



# Georgia Lions Camp



October 2022

**F**all is finally here. The weather in the southeast part of Georgia is great. Cool nights, cooler days, except for a few that can still hit the 90-degree mark. That's the south for you!

It's also college football season. My team has done well so far this year! (**Go Dawgs**). Looking for a back-to-back championship. Oh yes, how about those Atlanta Braves. Trying to repeat a championship also. I hope you are happy with your favorite teams' performances so far. There's nothing like fall festivals, high school, college football games, leaves changing colors, and cooler temperatures. Something we all look forward too. Makes you glad you are alive and well.

Around here at the Lions Camp it is time to begin preparations for Christmas Camp. We are planning on promoting our giving back to the community program. Helping some child have a little better Christmas with a little help from some friends. Campers will adopt a few children whom they will purchase some toys, clothes, the one thing they really ask for, and maybe even some goodies. A trip to Walmart is planned. Campers will seek out all these items. It is always great to watch the campers touch, ask for a description of what the item may look like or what color it is? Ask, how does it operate? This is and has always been a great activity for the campers. An experience you will never forget!!!

To make this happen, we may need a little assistance from you Lions. In the past a lot of you contributed to this activity by making donations. Such as gift cards. If you want to help out, please feel free to do so. Helping Others is what we do. Make sure to designate the gift card to the Helping Others activity.

Speaking of Christmas Camp, December 9-11, 2022. What do you have planned for that weekend. I am looking for volunteers to help in several areas. Cooking, cleaning, setting up and leading the Christmas Party Activity, hay ride and so much more. We plan to have 30 or more campers here for Christmas Camp. Your Help is needed!

At the Christmas Party this could consist of decorating before the event and putting it all away afterwards. Heading up some of the games for that night. I need your help. Sign up and come be a part of Christmas here at the Lions Camp.

On the camp's project work list, which you will see in this month's camp newsletter, you will notice that item #4 has been completed (repair or replacement of picnic tables). Many of the camp's tables had begun to decay. Many had already been repaired as best as they could be. During our annual Lions Day event, Mr. Robert Lique of the Ellijay Lions Club noticed the need. He had talked about how his club has tables made for their annual Apple Festival. (Did you get a chance to attend the Apple Festival this year)? He offered to see if he could get some made for the camp. We have about ten or more tables on site and they all need some major repair help.



*Picnic tables*

He talked with his Lions Club and they decided to help out with this need. Lion Robert and Lion Jim Harding wheeled and dealt with their local Home Depot and were able to purchase 7 tables at a price less than the cost of 5 tables. No shipping, no taxes. Home Depot was glad to help out.



*Ellijay Lions Members*

Lion Robert and Lion Jim drove to the camp and delivered the tables. They then turned around and drove back to Ellijay the same day. Pictured are the 7 tables all stained and weather treated waiting to be spread around the camp. 5 are located at what we call the swing and fire pit area. Thanks to all the Ellijay Lions for their generous donation of these tables.

The Crisp County Sheriff's Community Policing Resource Foundation works in partnership with the Dr. Annise Mabry Foundation. Who help with community needs. Assisting families and non-profit organization by redistributing retail goods. Sherriff Billy Hancock also a member of the Cordele Lions Club asked if the camp could possibly benefit from this program. There would be many items that would help campers and also help the camp with everyday needs here on site. Anything from inflatable pools, arts and crafts materials, small furniture, microwave, coffee makers, to clothing. Where there is a need they help.

Haley Wade who is the Public Information Officer with the Crisp County Sheriffs Office contact me here at the camp. On 9/28/22, I met with Haley in Cordele and we loaded up the camp's trailer. I have art supplies, a backboard and basketball goal microwaves, personal coffee pot, clothes, games, activity supplies, a fan, umbrella for the lifeguard chair, fishing poles, pot and pan set, just to name some of the items.

We are so thankful for all of these donations and they say there could be more in the future. So, if you see a Cordele Lion, make sure they tell Sheriff Hancock thank you.

**“LET’S KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING”  
Add more “WOOD” and  
“MAKE IT BURN BRIGHTER”**

Mike Williams  
Camp Director  
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

**BOARD CHAIRMAN'S  
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER  
GROWING THE CAMP MORE**

September seemed to be very quiet month; however, a lot of behind the scene work has been going on with all the committees. We have received checks totaling \$9,033 from our insurance company resulting in the Camp having to absorb about \$11,000 replacement cost for all the equipment failures this past summer. Vice Chairman Jay Taylor is working with our insurance agent to determine if we need to upgrade our insurance policies. The next major task that the Camp's Board has to address is the 2023 budget preparation and approval at the upcoming Fall Board Meeting on October 22. The Fall Meeting is open to all the Lions of Georgia. It will be held in Perry along with the COG's meeting and the Lighthouse Board Meeting. The Long Range Planning Committee has scheduled a Retreat at the Camp.

As I said a lot of work has been going on with all the five Standing Committees and the Board of Trustees. The Finance Committee is working on the 2023 Budget. The Fundraising committee has gotten several grants approved (see report below) and is working on the Join Camp/Lighthouse Golf Tournament to be held in June 2023. The Building and Grounds Committee is reviewing the all the facilities The Long Range Planning Committee is very busy making plans for the upcoming retreat to be held at the Camp.

The Long Range Planning Committee Retreat is to be held at the Camp on November 4 and 5. The purpose of the retreat is for all responsible parties to get together to discuss future plans for our Camp. They have already prepared and gotten the Board approval for the Mission Statement, Values Statements, Goal Directions, and Strategies and are now ready to address the last step in the planning process — the development of the Action Items. Since the Long Range Plans affects us all, the intent is to give the major stakeholders in the camp an opportunity to help finalize the plan. All Camp Board Members and all Committee Members have been invited to attend. Also invited is Ron Worley, President of the Georgia Blind Lions and Michael Brown, a previous camper and counselor.

Camp Director, Mike Williams, and I will be attending the GVEST (Georgia Vision Educators Statewide Training) in Macon on Oct. 12-14. Where we will have a display and will be available to talk to the Teachers of the Vision Impaired (TVI's) about our Georgia Lions Camp.

The next major event for the Camp is the upcoming Christmas Session for all ages of the vision impaired of Georgia. Mike Williams is busy preparing plans for an exciting weekend for the Campers. It is up to us the Lions of Georgia to get the word out to the schools in our district our Christmas Camp Session. **Please help to do this.** We need volunteers to come help put on the Christmas Camp session; please contact Mike Williams to see how you can help.

September was a very "lean" month for income. At the end of September the Camp was short about \$27,000 for operations. We desperately need for the Lions of Georgia (both Clubs and individual Lions) to dig deep into their pockets to support the Camp.

Congratulations to 18-I for having the highest percentages (72%) of their Clubs making contributions to the Camp and congratulations to 18-N for making the most contributions to the Camp of \$43,677 year-to-date.

We had scheduled a work weekend for Oct. 21 to 23. This had to be cancelled due to the meeting of MD18 COG, Camp and Lighthouse Boards. All other weekends were not available for work weekends.

If a Club or several Lions can get together and come some other times to the Camp, please contact Mike Williams and make arrangements. There are many projects that need to get done.

How can you help to **GROW THE CAMP MORE?**

Paul May

Chairman of the Georgia Lions Camp Board of Directors

Regional organizations have been very generous to the Georgia Lions Camp this summer and fall, contributing over \$12,000. We appreciate the investment these organizations have made and thank them warmly:

### **Fundraising Committee October 2022**

The Fundraising Committee has been busy since July first. Shannon Jackson and Debbie Griggers after many hours of talking and emailing have created a new brochure to “Keep the Camp Fires Burning” and is a way to remind everyone how they can help the camp by donating and the different ways individuals or clubs can donate.

That information is included in this newsletter and they recommend that you print several copies of it for distribution to your friends and neighbors. After all, you don't have to be a Lion to donate to the camp.

Debbie Griggers has also done some work on the camp website, [www.glcb.org](http://www.glcb.org), in the Donation section. Now it is easier for anyone to donate to the camp.

When you see Shannon or Debbie, tell them thank you for their hours of work.

Ed Ressler

Chairman of the Fundraising Committee

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**Snapping Shoals EMC in Covington, Georgia**

The Fundraising Committee of the Georgia Lions Camp was delighted upon receiving a generous donation of \$5,000 in September from the Snapping Shoals EMC Operation Round Up program. The grant is in support of campers participating in summer and Christmas camps from Newton, Rockdale, Henry, DeKalb, Butts, Walton, Jasper and Morgan Counties.



**Southern Rivers Electric**

**Trust in Barnesville, Georgia**

The Trustees of their regional giving program awarded the Georgia Lions Camp \$2,500 recently in support of campers from their service areas of Bibb, Coweta, Crawford, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Pike, Spalding and Upson Counties. Southern Rivers Electric Trust has been a friend to the Georgia Lions Camp for many years.



**Cobb EMC Community Foundation, Marietta, Georgia**

Cobb EMC's Operation Round Up program has donated \$4,000 thus far this year in support of campers from Cobb, Cherokee, Paulding, Bartow and parts of Northwest Fulton County. We appreciate that Cobb EMC's charitable arm encourages monthly applications and considers support of a variety of our needs at camp.



**GreyStone Power Foundation.**

**Douglasville, Georgia**

Greystone Power Foundation make a grant of \$1,200 in support of campers hailing from their service area which includes sections of Douglas, Paulding, Cobb, Fulton, Coweta, Fayette, Carroll, and Bartow Counties.

Many Electrical Membership Corporations around the state participate in "Operation Round Up" (ORU) programs, in which customers round up their monthly bills and the dollars are used to support nonprofits serving their local service areas. If you receive your power from a Georgia EMC with an Operation Round Up program, we encourage you to sign up and please--let us know! We host campers from every corner of the state and as we continue to apply for funding from the various ORU programs, your support and status as a member will serve as a powerful endorsement of the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. Thank you!



# Georgia Lions Camp



## 1976 Society Member Application

### SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SIGHT

*The 1976 Society Commemorates the founding date of the Georgia Lions Camp. Persons who choose to be a part of this Society pledge to contribute at least \$19.76 a month for the year they are a member, or \$237.12.*

*Your gift will be credited to your listed Lions Club.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PAID BY CASH: \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHLY: \_\_\_\_\_ QUARTERLY: \_\_\_\_\_ ANNUALLY: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD TYPE: VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MASTERCARD \_\_\_\_\_ DISC \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_

CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION: \_\_\_\_\_ CSV: \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to Georgia Lions Camp, Inc., 5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA 31503*

*\*Donations may also be made using PayPal*

# Georgia Lions YOUR support is needed to

KEEP THE  
CAMP FIRES



BURNING

## at Georgia Lions Camp

### There are numerous ways that you can support YOUR camp:

- Encourage your Club to hold a fundraiser specifically for the Georgia Lions Camp.
- Join the 1976 Society Club
- Join the Century Club
- Place a Brick in the Memorial Brick Garden
- Contribute Honorariums and Memorials
- In Kind Donations
- Gifts of Stock, Wills, Bequests
- Amazon Smile and Kroger Community Rewards Card
- Cash Donation using PayPal or Venmo
- Sponsor a Camper
- Giving Tuesday



**1976 SOCIETY - September 01, 2022 - September 30, 2022**

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LIONS CLUB</b>
JC Coefield	Centerville
Rita Gail Coefield	Centerville
Opal Dean Coy	Statham
Joann Huff	Thomson Camelia
Gregory Hicks	Dawsonville
Lillian Shurtleff	Hinesville

**CENTURY CLUB - September 01, 2022 - September 30, 2022**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LIONS CLUB</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>
Shannon Chavez	Non-Lion	Donation
David Forrest	Thomaston	Bronze
Carl Forrest	Thomaston	Bronze
David McDonald	Thomaston	Bronze

**Brick Memorial Garden - September 01, 2022 - September 30, 2022**

There were no donations in September.

## Camp Finances Y-T-D thru SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

We are now 9 Months of the 2022 Fiscal Year -- 3 Quarters of our Financial Year are over. The 1st and 2nd Quarters were actually very good for us, financially speaking -- cannot say that about the 3rd Quarter, it was not so good, 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 not settled by the time the 3rd Quarter ended.

Our Cash Liquidity drooped back to just under 1.0 months of normal monthly expenses. We are still 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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income for 2022 to-date	189,404.09	266,865.00
Total Expenses for 2022 to-date	216,323.60	256,604.00
NET Operating Income for 2022 to-date	<b>(26,919.51)</b>	<b>10,261.00</b>

### Club Contributions -- Y-T-D thru SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	<u>18L</u>	<u>18I</u>	<u>18O</u>	<u>18N</u>
# of Clubs Contributing in 2022 to-date	21	39	20	29
% of ACTIVE CLUBS Contributing	50%	72%	40%	51%
<b>Contributions by District for 2022 Y-T-D</b>	<b>38,443.39</b>	<b>25,692.62</b>	<b>16,172.39</b>	<b>43,677.02</b>

**As you can see above** -- The number of Clubs contributing to the Camp in 2022 is NOT where it should be. Right at 75% of our year is now over -- on the average, only 54% 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.** Going into 2023 -- Lions support is needed more than ever. ANY and ALL Contributions are very much appreciated.

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. Remember, **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](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.

## 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](mailto: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**. This task has been **COMPLETED!**
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. Pressure Wash all buildings
22. Sign up for lawn care maintenance - (mowing weed eating, trimming, etc.)
23. Fence repair (several post and rails have decayed and broken)
24. Fence is leaning at rental house needs to be secured properly
25. Low hanging limbs over the road that access' RVs to the back of the camp need trimming. Man-lift, chain saws will be needed
26. Playground needs limbs of tree trimmed to adult head height.
27. All cabinets in the main dorm need to be checked for easy opening and closing-repair those that need repairing
28. Need some shower heads replaced in the main dormitory

### Make A Date!

**Lions and Lions Clubs-Pick "Your" Service Day at the Camp**

**Spring schedule Service Date is February 24-26, 2023**

**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](mailto:director@glcb.org)**

**Just another reminder:**

**Spring 2023 Lions Service Day will be February 24-26, Fall Date: TBD**

# 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, 2022.

## **Lions Camp Information**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Georgia-Lions-Camp-Inc-152370411465833/>

Website: <https://www.glc.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)