



Georgia Lions Camp



April 2021

Once again, our Lions Camp hosted the Okefenokee Track and Cycle Clubs annual 10-K Swamp Run and One Mile Fun Run. Volunteers from their club began setting up the 6.2-mile course a week prior to the race.

This year a new course had to be chosen. Due to some recent heavy rains prior to race date the previous year's course was too wet. Even for a Swamp Run!

Volunteers arrive early that Saturday morning to set up the starting line and complete last-minute preparations. This year's race would require some precautionary measures to be done because of the past year's pandemic. Registrations for the runners was to be a bit different than previous years.



10K Swamp Run

Participants of all ages began arriving around 8:00 A.M. Over 150 runners were here early that morning. Ages ranged from those in strollers, (pushed by and adult of course) to the seasoned veterans. Most ran the course and a few walked. All had fun. The weather was perfect for an early morning run.

The Start and Finish lines would begin and end on the southeast end of the walking track. Runners would run around half of the track out to Lions Camp Rd. located out by the Blueberry bushes at the pond then proceed to highway 177. The runners next destination would take them to a fantastic few of the lake at Laura Walker State Park.

Although they did not have to run through any mud puddles there was lots of water. Enjoying the view of the lake as they ran along the boating dock. The runners would then run thorough the trails that lead to the park's cottages.

The State Park has built a bridge connector on the back side of the lake. A great place to see when you visit the Lions Camp. Runners would cross over the bridge run along a very weaving (curvy) walking trail and then enter the State Park.

As runners ran through the park they would cross over the highway and run through another 1.5. mile trail in the woods. At the 3.1 miles destination, runners would return back to the camp using the same trails. Destination, the finish line!

Winners were presented their awards according to the age groups they were in. All the youth that participated in the One Mile Fun Run were give a medallion by the club, which this year was connected to a lanyard furnished by the Lions Camp. A small token of appreciation from the camp.



10K Swamp Run

we have campers of all ages. Maybe not the strollers yet!

The club's members reach out to those who will help sponsor this event. Putting on an event such as this one does have some cost involved. Not everything is donated. Fortunately, after all expenses have been taken care of the Lions Camp receives a generous donation from the club. Each year that the race has been here at the camp we have received on average over \$3,000.00 annually.

The camp is thrilled that they still donate and help with kids attend the Y.M.C.A.'s Camp Reveille each year. Everyone, children especially enjoy a little fun at summer camp.

It is a little early to tell you what the donation is this year. I hope to have that information to you in next month's newsletter.

As a recipient of the hard work of all these club members we here at the camp say thank you. Lions are asked each year to attend if possible and cheer these runners on. Sometimes you can just stand along the race course, hand out a bottle of water, give them a clap of hands as they pass by, and cheer them on. Everyone likes a little encouragement. Save the Date! Next, year around about the third Saturday in March. Try to make plans to come to the camp and be a part of a great event. Those who can (Lions) are more than welcome to participate. Run or walk, you will be rewarded in many ways.



10K Swamp Run

Hope you enjoy the pictures included in this article!

Check the Camp's website for more at www.glcb.org

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Spring cleaning at the camp was a big success. Several Lions came and helped with many service projects. Painting, pressure washing the buildings, repairing picnic tables, washing windows, and installing some much-needed security gates.

Lions Richard Henderson and Charlie Phillips, members of the Oxford Lions Club came down on Friday to help. While they were here, Lion Richard purchased one set of the gates needed to secure one of the driveway entrances located near the Main Dormitory and installed them. Seeing as how they did such a great job; we also installed the other set of gates at the other driveway entrance.



Lions James Kent and Stan Broxston of the Baxley Lions Club-District-N



Gate

him in action, I knew exactly what he was talking about. That man is Hyper Active!

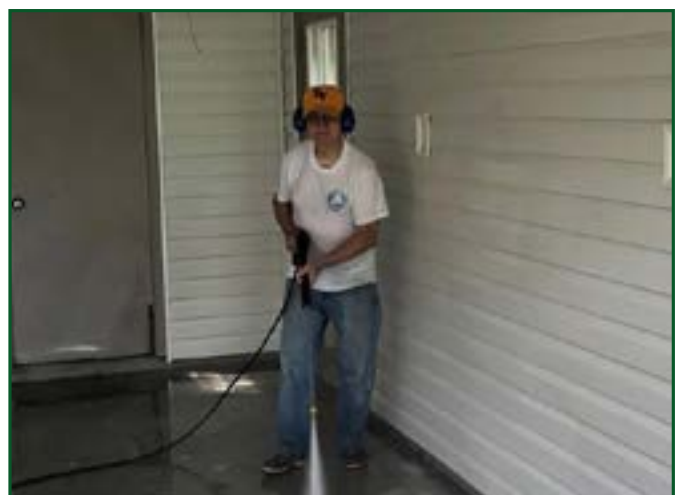
Camp Board Vice Chairman Lion Paul May of the Milledgeville Club came over on Saturday to help with pressure washing and stayed over until Sunday to apply some paint at the Arts and Crafts Building.

Lion Louis Keene of the Woodbine Lions Club came by to drop off some Linens for the newly renovated building. Formerly know as the staff lounge. One more step closer to completing the interior furnishing needs. When all is totally completed, we will be ready to provide private accommodations if needed for Families attending Family Camp. Furnishings will help other special groups that want to attend programs here at the camp.

Lions Bill Owens, Gary Potter, and Lee Potter of the Monroe Lions Club arrived early on Friday morning and started to work immediately. Projects included, you guessed it! Pressure washing and painting. Some

Lions Augustus Skeen (best known as Bubba) and his wife Lion Cindy along with Lion Suzanne Walker of the Darien Lions Club made the trip over to help with some much-needed pressure washing and window cleaning. There is plenty of dust, dirt, and pollen around this camp and cleaning is a constant part maintenance.

Bubba asked me what he could do when he called and of course I said pressure washing was needed. He told me he would be happy to tackle this project but wasn't sure if a pressure washer could keep up with him. That kind of confused me but when I saw



Pressure Washing

patchwork needed in the serving area of the dining hall was completed and a fresh coat of paint was applied.

Some boards on many of the camp's picnic tables had to be replaced because of weathering. We hope to someday replace all these tables with some that are made with materials that will stand up to South Georgia weather!

It was a great weekend and I know many Lions could not make it. District Convention and meetings were pre-scheduled. If you would like to come and help out at the camp, please contact me at the office, 912-283-4320 or email me, director@glcb.org. There is always something that you or your club can do here at the camp.



Gary pressure washing

Summer Camp season is fast approaching and I thank you all for your support. Many campers need assistance financially to help attend camp and you as Lions are there when they need help. Keep up the good work and I hope to see you soon.

Mike Williams
Camp Director
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Bubba



Cindy



Suzanne

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. We at the Georgia Lions Camp request 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.

Everyone did so well with the original Chairman's Challenge. Because of all the friends of the camp, the Chairman had to donate \$2000 of his own money.

Be on the lookout for the new Challenge. Since the current Chairman is leaving office, he wants to see how much you can hurt his pocket book as a going away gift.

Stay tuned.

Included in the April Newsletter is a flyer about the new Family Camp, which is August 6 to 8, 2021. Here are some of the criteria to be able to attend.

1. The camper must be either visually impaired or blind and have never attended the Georgia Lions Camp.
 2. The camper should be in a family situation where the parents are afraid to let the camper attend any function without them present. They are called Helicopter Parents.
 3. Up to four members of the family can attend camp with the camper and there can be up to 10 families. The minimum number of families is four.
 4. The ages and costs are shown in the flyer.
- Any questions, contact the camp at 912-283-4320.



AUGUST 6-8, 2021 FAMILY CAMP – "EYE CAN!"

What to Expect....

For the First Time Camper. Parents bring the immediate family and rally around your child with a visual impairment. There will be separate programs geared towards visually impaired campers, siblings, and parents. Campers and siblings will enjoy traditional summer camp fun! Parents will receive guidance on raising a child with a visual impairment to be independent and capable! Sessions on accessibility, legalities, and the special education process will leave the parent knowledgeable in being the best advocate for their child's success.



Camp is designed especially for individuals with visual impairments ages 5-12 years old

Adapted sports and camp activities

A unique "whole" family experience

"I can do anything, just in a different way!"

3 days of learning and fun for only \$100/Family!

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONTACT GEORGIA LIONS CAMP INC,

5626 Laura Walker Rd
Waycross, GA 31503



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.

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 22-24 ,2021 is our next scheduled Service Day (please know that you can call and schedule a workday anytime the camp does not have an event going on, you don't have to wait until October).

1. Clean and repair screens at the bar-b-que shelter
2. All Buildings!! Wash Windows-Inside and Outside-Clean Window Sills-Dust all Blinds, this is a big task and would be a good Lions Club Team Project. More than one club if possible.
3. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing. **(some work has been done, need more help)**
4. **Nature Trail** – clean up debris. **To build up low lying areas we need Four loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.**
5. Remove soiled carpet from (Rental House) (Directors house)
6. (Rental House) Replace carpet with either laminate flooring or ceramic tile Camp has some tile- enough to do maybe three of the four rooms.
7. Paint water heater room located behind the newly renovated Staff Building.
8. Paint the Water Tank
9. Paint the pump house at the pond
10. Paint sidewalks at the exit doors to the bunkhouse.
11. Repair Emergency exit door at restrooms in the Dining Hall.
17. Repair damaged handrails leading to the floating dock.
18. Paint the railing around the playground
19. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
20. Swings at the fire pit need to be painted.
21. Interior Dining Hall to be repainted
22. Memorial Garden, there are sections that need new shrubbery and flowers.
23. Clean debris inside the fencing at the fish pond
24. Clean debris outside the fencing at the fish pond (front, back, and sides)
25. Clean debris at the Low Ropes Elements

Other projects will be added as the need arises.



Nature Trails



Picnic Table

Upcoming Events

June 20-July 23, 2021

Summer Camp Begins in June (June 20th, thru July 23rd, 2021) with staff training on June 11, 2021.

July 17, 2021

Lions Day will be on July 17, 2021.

August 6-8, 2021

Family camp is scheduled for August 6-8, 2021. This camp is designed for campers between 5-12 years of age and is a unique family experience.

October 22-24, 2021

October 22-24, 2021 is the next scheduled Service Day at the Georgia Lions Camp.

Lions Camp Information

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Camp Alumni Contact Information

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