



# Georgia Lions Camp



July 2022

**2**022 Vacation Destination is in underway.

Campers have already arrived and are excited of what the summers activities will be. Andee and Julie (program directors) have worked diligently to make sure this is one of the best summers for the campers. Each day has a different destination on where you might want to go on vacation. To the mountains, a trip to Florida, or Hawaii, and maybe even out west to visit the American frontier. Campers are treated to skits by the counselors to give them an exciting start to the day.



*Pre-Teens*



*Senior Adults*

The first day of camp is started off by getting to know a little about each camper and the staff. A hayride that many enjoy and always want to go a little faster!

Songs around the campfire, questions about what they may be doing the upcoming week and let's not forget. What is a good campfire if you don't have Smores!!

Our first week of camp was the pre-teens. This year we had several first-time campers. We hope to continue working hard to bring in new campers. This can be done with the help of you as Lions and others to share what the Georgia Lions Camp has to offer for summer time fun, here at camp.

The weather has not let us down, it has been hot! So, the pool has been one of their favorite activities. Along with some cool treats such as popsicles and some cool watermelon.



*Arts and crafts*



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Pre-teen week began with a little arts and crafts. Campers participated in tie dyeing some t-shirts. I think the girls may have had the best time.

On the following Monday campers were taken over Laura S. Walker State Park where they enjoyed a listening about the surrounding areas reptile and other animal population. They all had several questions for park ranger Clint.

During senior adult week we traveled over to St. Simons Island and the campers enjoyed sitting on the beach and some even

enjoyed sitting in the waves.

After a little time at the beach and a picnic in the shade we traveled over to the pier where some sat under the shelter and others walked the streets and enjoyed a little shopping.

As we have finished our first two weeks of summer camp the staff get a brief, and I mean brief bit of rest. Things never let up around here as we prepare for the next group of campers. Camp takes a lot of



*St. Simons*



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2022 Vacation Destination

preparation and planning. But as you can see the smiles and joy on the campers faces, that's what it is about. There is so much I could tell you about these campers and I wish we had the time. But we've got to get ready for the next group.

I hope you have made plans to attend Lions Day here on July 23, 2022. This will be Teenager week. Come visit, see the camp, watch the campers as they participate in some morning activities and have lunch with us.

I hope to see you soon,

Mike Williams

Camp Director

Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Let's "Keep the Camp Fires Burning" "Make Them Burn Brighter"

### Board Chairman's Report

First of all I would like to welcome the new Board and Committee Member (see below). All new members are noted in red. In all positions we have some new members that will be bringing fresh ideas that will help move the Camp forward. **Welcome aboard all.** I look forward to the new year where we all work together in **GROWING THE CAMP.** We have three significant events coming up.:

1. July 23 Lions Day Board meeting at 3:00
2. Oct. 22 our first Board Meeting in Perry
3. Nov. 5 Camp Long Range Planning Retreat

To the Lions of Georgia I thank you for all your support in serving and funding the Camp for this past year. Without you there would be no Georgia Lions Camp for the visual impaired citizens of Georgia. **Thank you.** Last summer we had 28 campers all summer. This year we have 58 registered. Last year we had to cancel the 6-12 year old session because we only had two registered. This year we had six with four being first timers. I would like to thank each of the Lions that took the time to contact their school district to spread the word about our Camp. Also I would like to thank all the Lion Clubs and individual Lions and non-Lions that contributed to the Camp this past Lion's Year; we did not have to withdraw any funds from our Investment Fund.

However, In May and June the Camp has had a string of bad luck. We have had lightning strikes that have caused equipment damage and several pieces of equipment failed: Fire alarm systems, all the internet systems, two HVAC units, two refrigerators, and the pool pump. We are hoping most of these items will be covered by our insurance. We need to encourage all of our Lions Clubs to continue their contributions for the second half of this calendar year.

My motto last year was **SERVING THE CAMP MORE.** I believe we, the **Lions of Georgia**, fulfilled the motto. We provided the funding to keep the Camp in the black, we got more campers to come back. The Camp's committees worked hard in accomplishing their objectives. The Constitution Committee rewrote the Constitution, created the new

Bylaws and got both approved. The Fund Raising Committee along with some of the district Clubs held several fundraisers and work is well underway to receive several grants. The Long Range Planning Committee has begun to rewrite the Camp's Long Range Plan and has a work retreat scheduled for Nov. 4-6. The Trustees revised procedures on how to utilize the Investment Fund. So I am proud to say that the Board, its committees and the Lions of Georgia put the effort in to **SERVING THE CAMP MORE**, this past year. And of course I must say that our Camp Director, Mike Williams and our Office Manager, Gail Williams, definitely **SERVED THE CAMP MORE** in getting the Camp back into business with campers, facing all the "challenges" that occur daily and working the extra hours to get the JOB DONE. As Chairman of the Board of Director I say THANK YOU ALL.

Now we are entering a new Lions Year and my motto for the Camp this year is to **GROW THE CAMP MORE**. How can you, a Georgia Lion, can help **GROW THE CAMP MORE**? There are numerous ways you can do that:

1. Grow the number of campers by contacting your local schools and inform them of our Camp.
2. Volunteer on the numerous fundraisers at the Camp, in your district, or by your Club.
3. Volunteer to come work at the Camp. There are always many projects to be completed.
4. Encourage your Club to contribute to the Camp.
5. Make individual donations to the Camp
6. Next year, volunteer to come on the Board of Directors or one of its committees.

District 18-I again remains on top with the district having the highest number of their Clubs making contributions to the Camp for the year (35 Clubs for 65%). And 18-N remains on top with the most dollars contributed to the Camp for \$34,462.

**Come see your Georgia Lions Camp in action by coming to LIONS DAY on July 23. GROW THE CAMP MORE,**

Paul May

Chairman of the Board of Directors

### CAMP BOARD AND COMMITTEES for 2022-2023

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

#### OFFICERS:

Chair – Paul May  
 Vice Chair – Jay Taylor  
 Secretary – Olin Newby  
 Treasurer – David White

#### DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

18-L -- Donna Townsend (1st year)(1st term)  
 18-I -- Joanne Huff (2nd year) (1st term)  
 18-O-- Johnny Barrentine (2nd year)(1st term)  
 18-N -- Larry Griggers (1st year)(2nd term)

**COG Rep. -- 18-I DG Tommy Powell**

**Immediate Past Board Chair – Ed Ressler**

#### Members at Large:

18-L – Vanessa Stanley  
 18-I -- Young Martin  
 18-O -- Dawn Rameirez  
 18-N -- Darriel Nobles

**B&G Committee**

Chairman – Hal Simpson  
 18-L— **Seth Jacobs**  
 18-I -- Joanne Huff  
 18-O -- Johnny Barrentine  
 18-N – Mark Anners

**Finance Committee**

Chairman – David White  
 18-L -- **Robert Lique**  
 18-I -- **Helen Troha**  
 18-O -- Bobbie Clemmons  
 18-N -- **Linda Bishop**

**Long Range Planning Committee**

Chairman – Larry Griggers  
 18-L – **Garner Andrews**  
 18-I – Chris Sullivan  
 18-O -- **Derrick Hanley**  
 18-N – Mark Anners

**STANDING COMMITTEES****Constitution and Policy Committee**

Chairman -- Larry Griggers  
 18-L -- **Donna Townsend**  
 18-I – **Kembra Smith**  
 18-O -- Johnny Barrentine  
 18-N – Ron Zeppieri

**Fundraising Committee**

Chairman –Ed Ressler  
 18-L -- **Phil Minnes**  
 18-I -- **Shannon Chavez**  
 18-O – Jay Taylor  
 18-N -- Debbie Griggers

**TRUSTEES**

Chairman -- Ed Ressler

First Year

Second Year

18- L—Jan Morris  
 18-I -- Brian Donegan  
 18-O -- Johnny Barrentine  
 18-N -- Lillian Shurtleff

18-L – **Curtis Edwards**  
 18-I-- **Richard Brown**  
 18-O – **Ed Withrow**  
 18-N -- **Linda Bishop**

**Fundraising Committee**

Seeking Delta Airlines Pilot-active or retired-with a heart of gold! I GLCB staff and volunteers work hard all year to raise money for programming and operations of our camp and this includes applying to various charitable foundations and organizations. We would like to apply for funding from the “Delta Pilots Charitable Fund”, a group formed in 1999 by Delta Airline pilots wishing to give back to help children in their local communities. It still thrives today through individual donations by pilots and as given over \$2 million dollars to 200 charities--and we want to be one of them!

Although it is not necessarily required, it is ideal to have the endorsement of a Delta pilot when applying for a grant. If you are a Delta pilot or have a personal contact that would consider championing our cause, please let us know! We would simply share information on GLCB, and our application request should they be asked to confirm the value of the good work we do. The next deadline to apply is September 30th. Please contact Ed Ressler, 2022-23, Fundraising Chairman for more information. For more information on the Delta Pilots Charitable Fund, visit <http://deltapilotscharitablefund.org/>.

**Joint Golf Tournament**

The Georgia Lions Camp and the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation are working on a golf tournament that will benefit both official state projects. Target date is the first two weeks of June 2023.

Currently we are seeking recommendations for golf courses have this event at. Soon committees will be created to make this happen. If you have a favorite golf course that you think would be appropriate for this event or if you would like to help make this event a success, contact me at [chair2019@att.net](mailto:chair2019@att.net) or call Ed Ressler at 404-314-1504.

### **Casino Fundraiser**

Five Cobb County Lions Clubs raised over \$4000 benefitting the Georgia Lions Camp at a March Casino Fundraiser. Plans are starting to have at least one in the metropolitan area and maybe another in the Macon, Georgia area. Venues to hold such an event can make a difference in the success or failure of such an event. If you know of a venue that would be suitable to have up to 150 guests and can provide food and a bar, send an email to [chair2019@att.net](mailto:chair2019@att.net) or call Ed Ressler at 404-314-1504 and share your information.

## **Join Us For “Lions Day” at YOUR Georgia Lions Camp Inc. Waycross, Ga. July 23th, 2022**

### **Schedule of Activities**

Sign in and Register- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. - location- Gazebo

10:00 a.m. - Memorial Garden Brick Placement Ceremony

9:15 – 11:00 am– Campers at Climbing Wall- (Lions Encouraged to observe)

9:15 – 11:00 am – Tandem Cycling- (Lions Encouraged to Participate)

9:15 – 11:15 am – Arts/Crafts: Mosaic Rocks- (Lions Encouraged to Participate)

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – The Campers are inviting all Lions to participate in a friendly game of

### **“BEEPER KICKBALL”**

Location will be at the camps ballfield located near the Activities Building This will be a time of pure FUN!! Some seating will be available for the non-participants.

12:15-12:30 p.m. – Refresh and Clean-up for Lunch

12:30-1:30 p.m. – Lunch

1:30-3:00 p.m. - A message from the Camp

Opening comments by Camp’s Chairman of The Board (Paul May)

Introduction of staff from Camp Director (Mike Williams)

Program Director and Camper Presentation

Campers will depart and prepare for afternoon schedule

Closing comments:

“Stay and join the Campers Afternoon Activities”

3:00 pm Camp Board meeting in Camp conference room

3:00-5:00 p.m. Camper Water Relays and Pool

6:00-7:00p.m. Campers will enjoy “Pizza” Lions invited

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – Camper Talent Show-Camper Awards- Reflection Time and end the day with a Sweet Treat. Lions invited

### **“FRIDAY NIGHT IS PROM NIGHT”**

July 22, 2022

For those of you that are in town on Friday evening join us as our campers enjoy a special night event. Help make their evening special by attending and participating. A special meal will be prepared for the campers and we could invite you to help to prepare and serve.

**GEORGIA LIONS  
SUMMER CAMP FOR THE BLIND 2022**

**Vacation Destinations**

**LIONS DAY RESERVATION FORM**

Please complete all blanks that apply. Reservations should be received no later than July 15th, 2022.

Yes, I (we) plan to attend Lions Day on Saturday, July 23, 2022. There will be approximately \_\_\_\_ individuals attending with me.

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ meal tickets for lunch.

Plates will be \$10.00 each. Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, we plan to attend, but will not be eating.

The camp has limited RV hook-ups available- power and water only;

Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to reserve a RV hook-up

I will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_ departure on \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed form and check (payable to the Georgia Lions Camp Inc.) to:

Georgia Lions Camp Inc.  
5626 Laura Walker Rd.  
Waycross, GA. 31503

You may also make your reservations by phone or email.

Office # 912-283-4320

Email: [secretary@glcb.org](mailto:secretary@glcb.org)

## 1976 SOCIETY - June 01, 2022 - June 30, 2022

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LIONS CLUB</b>
JC Coefield	Centerville
Rita Gail Coefield	Centerville
Joann Huff	Thomson Camelia
Patty White	Marietta
David White	Marietta

## CENTURY CLUB - June 01, 2022 - June 30, 2022

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LIONS CLUB</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>
Patty White	Marietta	Bronze
David White	Marietta	Bronze

## Brick Memorial Garden - June 01, 2022 - June 30, 2022

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LIONS CLUB</b>
Ellijay	Ellijay
Tucker La Vista	Tucker La Vista
Towns County	Towns County
Edna Briggs	Jefferson
Towns County	Towns County
Dimple Forrest	Thomaston
David & Patty White	Marietta
David & Patty White	Marietta
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David & Patty White	Marietta

## Camp Finances Y-T-D thru JUNE 30, 2022

Last month, when I reported on the Camp's Finances thru the Month of May, I reported that "...The GA Lions Camp ALMOST REACHED OUR GOAL of 3.5 Months of Cash-on-Hand."

Things have changed -- Camping Season started during June, so expenses ALWAYS go up (that is our reason for being, so it is expected). However, our level of contributions needs to go up at the same time, it did not -- it went down for the Month of June.

Our actual Revenue for June was \$11,150.11 --- our actual Expenses were \$33,580.87. You can do the math.

July is a Camping Season month also, expenses will be high again -- so, obviously, the Camp needs your financial support. 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 Camp, and, therefore, the Campers, benefit tremendously when the Camp is in a healthy financial position.

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

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income for 2022 to-date	138,762.83	206,065.00
Total Expenses for 2022 to-date	120,059.58	162,526.00
NET Operating Income for 2022 to-date	<b>18,703.25</b>	43,539.00

### Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2022 to-date	20	35	20	26
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	49%	65%	40%	46%
<b>Contributions by District for 2022 Y-T-D</b>	<b>25,531.05</b>	<b>19,357.96</b>	<b>13,664.76</b>	<b>34,462.15</b>

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

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





### 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](https://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](https://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: updated 7/12/22

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

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- 30 cans of spray
5. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable- 3 cases of 6? Bottles per case
6. Dish detergent (dawn preferred)-Large size- 30 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. Orange Multi surface cleaner 2 case of 6 per case- (32 oz.)
10. Pumie stone sticks for toilet bowl cleaning- as many as possible- 2 cases of 24 per case
11. Dish towels for the kitchen
12. Toilet Tissue – any brand
13. Toilet Bowl Plungers and Brushes Need 8 sets
14. Paper towels – any brand - 8 cases
15. Clorox wipes- large size – 12
16. Baby wipes- individual packages - 12
17. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
18. Zip Lock storage bags, 12 boxes/ half gallon – 48 boxes/ one gallon, 12 boxes-quart size, a question was asked, do these need to be the zip lock brand? Zip Lock works best for what we need at camp.
19. Food serving gloves- case of/one size fits all – Powder Free
20. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted. -24 cans spray or pump
21. Sunscreen **Spray** -at least 50/75 spf non allergenic – 24 cans-spray or pump
22. Disposable ponchos for rainy days – 100 – these can be found at dollar stores or dollar general
23. Small bottles of hand sanitizer- **This item has been provided by the Lyons Lions Club**
24. Small first aid kits- 24 sets of travel size
25. Band-Aids all sizes – 12 packages
26. Bandage wraps – 24 packages of 3 per package
27. Gauze – rolls or square- 48 pieces
28. **Wasp Spray- Black Flag brand preferred. 2 cases of 12 per case.**
29. **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.**
30. 50-1 mix for weed eaters and lawn maintenance tools used here at the camp. 24 bottles
31. 5W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts. Per case
32. 10W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts per case
33. 1 five gallon 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 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](mailto: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.glcb.org/>

Telephone: 912-283-4320

Fax: 912-283-5130

Address: 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA 31503

## **Camp Alumni Contact Information**

Camp Alumni Association Contact: Brian Donegan: [doneganbrian1@gmail.com](mailto:doneganbrian1@gmail.com)