00	20	\$30.50	Bronze
Macon Rutland	\$380.00	8	\$47.50	Bronze
Manchester	\$1,000.00	12	\$83.33	Gold
Moultrie	\$3,345.00	46	\$72.72	Gold
Perry	\$1,915.00	20	\$95.77	Gold
Pike	\$842.00	17	\$49.53	Gold
Thomaston	\$1,505.00	16	\$94.06	Gold
Tifton	\$1,580.00	8	\$197.50	Diamond
Valdosta Evening	\$525.00	5	\$105.00	Diamond

District 18N

CAMP AWARDS 2020

	Amount	Members	Per Cap	Award
Baxley	\$2,035.00	33	\$61.67	Bronze
Bulloch	\$1,690.00	16	\$105.63	Diamond
Darien	\$2,827.00	41	\$68.65	Silver
Douglas	\$3,360.00	83	\$40.48	Bronze
Garden City	\$1,100.00	11	\$100.00	Diamond
Golden Isle	\$500.00	14	\$35.67	Bronze
Hinesville	\$1,885.00	22	\$85.68	Gold
Jekyl	\$1,700.00	16	\$106.25	Diamond
Metter	\$200.00	6	\$33.33	Bronze
Milledgeville	\$720.00	22	\$32.73	Bronze
National Hills	\$2,535.00	34	\$74.56	Silver
Savannah	\$6,000.00	66	\$90.91	Gold
Sparta	\$820.00	6	\$136.67	Diamond
Twin City	\$1,000.00	20	\$50.00	Silver
Vidalia	\$1,040.00	13	\$80.00	Gold
Waycross Okefenokee	\$795.00	22	\$36.14	Bronze
Wilmington Island	\$200.00	3	\$66.67	Silver
Woodbine	\$8,894.00	30	\$296.20	Diamond

Everyone likes a chance to win a little money. What could be better than to win a little money while helping one of the two official Projects of the Lions of Georgia.

When we get 50 members of the 1976 Society between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021, their names will be put in a bowl and a winner will be drawn and they will win \$988. That will happen when we reach the goal of 50 current members at any time.

Continuing on, when we get 100 current members during that same time period, all the names will be put in a bowl. The winning name will be drawn and announced at the State Convention 2021 and they will win \$1976.



1976 Society



The Beginning: In 1972, the Waycross Okefenokee Lions saw a need to provide recreational opportunities to the vision impaired children of Georgia. By 1974, then Governor Jimmy Carter met with a delegation of Georgia Lions to secure 61 acres of state land. The Department of Natural Resources approved the land transfer to the Georgia Lions and on September 12, 1975 the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind was chartered as a non-profit organization. Then in 1976 the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind became a multiple district project.

The 1976 Society: The idea of the 1976 Society ($\$19.76 \times 12 \text{ months} = \237.12) was proposed by Jon Winters, then Camp Treasurer at the annual Winter Camp Meeting on February 5, 2012.

Georgia Lions Camp –The 1976 Society

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Lions Club _____ District _____

Email _____

Phone (Home) _____

Cell _____

To promote a "Vision for a Brighter Tomorrow" at the Georgia Lions Camp, I hereby request membership in 1976 Society.

_____ I am donating a minimum of \$237.

Make check payable to Georgia Lions Camp. For more information, or to send your Contribution Contact: Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

5626 Laura Walker Road
Waycross, GA 31503
(912) 283-4320
www.glcb.org

Signature _____

Date _____

Upcoming Events

October 16-18, 2020

DATE CHANGE! You're invited to Lions Camp Work Weekend on October 16-18, 2020. For more information, visit www.gclb.org.

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 does TVI stand for?
What other Lions clubs are we working with?**

Lions Camp Information

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