



Georgia Lions Camp



September 2021

September is: KEEP THE CAMP FIRES BURNING Month! Each September Lions of Georgia have designated this month to go out and promote the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. to the public. In the beginning this promotion was known as “Send A Kid to Camp”.

This is an extra way to connect with the public in your local communities and provide them with information about what we offer here at the camp. It is an opportunity for us to talk publicly about the camp and about what we have to offer here.

Like Lionism, many do not know about our motto “We Serve” or Lions Clubs, so they definitely do not know about the Camp. This is a great opportunity to inform those who may know individuals that are either visually impaired or blind about camp. Camp is where that child or adult can come participate, grow and be amongst their peers.

We have a camp that allows them to experience exhilaration, empowerment, freedom and independence all while participating in recreational activities and programs. This is a camp where all individuals are treated equally. Dr. C. M. Blanton, the camp’s founder along with many other Lions wanted to provide a place where the visually impaired and blind could come and have the same opportunities to enjoy a camp that was just for them. Many may ask what do they do at camp. Just inform them, we do any activity that they would have enjoyed as a youth at summer camp. Nothing is impossible here at the Lions Camp.

Lions’ leadership, Camp Board members I ask you to help us with spreading the word. Contact the Lions Clubs in your districts. Let’s all take a day or two this September to go set up in a great public setting that will allow you to speak with many individuals. I know many of you volunteer to help other organizations such as diabetes, cancer, social services and the list goes on. So, take a Saturday or two, spread awareness about the Georgia Lions Camp Inc., collect some donations that will help “Keep The Camp Fires Burning” (Send a Kid to Camp). You may even gain the interest of someone who would love to be part of a great bunch of people who care. Please continue those annual club and individual donations that you have done for so many years and take this month to do that little bit “Extra”!

Thanks to all of you,

Mike Williams
Camp Director
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.



Campfire picture

Let’s put on some extra Wood and,
“Make the Fire Burn Brighter”

**First Baptist Jasper Youth Mission Group return to the
Georgia Lions Camp Inc.
Summer 2021**

From ages Pre-K to Seniors in high school many came to the camp to help with several pre-determined projects that would enhance the camp's facilities and grounds. Each one would contribute in their own special way.

Kyle Rasco along with many supporting adults organized this group and handled any needs that would arise during their stay here. Anything from providing meals, snacks, material needs and the most important of all, guidance and daily devotions. Each day and evening began and ended with a little scriptural inspiration.



First Baptist Jasper Youth Mission Group

Some of these individuals have been attending Youth Mission trips since they were young children. One of which is Kyle. He started coming with his dad, Mr. Glen Rasco of whom used to be the leadership of this group. Now Kyle has taken over this role. Kyle has three sons who also come with him now. Along with his wife (Cassie) of course! Someone has to keep these guys in line.

Jasper's primary mission is to help those who need assistance. While doing so, this allows the youth to learn about serving. While teaching them some basic life skills. Carpentry, masonry, electrical, painting, landscaping, working with others as a team. As they become older many become leaders and help the upcoming youth that are just beginning to grow. It takes a special person to take some of their personal time and dedicate it to the service of others. Serving others, not themselves. Sound Familiar?

In 2020 they were scheduled to come work here at the camp but had to cancel because of the pandemic. At which time we discussed them coming in the summer of 2021 if possible. Now the youth from First Baptist Jasper could not come during 2020 but Kyle asked if the camp had a need? Maybe he could put together a group of adults that would like to come and help us out. Kyle and I discussed the projects of widening some of our sidewalks and installing concrete ramps at the building that was being renovated.

Kyle put together a team of about twenty adults and they came down in July last year and completed these projects. One more step in helping this camp become ADA compliant. We still have a ways to go if we want to serve other organizations that are looking for a facility that will meet their special needs. Plans to return in 2021 would hopefully mean they could send their full mission team. Participation can range from 60 to over 100 individuals. That is a lot of workers and they do come to work. The task of putting together a project list began to take shape.

In a combined team effort between First Baptist Jasper and the Lions Camp to install 4 additional RV spots for visitors and Lions they were able to come to the camp and use these additional 4 RV hookups and power stations. Note: These 4 RV hookups are full service; power, water, and sewage. This gives the camp the ability to have up to ten individual RVs on site at one time. Great for Lions or rental groups. Six are power and water only. All can service recreational vehicles that may need 50-amp power supply.

Having this set up for Jasper and others to stay here on site will continue to benefit the camp. Financially and promotionally. Future visits here to the camp by this Jasper group are already being discussed. With the ability to stay on site this helps them focus on helping with project needs. Well, these sites worked great. They may have been designed for only four RV's but they were able to connect seven. Mr. Jeff (they call him Jeff of all trades!) came in a little late but was able to set up close by at one of the power stations.

The separate power supply for their outdoor kitchen worked perfectly. Outside dining under a huge tent was a great asset also. There were plenty electrical outlets for their fans. Which helped keep down some of the Knats. Notice I said, some!

One of the camp's primary projects was the construction of a storage facility for our Tandem Bike and Archery Programs. Due to the enormous increase in material cost we now have to construct this building in phases. The first being pouring concrete footers and the slab. Phase two will be constructing the walls, roof and siding. Next will be installing doors, windows, electrical, water and all final essential needs. (painting) (interior shelving).

Another project was the installation of carpet in the Gazebo. This would help keep down the noise a little and would also benefit our campers and those who come to see our facilities to hold their events here.

Project three was to give the Memorial Garden a much-needed trimming, weeding, and replanting of some new flowers and shrubbery. A couple of our Lions, Dave and Dimple Forrest made a kind donation towards the purchase of these materials. The fountain would need to be cleaned and painted also.

There were about 24 original projects on the work list but they ended up completing 35 tasks. When you get people who want to help, they can keep you busy finding them work projects. If you or a group of you want to come help out here at the camp, just give me a call and we can schedule you a project. I will warn you, it will most likely be physical!

Allowing Jasper to stay on the camp's property allowed them to fund all these projects. The only cost to the camp was a little electricity. Just the funding of materials for the task done was around \$7,660.00; running errands, getting supplies, etc.

I have included the list of projects so you can see the work that was done.

1. Storage Building; prep for footers and form mono-slab – pour concrete
for concrete and other tools needed
2. Lay Carpet squares in Gazebo- appr. 1400 sq. ft.
3. Spread crush and run or milled asphalt on nature trail
4. Clean and treat wood at amphitheater
5. Scrape off old paint and paint water fountain at Memorial Garden
6. Landscape and plant shrubs and flowers at Memorial Garden (Camp has a budget for buying these plants, shrubs, and mulch)
7. Place a new border around bricks at part of the Memorial Garden some bricks will need to be removed and placed back correctly
8. Paint the horse arena and ramp.
9. Paint the rails around the playground.
10. Put up a gutter on the rear entrance of the main girl's dorm
11. Need help in kitchen, camp only has one cook.
12. This week camp will need help with maintenance of landscape, mowing, edging, trimming, weed eating, picking up debris, and what else that may come up that week. Lions' day will be that following Saturday, July 17th, 2021.
13. Install two ceiling fans at the climbing wall shelter
14. Install a ceiling fan in the dining hall
15. Pressure wash B&G house



Concrete slab work for special activities building

16. Pressure wash storage building near the dumpster
17. Repair broken glass in gazebo door
18. Install door closer hinges at entrance to girl's dorm and entrance to boy's dorm also one on the side emergency entrance doors.
19. Install door closer hinge to the two gazebo entrance doors.
20. Repair rails leading to the lake
21. Cut down dead trees out near the walking trail, put trees over in the woods
22. Trim limbs where bus comes in to load and unload campers
23. Move bed in boys' side of Bunkhouse dorm. Blocks alarm system
24. Trim limbs where sidewalks are used
25. Trim limbs at playground
26. Pressure wash Bunkhouse Dorm
27. Landscape and plant flowers at camp's entrance
28. Replace broken guide rope post
29. Install Gate post and gate at B&G house
30. Patch floor in gazebo
31. Replaced broken swing near the playground
32. Repair window trim on exit doors of the main dorm-boys' and girls' side
33. Rebuild both lifeguard stands for the pool.
34. Purchased a weed eater and weeded around the camp
35. Serviced the tractor and bought new filters



Outdoor Amphitheater gets a facelift



Lifeguard Chairs are rebuilt and tested by, maybe a future counselor?



Memorial Garden

There are many of you that make this camp a great place for campers. Like the group that came to help, it can't be done without your support. I hope you were able to attend Lions Day this past summer and you were able to see these projects were done.

If not, we do have another Lions Service Day scheduled for October 22-24, 2021. I would be glad to have you a work project ready!

Until next month, stay safe and healthy.

Thanks,

Mike Williams

Camp Director

Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Let's "Keep The Camp Fires Burning"

Add more wood and make it: BURN BRIGHTER!!!

This past month the Camp Director, Mike Williams, and I have discussed the feedback reports from all of the counselors, the Program Director Krista MacCallum and Mike's report. Overall all the sessions went very well. As always some adjustments had to be made at times. One very positive note was that there were NO issues concerning the covid-19 virus with any of the campers or counselors. During September Mike and I will begin discussions on plans for next year's summer sessions. Of course we still have the Christmas Camp session coming on December 10-12.

The Board approved PID Kembra Smith to be the Board's Legal Advisor. The Board had a working session on what the objectives of the Board should be for this year. Obviously there are many miscellaneous items that the Board needs to take care during the year. The two main areas of concern the Board decided they needs to address are:

1. Increase the number of campers for next summer
2. Income to meet the budget

All Board members realize that each one has to do their part in addressing these two issues. Likewise, every Lions Club in 18MD can also help resolve these two areas of concern. If your Club has not made a contribution, please see if they can. Can your club conduct a special fundraising project for the Camp like the Atlanta Lions Club? They are holding a Cornhole contest for the Camp on Oct. 2 (see below). If contributions do not increase we will have to transfer some funds from the Camp's Investment Fund to cover the Camp's operating expenses before the end of this calendar year. In a future newsletter there will be some ways that each Club can help in getting the word out about the Camp to the vision impaired in your community.

All of the committees are actively working on their specific areas for the Camp. The next scheduled Board meeting is in Perry at the Joint Council of Governors/Camp/Lighthouse on November 13. All the Lions of Georgia are invited to attend.

Don't forget the Chairman's Challenge (see below) ends in December.

Congratulations to 18-I for having the highest percentage (65%) of Clubs contributing to the Camp and 18-N for having the most dollars (\$27,307). The Marietta-East Cobb Lions Club (18-L) has given the most dollars \$6,803 followed by the Covington Lions Club (18-I) with \$6,299.

Lions Clubs of Georgia, the Camp needs your financial support NOW.

Paul May
Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Camp

CHAIRMAN CHALLENGE - MAY 01, 2021 - AUGUST 31, 2021

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Mark Talley	Dalton
Scott Rogers	Atlanta
Tommy Powell	Columbus
Edwin Link	Atlanta
Shellie Smith	Tattnall Leos
Kembra Smith	Decatur
Sonia Saylor	Pooler
Nancy Morton	Linek Conyers
Christopher Sullivan	Statham
Marty Myers	Perry
Diane O'Shields	Forsyth
Larry Griggers	Lyons
Dennis Chapman	Alpharetta
Bill Owens	Monroe
Hannah Flynn	Greenville
Jay Taylor	Centerville
Robert Lique	Ellijay
Dave Forrest	Thomaston
Dimple Forrest	Thomaston
Cynthia Skeen	Darien
Edward Ressler	Marietta-East Cobb
Amy Andrews	Alpharetta
Randy Collins	Snellville
David Crawford	Alpharetta
Chinese American Lions	Atlanta Chinese American LC
Jim Ervin	Albany
Calvin Willis	LaGrange

1976 SOCIETY - MAY 01, 2021 - AUGUST 31, 2021

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

Phil Minnes	Atlanta
Joanne Huf	Thomson Camelia
Gertrude Rudert	Norcross
Richard Brown	Covington
Greg Hicks	Dawsonville
Edward Ressler	Marietta East Cobb

CENTURY CLUB - MAY 01, 2021 - AUGUST 31, 2021

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB	Levels
David McDonald	Thomaston	Bronze
Bill Craig	Centerville	Bronze
Carolyn Craig	Centerville	Bronze
Edward Ressler	Marietta-East Cobb	Bronze
Opal Dean Coy	Statham	Bronze
Tommy Powell	Columbus	Silver

Brick Memorial Garden - MAY 01, 2021 - AUGUST 31, 2021

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

NAME	LIONS CLUB
Michael Arnold	Moultrie
Kay Eller	Smyrna Jonquil
Lillian Shurtlef	Hinesville
Kembra Smith	Decatur
Bellville Lions	Lions Club of Bellville
Paul May	Milledgeville
Dimple Forrest	Thomaston
Lyons Lions	Lyons Lions Club

**GEORGIA LIONS CAMP
District Level Awards 2021**

Highest Per Capita Award

District L	Marietta East Cobb Lions Club
District I	Clayton Lions Club
District O	Thomaston Lions Club
District N	Woodbine Lions Club

R.C. Cunningham Service Award -- There were no applications for 2020-2021

Hank and Doy Barks Leo service Award -- There were no applications for 2020-2021

Camp Finances Y-T-D thru August 31, 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. IF your Club has not been able to contribute to the Camp so far in 2021 -- PLEASE consider a donation to the Camp before the end of 2021. A personal or individual donation by a Lion Member, to the Camp, will be given as credit to your Club -- a win-win situation. Every donation helps in our effort to offer the 'Camp Experience' to more Campers. As you can see below, every contribution to the Camp **is very much needed and appreciated!** Thank-you

Operational Income vs Expenses -- Y-T-D thru August 31, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	121,905.88	235,215.00
Total Expenses	161,708.37	229,011.64
NET OPERATING INCOME	(39,802.49)	6,203.36

Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru August 31, 2021

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2021 to-date	21	35	20	28
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	48%	65%	31%	48%

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.

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

[Cornhole for a Cause - CASH PRIZES - to support the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind](#)

Cornhole for a Cause - Support a Great Charity, Have Fun, and WIN Cash Prizes. Not only will you HAVE FUN and SUPPORT A GREAT CHARITY, your team can also WIN \$\$\$! First Place team wins \$250; Second Place wins \$150; and Third Place wins \$100.

Registration and practice begins at noon with bags flying at 1 p.m.

Compete in teams of 2 people. Team fee = \$50

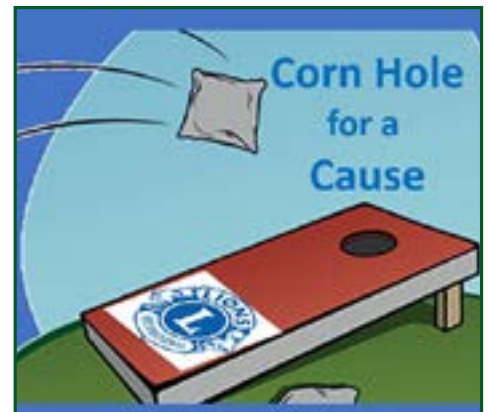
The Atlanta Lions Club invites you to join us at Landmark Diner in Buckhead for a fun, family-friendly [Cornhole for a Cause Tournament](#). Proceeds will go to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, providing personal growth experiences for children, teens and adults with visual impairments through the use of recreation, education, socialization and rehabilitation in an outdoor setting.

Thanks to our Tournament Sponsors:

Rogers Law Offices

Phil Minnes, American Family Insurance

Would you like to be a sponsor too? You'll get your name on our flyers and recognition during the event. Plus, you'll make a difference in the lives of visually-impaired Georgia children.



Cornhole for a cause



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.

2021 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 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 a scheduled Service Day)

1. Clean and repair screens at the bar-b-que shelter
2. Wooden picnic tables need repairs or replacing. (Some work has been done, need more help) some painting needed.
3. Nature Trail – clean up debris. To build up low lying areas we continue to need Two loads of crushed asphalt and Two loads of fill dirt.
4. Remove carpet from (Rental House) (Director's house)
5. (Rental House) Replace carpet with laminate flooring. Funding needed.
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.
12. Clean and paint swing frames at the fire pit area.
13. Swings at the fire pit need to be painted.
14. Warning signs have been replaced and repaired but framing needs cleaning and painting.
15. There will always be a need for landscape maintenance.



Nature Trails



Picnic Table

Upcoming Events

October 2, 2021

Cornhole for a Cause will take place on October 2, 2021 from 12:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the event page [here](#).

October 22-24, 2021

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

December 10-12, 2021

December 10-12, 2021 is Christmas Camp at the Georgia Lions Camp.

Lions Camp Information

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