

Camp Lions Den

Camp Lions Den is a residential camping program for the visually handicapped of South Carolina. Sponsored by the Anderson Mid-Day Lions Club, Inc of Anderson, SC and South Carolina Lions, Inc. Camp Lions Den is administered by the Clemson University Outdoor Lab.



Camp Lions Den was first held in 1978 and was sponsored by the Anderson Mid-Day Lions Club of Anderson, SC. Only 15 campers were registered that first year, and the future of the camp was questionable. However, the enthusiasm of the campers and staff convinced the founding club to continue Camp Lions Den. That decision resulted in consistent growth in service to children and teens with visual problems. Today, more than 1600 campers have been served at Camp Lions Den and a capacity registration can be expected each season.

Who may attend

Any visually handicapped child between the ages of 7 and 17 may attend. The camper must be able to walk, dress and feed himself, take care of personal hygiene, get along with other children, and participate in supervised outdoor activities. Only 40 campers will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are accepted without regard to race, color, national origin, or sex.



Camp Activities/Supervision

Camp activities include but are not limited to, the following: hiking, fishing, canoeing, instructional swimming, boat rides, arts and crafts, outdoor games, campfire programs, overnight camping trips, and cookouts.



Staff for Camp Lions Den has been carefully selected to work with challenged individuals. In addition to counsellors and specialists, the camp has a full-time resident nurse. Every camper is assigned to a group of eight campers and

lives with, and is supervised by, three full-time staff members.

Campers Come Free

SC Lions Clubs support Camp Lions Den for the visually challenged as a state project. There is NO FEE for attendance. Parents are responsible for the cost of the medical exam and transportation, unless other arrangements are made. Without the contributions of individual Lions clubs all over the state, Camp Lions Den would not be possible.

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