



# Georgia Lions Camp



July 2021

The 2021 season of summer camp has started out with a Strike. Campers came this year with high expectations of some exciting new and improved activities. One of the favorite activities brought back this year was a trip over to the Strike Zone. A family friendly bowling alley in Brunswick, Ga. This was one of many activities that awaited our Senior Adult group.

Campers enjoyed the swimming at the Lagoon, social activities and the food of course at the Cantina - they always enjoy the food.

On their very first night they were part of a Fairytale Murder Mystery that was performed at The Lion's Den. Counselors performed a drama where campers had to be attentive and listen for clues on 'Who Done It!' What happened to Grumpy and Pinocchio? This was nothing short of a Hallmark Original.

There was to be a Game Show Night in the Lion's Den. The Lions Camp version of Family Feud and the Price is Right. What would you pay for a Butterfinger? Can you Name That Tune? Another favorite game with a twist!

During the Arts and Crafts activities at the Artesian Hut, campers made their own soap with scents they choose. Not to sure about chocolate and lavender? A textile project was done after campers searched the camp for items that came from many different areas around the camp. Grass, twigs, leaves, and many other unique items. All of these were used to create a work of art placed on a canvas.

Each morning was started with motivation around the flag pole. Some singing, clapping, stretching, and special moves to get the blood flowing. Time to work off that morning breakfast meal.

Another event that had been done in previous years was a camper bake-off. This activity was led by one of our new counselors who had just graduated from the Colorado School for the Blind. She is also a full-time student at Kennesaw State. After baking their mug cake, campers enjoyed eating it!

Now you know we can't have a night that doesn't involve a friendly game of Bingo and some music. While some played bingo, others practiced what they would perform during the annual talent show. To keep the flow going smoothly, counselors would assist campers between activities. What I did not know was how much they were preparing for their performances they would do later in the week. Our new Music and Theatrical leader was fantastic with the campers.



*Campers bowling*

A surprise for us all was the time the campers put into their choir rehearsals. The GLCB choir was putting together something special. Maybe something special will be done for Lions Day this year. Trust me, you do not want to miss out on this.



*GLCB Choir*

Before we knew it, the week of Senior Camp was almost over. Campers received their individual awards for the week and all were happy to show off their Canvas Crafts they had made earlier in the week.

Campers along with counselors shed a few tears during our final night of All Night, All Day. One of the campers said that this camp is what they all live for! If not for the Georgia Lions Camp their days would be long. Camp is the place they can come and be with friends they have made over the years. All who attended summer camp have asked when is Christmas Camp? They are already counting down the days when they can return.

So, until next months update on how camp is going, please stay in touch. Help where you can. Tell others what the Georgia Lions Camp means to so many individuals.

Remember: Let's, KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING

Mike Williams  
Camp Director  
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.



*Campers*

# SERVING MORE

I would like to thank the Lions of Georgia for electing me as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. I look forward to working with the Lions of Georgia as we move the Camp forward in **SERVING MORE** of the vision impaired.

## **The Board Member for 2021-2022:**

Chairman -- PCC Paul May (18-F)  
Vice Chairman -- Jay Taylor (18-O)  
Secretary -- PCC Olin Newby (18-I)  
Treasurer -- PDG David White (18-L)  
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MD18 Council Representative -- DG Ken Gordon (18-N)  
Camp Director -- Mike Williams (18-N)

### Directors

18-L Phil Minnes  
18-I Joanne Huff  
18-O Johnny Barrentine  
18-N Larry Griggers

### Member-At-Large

Kay Eller  
Young Martin  
Tommy Powell  
PDG Mark Anners

## **Committee Chairs**

Building and Grounds -- Phil Minnes (18-L)  
Finance -- PDG David White (18-L)  
Constitution and Policy -- Larry Griggers (18-N)  
Fundraising -- Bill Owens (18-I)  
Long Range Planning -- Larry Griggers (18-N)

I am glad to announce that all Members-At-Large and all positions on each committee have been filled and approved by the Board of Directors and all the committees have already started working. I thank each of you for being willing to **SERVING MORE**.

Having gone thru all the trials and tribulations of this past year and half with the pandemic, it is now time for each Board Member and the Lions of Georgia to focus on how we can **SERVE MORE**, increase the number of campers and to increase the utilization of the Camp's facilities in Waycross, GA. Another objective I have for the Board is to ensure that every Lions Club in Georgia is contacted by a member of the Board and that every Lions Club will be asked to make a financial contribution to the Camp.

I look forward to seeing my fellow Lions at the Camp on Lions Day, July 17. (see details attached). I would like to give a special thanks to 18N, especially PDG Mark Anners, for hoisting and arranging the luncheon for the day. It is a great day to get to socialize with our fellow Lions and with the campers and counselors. And of course a big THANK YOU to Gail and Mike Williams for pulling it all together.

Remember the Chairmen's (Ed and Paul) Challenge is continuing thru December.

There will be a short introductory Board Meeting in the conference room at 3:00 on Lions Day.

## **SERVING MORE**

Paul May  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

It's back! That's right. After being cancelled last year, Lions Day at the Georgia Lions Camp (GLC) is back. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 17, 2021 as the GLC at 5626 Laura Walker Road in Waycross, Georgia will open its gates and welcome Lions from across the state to visit our camp and see what a marvelous facility we have in our own backyard. Please encourage your whole club, family and friends to attend this exciting day and see the camp in action.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with activities starting at 9:00 a.m. Activities will include tours of the camp, interaction with the campers, Memorial Brick Laying Ceremony, beeper ball and lots more fun.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. consisting of pulled BBQ pork, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls, drink and dessert for \$10.00. Upon completion of lunch, Dan Parker, a blind machinist/racer from Columbus, Georgia will be the guest speaker followed by a talent show presented by the campers. This year's Lions Day will be hosted by District 18-N.

# Lions Day at the Camp



## "Adventure Land"

Get ready for Lions Day at the Georgia Lions Camp on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Activities will include tours of the camp, interaction with campers, memorial brick laying ceremony, lunch, guest speaker, talent show and lots more fun.

Lunch will consist of pulled BBQ pork, baked beans, Cole slaw, potato salad, rolls, drink and dessert for \$10.00. This year's Lions Day is hosted by District 18-N.

### Schedule of Events

8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration
9:00 am - 12:30 pm	Tours of the Camp/ Interaction with Campers
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Memorial Brick Laying Ceremony
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Beeper Kick Ball Game - Campers vs DGs
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Guest Speaker - Dan Parker, Blind Lion Machinist/Racer
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Camper Talent Review
3:00 pm	End/Depart

To make reservations for the Lions Day, email Gail Williams at [secretary@glcb.org](mailto:secretary@glcb.org) or mail registration forms to Georgia Lions Camp, 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, Georgia, 31503. Make checks payable to the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

**Be sure to make your reservations by Friday, July 9** so we may get an accurate count on how many Lions/friends will be attending. We hope to see you there!

# Lions Day at the Camp



## Registration Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid \_\_\_\_\_



# CENTURY CLUB - May 01, 2020 - April 30, 2021

## LIONS CLUB

## NAME

Woodbine	Charles Keene
Winder Noon	Joann L Smith
Decatur North	Kembra Smith
Waycross Okfenokee	Daniel K. Yarbrough
Tifton	Donald Sumner
Woodbine	Randall W. Gowen
Darien	Ron Zeppieri
Byron	Marlene Humphry
Thomaston	Carl Forrest
Thomaston	David Forrest
Marietta-East Cobb	Edward Ressler
Snellville	Grace Clower
Thomaston	David McDonald
NonLion	Robbie Roberson
Centerville	William Craig
Centerville	Carolyn Craig
Decatur	Eugenia Massingale
Centerville	Lloyd Britt
Centerville	Judy Britt
Woodstock	Cheryl Lynn Rainey
Richmond Hill	Theodora B Stevens
Athens	J.B. Tanner
Woodbine	W.R. Sutton
Athens	Classic City Lions Club
Byron	Marlene Humphry
Woodbine	Lions Club of Woodbine
Woodbine	R.C. Sweat,
Hephzibah	Jon M Winters
Woodbine	Charles Louis Keene
Hinesville	Lillian Shurtleff
Winder Noon	Joann Smith

# 1976 Society May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

<u>Lions Club</u>	<u>Name</u>
Centerville	Gail Coefield
East Cobb	Edward Ressler
Marietta	David White
Woodbine	Charles Keene
Centerville	JC Coefield, Jr.
Milledgeville	Paul May
Sparta Lions	Sherry Henry
Sparta Lions	Clifford M Brown
Alpharetta	Dennis Chapman
Smyrna Jonquil	Katherine Eller
Savannah Port City	Richard Mizell
Decatur North	Kembra Smith
Ellijay	Theodore Vickroy
Covington	Joe L Richardson
Thomaston	Dimple Forrest
Douglas	Dewey Hayes Jr
Woodbine	Jim Procto
Norcross	Gertrude Rudert
Norcross	John Rudert
Covington	Richard Brown-
Marietta	Joseph S Hughes
Washington	Olin C Newby
Dawsonville	Greg Hicks
Covington	Edward Johnson
Hephzibah	Jon M Winters
Woodbine	Charles Louis Keene
Gainesville	John F Pearce
Snellville	Grace L Clower
Marietta	David White
Dawsonville	Joseph Hirsch



## Camp Finances Y-T-D thru June 30, 2021

Financially, 2021 is proving to be a challenging year for the Camp -- just as it is for Lions Clubs in general. We depend on the Contributions of the Lions of Georgia for about 80 % of our income. Please remember our Camp with your Club Contributions and your Individual Contributions as Lions. Please help in our effort to offer the 'Camp Experience' to more Campers by helping out with a generous donation.

### Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru June 30, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	93,504.85	199,255.00
Total Expenses	95,102.34	168,453.98
NET OPERATING INCOME	(1,597.49)	30,801.02

### Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru June 30, 2021

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2021 to-date	18	32	17	23
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	41%	59%	27%	40%

#### 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.

From May 1 to December 31, 2021 the two Chairmen will match up to \$5000 total in donations to the CHALLENGE. As we did last fall, it must be on a personal check, marked CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE in the memo field and must be postmarked by December 31, 2021.

If you prefer not to write a check, you can use PayPal which is available on the Georgia Lions Camp website which is [www.glcb.org](http://www.glcb.org).

Again, any donation amount is appreciated but this time we have a CHALLENGE COIN that has the camp logo on the front and Keep the Camp Fires Burning on the back. For a donation of at least \$100 you will receive the coin plus a 3D display to place the coin in, if desired.



*Challenge Coin Front*



*Challenge Coin Back*

Eye Can is the weekend of August 6-8, 2021 for up to 10 families with up to 5 family members attending.

The purpose is to allow parents of a visually impaired child see that their child can safely do all the things at camp. The target age is 5 to 12 years old and there are two criteria: first, the visually impaired child cannot have attended our camp and second, the cost is \$100 for the entire family for the weekend.

Application EYE CAN for is now available on line. The link is found at the Georgia Lions Camp website, [www.glb.org](http://www.glb.org), go to the camp registration link and at the bottom of the page is the link to register for EYE CAN.



# 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](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.

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 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 20-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**

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)