



Georgia Lions Camp



May 2022

It is the month of May. By the time you read this half the month will already have passed by. I don't know why time goes by so quickly - guess it's an age thing.

A couple of weekends ago we had Lions Service Days here at the camp. If you were unable to attend, don't worry you have another chance to help out at the Lions Camp in the Fall and save the date for October 21-23, 2022. If for any reason you or your club would like to take on one of the special projects posted before then, give the camp office a call and let's reserve you a work date. Please remember that summer camp is during the months of June and July so those dates will not be available. I also have a couple of rental groups in early June that will be here at the camp.

During this past work weekend our attendance was a bit low but great tasks in cleaning up the camp were accomplished. All who showed up asked what we needed done. Well, lots of mowing (the person who mowed said he thought he had done a lot of mowing and he did). He then said when I looked around there was still a lot of mowing to be done. We even mowed on Sunday morning.



Amphitheater Cleaned

Mike Mueller of the Jekyll Island Lions Club

Weed eating, hedge trimming, sidewalk edging, weed pulling, picking up debris, and organizing the dry storage room were just a few of the tasks done. There are still plenty of projects left to be done here at the camp. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

And then it has to be done again next week!!!

Summer Camp planning is in full swing. This year's theme is "Vacation Destination" (as I mentioned in last month's newsletter) and we have a great Program Director hired. Many

campers have asked who it is. In last month's letter all I said, was that he and his wife were here at the camp as counselors back in the 90's. Well that just aroused the curiosity of our campers!

If you know anything about our campers, they are pretty good detectives. With several calls amongst themselves, they have made a great educated guess on who these individuals were. Now these (detectives) are the current adult campers who have attended camp since their youth camping days. They remember who was here in the 90's and with the information that these two eventually were married, yep, they guessed correctly!

I am glad to introduce to all of you, Andee and Julie Courson. Both worked here at the Lions Camp as counselors. They have worked and severed as program directors for other camps for the visually impaired and blind. They volunteered their summers to many organizations in the special need's areas. Andee is a teacher in the public school system and Julie will be starting a new job with the school system next year. They have opened their home and have fostered over twenty-five children (not all at once). Coming to help with them this year will be two of their daughters and their son. I believe they have one older daughter who will not be able to come this year. Andee, Julie and I have communicated regularly about their activities and programs and I am excited to see it all come together.

Make your plans to be here for Lions Day on July 23, 2022 and meet them. District Governors and others, please accept the challenge of playing against the campers in a friendly game of either Beeper Kickball or Beeper Baseball. We can have you some muscle relief spray available.

Camper registrations are slowing coming in and we have a little more time for them to get in their completed applications. Deadline for this is May 21, 2022. If you know of anyone who may not have registered yet, please give them a call and encourage them to get those applications in. We may not reach our goal as we had hoped but we are well ahead of last year's attendance.

Adult groups attendance is normal. Teenagers attendance is climbing in numbers but there is still a need to talk with the 6-12-year-old campers. This is the age group we need to get the word out to.

Some of you may know that we have reached out to our southern Lions in Florida and to the St. Augustine School for the Deaf and Blind. At the present time we have three campers (teenagers) coming from the state of Florida. It's taking a little time to let them know we are here for them but I believe our efforts are working. We can't let up, we have to keep pushing forward.

Summer camp is a time when our financial needs increase. Everyone has worked hard to help us prepare for this time. But there is always a need to keep the income coming in. At the State Convention the camp will have its annual Silent Auction where you can bring a basket of goodies or gifts that other may be interested in. Almost anything is wanted by someone. All donated items will help the camp raise funds to help out financially and you receive a wonderful gift. If you or your club can, please donate towards this fundraising project.

I have included a couple of pictures of some hand-crafted Crochet Throws. These were donated by one of our Lions from the Statesboro Lions Club. We will also have some beautiful King Size Bed Afghans available.

These bed covers are valued at \$300.00 each. They were posted on the camps Facebook page.



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Don't forget to turn in those Cruise raffle tickets for the drawing that will be held on Saturday May 14, 2022.

Well, it is a busy time here at the camp. Mrs. Gail is working diligently with everyday office duties, helping parents and teachers register campers and helping with any other request made. She will be managing the Silent Auction and I will be at the camp table with camp information and you guessed it, some new shirts. This year there will be an assortment of Polo's. Different sizes and four different colors. Sizes are limited to first come first served. Come by

and see us.

See you soon! And remember 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 Report For May's Newsletter

April was a busy month of planning for summer camping season and reaching out to potential campers. Teachers of Vision Impaired (TVI's) were contacted with information for their students about our Camp. The Board and several Lions throughout the state were asked to reach out to their school districts to pass on information about our Camp. We currently have about 40 campers (as of May 6) with May 14 the end of registration. We have one new District Director, Lion Donna Townsend, coming on the Camp's Board of Directors. We still have positions open for Member-at-Large positions and for the five Standing Committees: Financial, Fundraising, Building & Grounds, Constitution and Long Range & Planning. If you would like to help serve the Camp, please contact your Camp District Directors or your District Governors team. These positions are all for one year.

At the upcoming Lions State Convention in Dublin, the Camp will have its Annual meeting that all Lions can attend. At the Convention on Saturday night we will be drawing for the Caribbean Cruise for two; there is still time to purchase your winning ticket. Tickets will be available at the State Convention. We will be having our silent auction so bring your items and place your bids for the many different items that will be auctioned off. Come by and visit us at the Camp's table to learn more about our Georgia Lions Camp.

I would like to thank all the Lions that came and helped at the Camp during the work weekend. See Mike's report. As we enter the Camping Season in June and July our expenses will hit a high for the year. We need for all the Lions and their Clubs to support the Camp financially. There are several ways for individuals to make contributions directly to the Camp: cash donation to the operating budget, Keep the Camp Fires Burning, Brick Memorial Garden, 1976 Society, Century Club or sponsor a camper. You can also sign the Camp up through your Kroger Card or your Amazon Prime Membership. Go to the Camp's website at www.glcb.org for details.

I would like to thank Lion Ed Ressler and several Lions Clubs in 18-I for their fundraising Casino Night. The Lawrenceville Lions club is having a fundraiser with the Gwinnett Stripers on June 4 (see below).

I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention in Dublin.

Paul May

Camp Chairman of the Board of Directors

Fundraising Committee

Casino Party

On March 26, 2022 Lions from the East Cobb, Marietta, North Cobb, Smyrna and South Cobb Lions Clubs hosted a Casino Party at the American Legion Post in Acworth, Georgia.

The purpose was to raise money benefitting the Georgia Lions Camp. With approximately 90 guests, who enjoyed casino games and three flavors of wings, \$4000 was raised. In addition to the casino games and food there was a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

When attendees were polled, the majority said they had a good time and would attend another one. With knowledge, this is now the inaugural Casino Fundraiser and a location for the next one has already begun.

Golf Tournament

In April Fundraising Chairman Ed Ressler met with the Development Staff and Lions Coordinator Fran Shefer and started planning for a joint golf tournament. A golf course to use is being researched and a target date of June 2023 with a goal of \$40,000 net is the plan.

Once a date and golf course have been determined, committees will be formed with representatives from both projects.

With a goal of \$40,000 net, there would be \$20,000 for both the Georgia Lions Camp and Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.



LIONS CLUB NIGHT

GWINNETT STRIPERS

GOSTRIPERS.COM

LAWRENCEVILLE LIONS CLUB



JUNE 4TH GWINNETT STRIPERS VS. LOUISVILLE BATS



6:05pm | **COOLRAY FIELD** THE FIRST 1,000 FANS WILL GET A REPLICA JERSEY

Name: _____

Requests for tickets can be sent to:
Lion Pete Stamsen

Phone: _____

(770) 597-2926

2343 Cedar Valley Ct.

Email: _____

Lawrenceville, GA 30043



Tickets are \$15 with a portion of each ticket sold to benefit the Georgia Lions Camp

Pre-Game Tailgate in the parking lot starting at 3:00 with complimentary Hot Dogs, Chips and Soft Drinks

Coolray Field

678-277-0330

Virginia.reid@braves.com

2500 Buford Dr. Lawrenceville, GA

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1976 SOCIETY - April 01, 2022 - April 30, 2022

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
JC Coefield	Centerville
Rita Gail Coefield	Centerville
Joann Huff	Thomson Camelia

CENTURY CLUB - April 01, 2022 - April 30, 2022

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB	LEVEL
Classic City Lions Club	Classic City	Bronze
Carolyn Craig	Centerville	Bronze
Bill Craig	Centerville	Bronze
Donald Sumner	Tifton	Silver

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

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Johnnie Collier	Snellville
Thomaston Lions Club	Thomaston

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

Financially, The GA Lions Camp completed 4 months of 2022 a little behind the level of Income that was expected for the 1st 4 months of the year. **As you can see below**, we expected to have 109,980.00 in income after 4 months -- we only had 82,428.99. However, thanks to a continuing great job of Expense Control by the Camp Staff, we under spent on expected expenses -- so that helped to control our finances. We have built a little bit of cash since the beginning of 2022, but not enough yet to get us thru Camping Season. Our Camping season will be here as we complete the 2nd Quarter -- so **NOW is the time** we need everyone's help to increase our cash so we can make it thru the upcoming Camping Season Financially. MAY has started off well, financially, but we really need to concentrate on Income from all sources for MAY to end well financially. Our Expenses are extremely heavy during Camping Season.

Please support the Camp any way you can, and as early, as you can -- and urge others in your Club to do the same. 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 Budget needed will get a little harder to attain as each month leading up to Camping Season goes by. Please help us make the Budget in MAY and JUNE-- it will benefit the Camp in many ways.

You can monitor the progress below as the months go by...

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income for 2022 to-date	82,428.99	109,980.00
Total Expenses for 2022 to-date	65,706.41	81,353.00
NET Operating Income for 2022 to-date	16,722.58	28,627.00

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

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2022 to-date	12	23	14	20
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	29%	42%	22%	34%

As you can see above -- The number of Clubs contributing to the Camp in 2022 increased a little during April -- that is good, but not enough. Please help your Club add to our numbers by the next report.

We need ALL Lions Clubs -- and individual Lions -- to do what they can to support the Camp.

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.

Thank-You!

David E. White,
Board Treasurer



GEORGIA LIONS CAMP, INC. CARIBBEAN CRUISE FOR 2 RAFFLE

Tickets go on sale starting January 29, 2022.
Drawing for the winner will be at the Governors Banquet
at the State Convention on May 14, 2022

Details: Basic Cruise has a purchase value of up to \$3000 maximum and includes taxes. Cruise is for 7 days & 6 nights. Cruise will be a balcony room for 2. The port departure and destination will be selected by the winner at time of booking. Cruise must be taken within 1 year. No cash substitute for cruise is allowed. Cruise must be taken.

Tips and any extra purchases or
cruise modifications will be
paid by the winner.



“Do not have to be present to win”

**\$10.00
PER TICKET**



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 2022:

The following items will help the daily operations of the camp. Many have asked what does the camp need?

1. Gallon size bleach- as many as possible
2. Toilet bowl cleaner- as many as possible
3. Lysol dis-infectant spray- as many as possible
4. Spray cans of room deodorizer- as many as possible
5. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable
6. Dish detergent (dawn preferred)
7. Windex window cleaner
8. Pumie stone sticks for toilet bowl cleaning- as many as possible
9. Dish towels for the kitchen
10. Toilet Tissue – any brand
11. Toilet Bowl Plungers and Brushes
12. Paper towels – any brand
13. Clorox wipes- large size
14. Baby wipes- individual packages
15. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
16. Zip Lock storage bags, 12 boxes/ half gallon – 24 boxes/ one gallon, 12 boxes-quart size, a question was asked, do these need to be the zip lock brand? Not necessarily but we need a good quality bag.
17. Food serving gloves- case of/one size fits all
18. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted.
19. Sunscreen **Spray** -at least 50/75 spf non allergenic
20. Disposable ponchos for rainy days – as many as possible
21. Small bottles of hand sanitizer- 2 oz.
22. Small first aid kits
23. Band-Aids all sizes
24. Bandage wraps
25. Gauze – rolls

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 and distributed during the annual MD-18 Lions State Convention, brought on Lions Day here at the camp, or when you come to work weekends.

2022 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

October 21-23, 2022 is our next scheduled Service Days:

(You don't have to wait until a scheduled Service Day to come work at the camp)

(Please know that you can call and schedule a workday anytime the camp does not have an event going on)

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. 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)
4. Wooden picnic tables need replacing. Repairs would cost as much as new tables.
5. Nature Trail –build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
6. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
7. Paint the Water Tank
8. Paint the pump house at the pond
9. Paint sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
10. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
14. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
15. Sitting Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
16. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
17. Repaint Dining Hall.
18. Lights in Large Dormitory and Bunkhouse Dormitory still need to be converted to LED bulbs.
19. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
20. Repair broken board on canoe cart
21. Tin roof over bleachers at horse arena needs to be re-applied
22. Pressure wash poolside deck
23. Sign up for lawn care maintenance - (mowing weed eating, trimming, etc.)
24. Fence repair (several post and rails have decayed and broken)

Lions Service Days at the Camp are Scheduled for:

Fall October 21-23, 2022

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

Upcoming Events

June 26-July 24, 2022

Session #1 June 26-July 1 2022 - Pre-Teen's 6-12 Years Old

Session #2 July 3-July 8, 2022 - Senior Adults - 40+ Years

Session #3 July 10-July 15, 2022 - Adults - 18-39 - Years Old

Session #4 July 17-July 24, 2022 - Teenagers - 13-17 Years Old

July 23, 2022

Lions Day - Save the date

October 21-23, 2022

Fall Lions Service Days

December 9-11, 2022

Camper Alumni Reunion

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

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