



# Georgia Lions Camp



May 2020

One of my favorite sayings is “Better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it.” The Board of Directors of the Georgia Lions Camp just passed a motion supporting Camp Director Mike Williams and my recommendation that we continue planning for Summer Camp 2020.

This has been a very difficult time for everyone. Governor Kemp has partially lifted the Shelter in Place mandate but left the part pertaining to those 65 and older or those that are medically fragile to continue Sheltering in Place until June 12, 2020. However camp is not scheduled to start until June 14, 2020. If we were to cancel now and the coronavirus becomes less significant and there was no issue with having camp, how would we feel. How do you explain that to those campers that live an entire year looking forward to coming to camp? Who about February when they can begin register, start communicating with their friends about summer camp and how excited they are to see each other again.

The restaurant guidelines have been reviewed and the camp can meet those requirements. With the lower attendance, social distancing can be accomplished in the dorms. Many of last years staff are wanting to come back and be counselors again. Camp Director Mike is already planning on adding more training before the campers about recognizing any possible signs of the coronavirus are appearing. Sanitizing equipment is already on hand and some PPE supplies have been ordered and will be available.



*Campers enjoying golf cart rides*



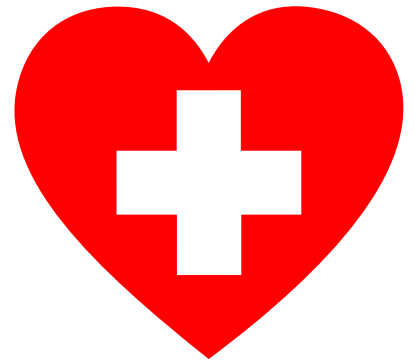
*Campers touching and learning about horses*

What we need is everyone to do is trust your Board of Directors to make the right decisions, find more campers and help find donations for the camp. There is a Lion that is working on funding sources at no charge. In time, there will be success but in the meantime, we all can help. There are multiple ways to personally donate to the camp, Memorial Garden, 1976 Society, Volley's Jar to name a few.

**NURSE(S) NEEDED!**

The Georgia Lions Camp is looking for a nurse(s) to work at the camp for 6 weeks. The nurse would have private quarters, be there when the campers are there and learn from these visually impaired campers from the age of 6 and up. This is a paid position. The following are the job requirements:

- Must be a Georgia licensed RN or higher.
- Must be on-site if campers are present
- The total summer camping session for the nurse is 5 to 6 weeks
- Can be more than one nurse and they share the schedule



Campers arrive Sunday and leave Friday for most sessions. One session runs until Sunday. Please share this information with your friends. Contact Camp Director Mike Williams at 912-283-4320.

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](http://www.glcb.org). When you know the answer, send your answer to Camp Director Mike Williams at [director@glcb.org](mailto: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.

**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



Camp Mission

1. It is the mission of the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. to provide personal growth experiences for children, teens and adults with visual impairments through the use of recreation, education, socialization and rehabilitation in an outdoor setting.

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

2. Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden was built and dedicated to the Memory of Dr. C. M. Blanton, primary founder of the Georgia Lions Camp for The Blind. The primary purpose of the garden is to help support the Georgia Lions Camp Inc., while honoring or remembering a Lion or someone special. The fountain which is the centerpiece of the garden is surrounded by perennial, annual flowers and some shrubbery. Some of the plants are drought resistant. For those that need water on a regular basis, the garden has an irrigation system that provides water by an automated timer. The garden is surrounded by over 30,000 bricks which provide several walkways around the garden. By purchasing one of these bricks and having it engraved with a message honoring or remembering someone is how you can help support the camp and its mission. This brick will then be imbedded in a location of your choice around the Memorial Garden. There will be a ceremonial service each year held the morning of Lions Day. These engraved bricks are \$100.00 each and will be a permanent remembrance of those who believe in the mission of the Georgia Lions Camp. A single brick will be custom engraved with your message and then embedded in the garden. The maximum inscription area is 3 lines with 13 characters per line.

Example:

Georgia Lions	13 characters
3/19/2012	9 characters
In Memory	8 characters

Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Memorial Garden

Engraved Brick Order Form

Cost of Each Brick: \$100.00

Brick Purchaser \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Custom engraved bricks may be: In Honor; In Memory;  
To an Individual Club; Lion; Spouse; Family; or Anonymous Donor.  
Each brick has three (3) engraved lines with a total of 13 characters  
on each line. Periods and commas are considered characters. You  
may use as few or up to 13 characters per line.

Please fill in the letters or numbers needed for your brick.

Use only the spaces you need.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. and mail  
along with form to:

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# Upcoming Events

**June 14 - July 19, 2020**

2020 Summer Camp Season

Session #1 CANCELLED

Session #2 Senior Adults- Ages 40 & Up  
June 21 thru June 26, 2020

Session #3 Young Adults- Ages 26-39  
June 28 thru July 3, 2020

Session #4 Transitional- Ages 18-25  
July 5 thru July 10, 2020

Session #5 Teenagers- Ages 13-17  
July 12 thru July 19, 2020

**July 18, 2020**

You're invited to Lions Day at the Camp on July 18, 2020 hosted by District N. This is an opportunity for Lions members to come and interact with campers.

This event will be hosted at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, Georgia on July 13, 2020 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Registration starts 9:00 a.m. and the days events are scheduled through 2:00 p.m. We will eat around 12:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.gclb.org](http://www.gclb.org).

## Contest Questions:

**Where is the fountain located at the Memorial Garden?  
How many Characters can go on each line of the bricks?**

### **Lions Camp Information**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Georgia-Lions-Camp-Inc>

Website: <https://www.gclb.org/>

Telephone: 912-283-4320

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### **Camp Alumni Contact Information**

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