



Georgia Lions Camp



September 2022

2022 Camping season has come to an end. What a great summer it was. Filled with smiling faces. Campers enjoyed a great summer program filled with exciting adventures. Many of our pre-teen and several teenagers were first time attendees. Many of the new teenage campers attend school at the St. Augustine School for the Deaf and Blind in Florida. They are all excited about returning next year.



Campers smiling

Next up will be Christmas Camp, 2022. December 9-11.

Christmas Camp has several adult campers who attend annually. We are beginning to see an increase of attendance with the teenager age group also. Christmas Camp attendance is usually high. We have had as many as 54 campers for the three-day weekend. I anticipate there will be a great turnout for camp this year.

This is where I most likely will need your help. If you can take a little time off, December 8-11, 2022, I could use your help. There will be several jobs that you can assist with. Help prepare and serve meals, clean-up, helping with activities, assisting where there is a need, decorating for the party and then taking it all back down for storage, helping with campers in the sleeping quarters and at meals. I guarantee you will be busy and very much needed.



Campers

Here are some events that are planned for the weekend. Hay ride, Christmas party, arts and crafts, shopping at Walmart, and so much more.

I mentioned shopping? Yes. Campers have asked if they could participate in The Angel Tree project that is sponsored by our local Salvation Army.

Children who may have a limited Christmas or maybe receive nothing at all. Here at the camp in previous years we have collected donations in order for the campers to give back to others. We call it "Helping Others" Although we have done this several times in the past this will be the third time, we have the theme of "Helping Others". So, this years Christmas Camp theme is "Helping Others III"

Lions have helped by donating gift cards in any amount. The money collected is divided equally between the children we have received information on from the Salvation Army. We usually try to help four children. One year we were blessed enough by your donations and was able to help Seven children. If we can make a difference in one child's life, we will try our best!

Campers meet on Friday night to discuss the children and what they all hope to receive. All of these children only ask for minimal items. Maybe a bicycle, a football, baby doll, clothes, and maybe a pair of shoes.

On Saturday morning, we load up on a bus, head over to Walmart where each group of campers and their counselors search the store over for items on the list. Camper's touch, discuss, and even smell - . While shopping, Walmart has always greeted us kindly and even offers the campers a snack if they want one.



Camper Joey Carter (L) and Camp Board Chair: Paul May (R) with Spiderman

Campers go through the register and pay for each child's items. They keep up with what they need to purchase and how much they can spend. As counselors and guides we are all there just to assist. Self-Checkout is going to be an experience!

The excitement continues when we all get back to camp. We all gather in the gazebo to discuss what they bought for each of the kids. It can seem a little hectic, but seeing the smiles on the campers' faces makes it all well worth it! (There is usually a snack involved also).

This activity will be part of this year's Christmas Camp. If you would like to contribute a little towards this, please feel free to do so. Gift cards are the best way to help. \$25.00 individual cards will help go a long way. I will keep a list of all who donate (If you want us to know) and a thank you will be posted in the January newsletter.

Please don't take away from your annual donations to the camp. We still need those funds to continue to have Summer and Christmas Camps. Let this be a little extra from the "Heart".

Also, this Christmas Camp we will have some campers and staff from previous years with us here at camp. The camp is hosting its first Alumni Reunion that weekend also. They will have activities planned but are welcome to join us if they choose to do so.

It's going to be a great weekend. You will want to be a part of it. Bring your RV's, sleeping bag, or I can get you a list of hotels that are available in town. Sleeping quarters will be limited.

See you soon,

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Board Chairman's Report For September Newsletter

The new Lions Year is well under way. A very successful Summer Session has been completed and now the Board and its Committees are all working on plans and actions for this year. Hopefully all the equipment failures mainly from lightning storms are behind us. We are still awaiting word from our insurance carrier on our claims. Our next Board meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 22 in Perry, GA. This will be our Fall Meeting that will be held along with the MD18 Council of Governors and the Lighthouse. All Lions are invited to attend the Board Meeting. At this meeting we will be approving the financial budget for the year 2023.

In order for the Board to approve the 2023 Annual Budget, each Committee will need to start working now on their inputs for their parts of the Budget. Any Lion wishing to provide any input should contact their respective District Director or Member-at-Large representative. We currently, due to the equipment failures, are running very low on operating cash and have had to transfer \$20,000 from our Investment Fund to our Operational Account. Hopefully our insurance will cover some of these extra expenditures. Some of the main issues we will need to address this year are:

1. How will we be addressing future capital expenditures?
2. How will we address the Building & Grounds labor needs?
3. How will we seek more outside sources of income?

The Fundraising Committee is actively seeking outside grants, increasing awareness of individual contributions and fundraising projects. Work is progressing on a major fundraiser Golf Tournament in June; it will be a joint effort with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse.

The Constitution and Policy Committee are actively reviewing the Camp's Policies.

The Long Range Planning Committee is working on the details for the upcoming retreat at the Camp on Nov. 4-6. The purpose of the Retreat is to develop goals and actions to meet the Camp's Long Range Plans.

Congratulations to 18-I for having the highest percentage (70%) of their Clubs making contributions to the Camp. Also Congratulations to 18-N for having the most dollars being contributed at \$43,377.

My motto this year is **GROWING THE CAMP MORE**. To do this, **help** is needed from each Lion and each Georgia Lions Club. As always, help is needed to provide the funds for the operations of the Camp. As I said in my last Camp Newsletter **we need the help** of the Lions of Georgia to get the word out to all the school districts in Georgia. If you are willing to help please contact me by email pafastphoto@windstream.net or by phone 478-745-7285. It is up to us, the Lions of Georgia, to increase the numbers of campers for next year and we need to start now. **So please**, let us help you to reach the vision impaired students in your community. Thank you for all you have done this past year and for all you will do this year.

GROWING THE CAMP MORE,

Paul May
Chairman of the Georgia Lions Camp Board of Directors

First, I would like to thank Lions Reese Munch (18-L), and Joanne Huff (18-I) for their service on the Long Range Planning Committee last year. They, along with Lions Johnny Barrentine (18-O), Ron Zepieri (18-N) and myself, who are staying on the Committee, were responsible for the largest revision to the Constitution since the camp was originally created, with a historical breakout of new Bylaws from the old Constitution, and the adoption of a more streamlined method to change each.

Second, I'd like to welcome Lions Donna Townsend (18-L) and Kembra Smith (18-I) to the Committee to help carry on the important work of helping to provide a clear set of governance documents for the camp.

We next tackle the three policy documents: Corporate, Operational, and Personnel, to harmonize them with the newly amended Constitution and newly adopted Bylaws, and to seek ways to make them more uniform, better reflective of current operations, and easier to understand and administer.

Larry Griggers
Chairman

First, I would like to thank Lion Katie Proctor for her service on the Constitution & Bylaws Committee last year. Lion Katie, along with Lions Chris Sullivan (18-I), Tommy Powell (18-O), Mark Anners (18-N), and myself, who are staying on the Committee this year, were responsible for implementing the first four of five steps in the development of the Long Range Plan: Mission Statement, Values, Goal Directions, and Strategies.

PCC Garner Andrews (18-L) has joined the Committee to help us with the final step of the Long Range Plan — the development of the Action Items.

The Action Items will be developed at a first-of-its-kind weekend-long Planning Workshop to be held November 4-6, 2022, at the camp in Waycross. The Action Items will be the most visible results of the Long Range Planning process. They will consist of specific things the Committee will propose to the Board of Directors to carry out the Strategies, which move us toward accomplishing the Goals, that support our Values, and will help us carry out our Mission. The Action Items will be specific tasks with deadlines and metrics by which to measure when they are accomplished.

This historical workshop will bring together folks representing all of the stakeholders of the camp. The Board of Directors, Committee Members, GLC Staff, and even some former campers have been invited. The workshop will provide a forum for all those who love the camp and want to see it grow to come together, arrive at a consensus, and lay plans to make that growth happen!

After the intensive Friday and Saturday Workshop concludes, Chairman Paul May has called a meeting of the Board of Directors to meet Sunday to consider adoption of the Action Items. If our Committee has done its job, we hopefully will have a clear Long Range Plan to carry us forward into the future.

It is our earnest hope that the framework the LRP Committee has laid out will serve as a blueprint for planning in the future. Future LRP Committee members will be able to update it each year, adding new Action Items to replace those that have been accomplished, and “tweaking”, where necessary, the Mission, Values, Goal Directions, and Strategies.

Larry Griggers
Chairman



**SAVE THE DATE:
FEBRUARY 18,2023**

The Woodbine Lions Club will be having their 6th annual Car Show here at the Georgia Lions Camp in Waycross, Ga. Proceeds from this event help with Camper program needs and Camper fees.

There will be food trucks, art and craft vendors, activities for the young and young at heart.

In 2022 we had 99 entries to this event. Let's make 2023 even better! Come spend the entire weekend with us. Here at the camp, we have 4-Full-Service RV spots available for overnights. We also have 6 additional RV spots that provide power and water. Restrooms available.

We need Lion's support and participation.

Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, anything you would like to show off is welcomed.

Vendors: We have limited power and water for those who may need these services.

Do you have something you would like to donate as a door prize? Contact the camp office at 912-283-4320

Let's show South Georgia what the Lions Camp is all about.

Let's "KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING"

Add more Wood, "MAKE IT BURN BRIGHTER"

Mike Williams

Camp Director

1976 SOCIETY - August 01, 2022 - August 31, 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
Debbie Griggers	Lyons Lions Club
Sherry Henry	Sparta Lions Club
Richard Brown	Covington Lions Club
Joe Richardson	Oxford Lions Club

CENTURY CLUB - August 01, 2022 - August 31, 2022

There were no donations in August.

Brick Memorial Garden - August 01, 2022 - August 31, 2022

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Keith Yarbrough	Waycross Okefenokee
McDonough Lions Club	McDonough Lions Club
Marietta Lions Club	Marietta Lions Club
Paul May	Milledgeville Lions Club
Richmond Hill Lions Club	Richmond Hill Lions Club

Camp Finances Y-T-D thru AUGUST 31, 2022

We are now 8 Months of the 2022 Fiscal Year -- right in the middle of the 3rd Quarter of our Financial Year. The 1st and 2nd Quarters were actually very good for us, financially speaking.

As expected, Camping Season expenses were extremely high -- they always are. The Camp also had problems with Storms this year -- some damage, expensive damage -- Insurance Claims have been filed, but no settlements yet.

Our Cash Liquidity rose ever so slightly to 1.1 months of normal monthly expenses. We are now in a 'Cash Rebuilding Stage' -- we need to replenish our cash. We need everyone's help to do so. Contributions -- from Clubs or individuals -- are needed now. Camping Season 2022 may be over -- we are back to Non-Camping Operations. This is the time to build our Cash. Please Help -- NOW.

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 AUGUST 31, 2022

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income for 2022 to-date	180,651.99	231,930.00
Total Expenses for 2022 to-date	202,923.88	238,166.00
NET Operating Income for 2022 to-date	(22,271.89)	(6,236.00)

Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru AUGUST 31, 2022

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2022 to-date	20	38	20	29
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	48%	70%	40%	51%
Contributions by District for 2022 Y-T-D	37,843.39	25,151.74	15,585.18	43,377.02

As you can see above -- The number of Clubs contributing to the Camp in 2022 is NOT where it should be. Right at 66% of our year is now over --on the average, only 52% of the Clubs across Georgia have made a Contribution of any size to the Camp so far this year. ALL Clubs need to support our 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. ALL Contributions are appreciated!

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.
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: updated 8/2/22

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- 20 cans of spray
 5. Laundry detergent- gallon size preferable- 3 cases of 6? Bottles per case
 6. Dish detergent (dawn preferred)-Large size- 20 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 - 4 cases
 15. Clorox wipes- large size – 12
 16. 60-gallon industrial size garbage bags
 17. 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.
 18. Food serving gloves- case of/one size fits all – Powder Free
 19. Bug spray- non- DEET and DEET accepted. -20 cans spray or pump
 20. Sunscreen **Spray** -at least 50/75 spf non allergenic – 24 cans-spray or pump
 21. Disposable ponchos for rainy days – 50 – these can be found at dollar stores or dollar general
 22. Small first aid kits- 24 sets of travel size
 23. Bandage wraps – 24 packages of 3 per package
 24. Gauze – rolls or square- 48 pieces
 - 25. Wasp Spray- Black Flag brand preferred. 2 cases of 12 per case.**
 - 26. 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.**
 27. 50-1 mix for weed eaters and lawn maintenance tools used here at the camp. 24 bottles
 28. 5W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts. Per case
 29. 10W30 motor oil- 1 case of 12 qts per case
 30. 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

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.
11. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
12. Railing and post need repair at the back double door entrance to the dining hall
13. Sitting Swings at the fire pit need to be cleaned and painted.
14. Activity Site Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
15. Repaint Dining Hall.
16. Lights in Large Dormitory and Bunkhouse Dormitory still need to be converted to LED bulbs.
17. Pull out canoes and see which ones need repairing
18. Repair broken board on canoe cart
19. Tin roof over bleachers at horse arena needs to be re-applied
20. Pressure wash poolside deck
21. Sign up for lawn care maintenance - (mowing weed eating, trimming, etc.)
22. Fence repair (several post and rails have decayed and broken)
23. Fence is leaning at rental house needs to be secured properly
24. Low hanging limbs over the road that access' RV's to the back of the camp need trimming. Man-lift, chain saws will be needed
25. Playground needs weeds pulled and limbs of tree trimmed to adult head height.
26. All cabinets in the main dorm need to be checked for easy opening and closing-repair those that need repairing
27. Need some shower heads replaced in the main dormitory

Save the Date!

Lions Service Day at the Camp is Scheduled for: Fall October 21-23, 2022

If you can't come on this date:

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

1-912-283-4320 or email: director@glcb.org

Spring 2023 Lions Service Day will be February 24-26

Upcoming Events

October 21-23, 2022

Fall Lions Service Days

December 9-11, 2022

Camper Alumni Reunion

December 9-11, 2022

Christmas Camp. Registrations for Christmas camp will be open on October 24, 2023.

Lions Camp Information

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Camp Alumni Contact Information

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