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# The B2 Beacon

*"May the beacon of hope always shine bright"*

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"TOGETHER WE SERVE"

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## 11B-2 Club News

### St. Joseph



Michigan. Tom Gazella introduced Elena Figueroa, a brilliant scholar also heading for U of M where, in addition to studying biochemistry, she will be competing in cross country and track. Lion Ron Griesinger introduced Sahiti Midithuri who will be attending Indiana University where she will study Business and International Law. She has been involved in orchestra, DECCA, and robotics during high School. We are so excited to have these three impressive young people represent ing our organization

Lion Prez Allen gave the floor to Lion Dave who gave specific instructions of how to proceed with the flag placing. We will put 1300 flags out today at Riverview Cemetery and the Scouts will be doing the City Cemetery this weekend.



Next, Lion Verne and Lion Larry Wozniak of the Lakeshore Lions and President of "Lest We Forget" shared a brief program on "Lest We Forget". The group meets monthly at the airport, and on June 21st and 22nd will host programs honoring the "sandbox box" wars of Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. Shoshana Johnson will be a guest presenter at the event. She was injured and taken as a POW in the Iraq war. There will be things representing all branches of the service at the event as well. There will be free boat rides on v a r i o u s c r a f t associated with past and helicopter rides for a fee. "Three Men and A Tenor" will sing at the Riverfront pavilion on Saturday night.

For our May 22 meeting, we had guests that included the Mergenthaler Scholarship recipients and some of their families, Lest We Forget supporters, and a new member to induct. We dove right into our program and started with the all the events of the day.

For our program, Lion Mike Dumke explained a brief history of the Mergenthaler Scholarship which has given away over \$300,000 to some of the brightest students from our St. Joseph community since the 1980s when it was founded. Each scholarship committee member introduced an award winner. Dennis introduced Braden Miesse. A talented cellist and pianist headed for University of





## 11B-2 Club News

### St. Joseph

Next we witnessed the installation of our newest member. Lion Karan Singh joined our club and his sponsor Lion Dan Fortenbacher even helped support his upside down pin fine (which HE put on our member in the first place!) Welcome to the club, Lion Karan!



A very successful White Cane drive was held on May 2nd and May 3rd .

The club will hold their year- end Annual Dinner with awards program on June 12th at 5:30 at Lion Tom Gordon's.

### Buchanan-Galien

The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their monthly club meeting on May 8th.

Nora Davis from Edwardsburg was on hand to talk about her upcoming All State Band trip. The Lions made a donation towards her trip cost.

Garry Lange was the main program for the evening and gave a very interesting presentation on the "Biggest Little Baseball Museum" located in Three Oaks, MI. It was a very interesting program and several members talked about making a trip to the museum.

The club also voted to approve the Slate of Officers as presented for the next coming Lions fiscal year.







## 11B-2 Club News

### Buchanan-Galien



The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club awarded (4) \$1,000 scholarships this year at the recent BHS Honors and Convocation program. There were 14 students who applied. The 4 winners were selected based on being both at the top of their class and like the Lions Club motto "We Serve" these students excelled in community service. The recipients were Alaina Hickok, Jenna Franklin, Geneva Tabor and Kaitlin Ferrell.

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club founded the BHS LEO Club in 2014. Most of this year's graduating senior LEO's were in LEO Club since they were in eighth



grade. This year's graduates were Aaliyah Marks, Alaina Hickock, Bodie Bryans, Evan Kring, Grant Waggoner, Geneva Tabor, Emma Miller, Jenna Franklin,

Kaitin Ferrell, and Max Arbanas. They have all volunteered on many different projects throughout the years and the Lions Club thanks these students for all of their hard-work. The graduating LEO's were presented with white cords and certificates of appreciation for their many hours of service to the community and for mentoring the underclass LEO's. We trust our graduating seniors will continue to serve wherever they end up in the future.

### Kal-Haven

Katy Cole, Coordinator of Animal-Assisted Services, Paw Paw Public Schools visited with 2 of her Therapy Dogs, Loki, and Trixie. Katy is a professional Dog Trainer and Animal-Assisted Services Consultant







## 11B-2 Club News

### Kal-Haven

White Cane shift change as Patsy Richardson and Bill Gingas relieve Bob & Kathy Richardson at Gobles Village Market. Kal Haven President Jonn Stassek does double duty selling raffle tickets and taking White Cane donations at Bloomingdale Amish Store.



Kal Haven Lions participated in both the Gobles and Bloomingdale Memorial Day Parades.



### Mattawan

The Mattawan Lions Club sponsored a Senior Veteran Expo, held Monday, May 5, at the Antwerp Activity Center, with nearly 60 vendors taking part in the event, providing free give-aways. Also, a mobile Secretary of State was available.



Mattawan Lions had a great night at "The Backyard", a local establishment on Stadium Drive. Such a wonderful addition to our Mattawan community.!







## 11B-2 Club News

### Mattawan



Students with and without disabilities came together and became unified through sports (basketball)! No Limits basketball is in its 3rd year and has quadrupled in the number of participants! Huge thank you to the Mattawan Lions Club for sponsoring this event!



The Mattawan LEO Club presented the Senior Service Award to Luke Wheeler who has been a LEO ever since middle school. Congratulations Luke!



Lion Nancy Garman presented Jacob Mazelin with the \$500 Robert G Hollis Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Mattawan Lions Club. The award was presented at the Senior Awards night at Mattawan High School.





## 11B-2 Club News

### Paw Paw



You may have seen the Paw Paw Lions and HS Leos at Kids Paradise playground and park doing some spring clean up. Lots of weeds were pulled and lots of sand was added to the bulldozer sand box. There is still some work to do and wood chips to put down. Thank you Paw Paw Rentals for helping us out with the concrete buggy and to Lounsbury Excavating for the donation of sand.



### Portage

On May 25, 2025, the Portage Lions Club conducted a memorial tree dedication ceremony at Markin Glen Park in honor of Portage Lion, PDG Bill Phillips. A red oak tree was donated by the Club and planted by Kalamazoo County in Bill's memory in the fall of 2024. Bill was a dedicated Lion of more than 50 years actively committed to serving at the club and district levels. His advising and mentoring of younger Lions and guidance of the Portage Lions Club was instrumental in making us who we are today. Lion attendees were as follows: Amy Blankshain, Laura Berry, Vicki Bradley, Vonni Hisey, Jarrod Permenter (officiator), and Ruth Phillips. Family members attending were as follows: Linda, Parker, Megan, and Hannah Marcon.







May 2025

Greetings,

My name is Nora Davis and I am a junior at Edwardsburg High School. I served as flute section co-leader during my sophomore year for marching and concert band. I have participated in solo and ensemble earning top ratings as well as participating in jazz band, pep band, pit orchestra and most recently, the Lions of Michigan All State Band. I currently carry a 3.8 GPA and I attend the Elkhart Area Career Center as a dual enrolled student so as to pursue my interests in graphic design.

I am raising funds and requesting donations for my upcoming trip to Pigeon Forge, Nashville and Orlando with the Lions of Michigan All State Band. This organization is affiliated with Lions Clubs and as a member of this band, I will be representing my community, the state of Michigan and the USA at the Lions International Convention in Orlando, FL this July. The purpose of this organization is to serve local, regional, national and international communities through music. Some highlights of this trip include: participating in the Lions International Parade of Nations in Orlando, visiting the Country Music Hall of Fame with a possible performance there as well as an opportunity to meet with and co-write/produce a piece of music with a Nashville recording artist, a visit to the Ryman Auditorium (the Grand Ole Opry), taking in a show at Dolly Parton's Stampede, coordinating with local Lions Clubs in Asheville to do service work and of course: DISNEY!

In an effort to raise the necessary funds for this trip, I am asking for donations. You can contribute by scanning any of the QR codes below. If using the Bob Rogers Travel QR code, the funds will be deposited directly into my account with the travel agency. You may also send any contributions to my home: 33715 Redfield St., Niles, MI. 49120 or contact me via call or text at (574)328-2725.

Thank you for helping me realize this fun and educational trip as well as giving me the opportunity to serve my community, and the world, through music.

Sincerely,  
Nora Davis





## LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship Celebration



**We are honored to host LCIF Chairperson IPIP Lion Dr. Patti Hill on June 13<sup>th</sup> & June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

There will be two events to meet and celebrate with Chairperson Dr. Patti in Port Austin, Michigan. On Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> Chairperson Dr. Patti will personally present any Progressive or Melvin Jones Fellow to those that are in attendance and have achieved such recognition. The only charge for the events is a specified donation to LCIF in the club or person's name.

Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Chairperson's Reception 7:00 p.m.  
\$2,000 donation to LCIF  
admits 2 individuals to the private reception (space is limited)  
Hors d'oeuvre & Refreshments

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1:00 p.m.  
\$100 donation to LCIF  
Admits 1 individual to the celebration  
Entertainment  
Meal and Refreshments  
**Bird Creek Farms**  
**282 Grindstone Road**  
**Port Austin, Michigan 48467**

I would like to reserve the following:

☐ Friday Chairperson's Reception \$2,000 donation. Please credit the following individuals P/MJF account(s).

Name	Membership Number	Amount
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Club/District Name	Club Identification Number	Amount
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☐ Saturday Celebration \$100 donation. Please credit the following P/MJF account(s).

Name	Membership Number	Amount
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Club/District Name	Club Identification Number	Amount
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**This form and Checks can be mailed payable to LCIF and mailed to:**

Lion Irene Cole 2445 Ruth Road Deckerville, Michigan 48427

Questions or to pay by credit card please call PID Lion Justin Faber (989)600-9009 or IPDG Jim White (810)858-9823.

**Money sent directly to LCIF or paid online does not count towards this event.**



**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION**  
**WWW.LMSF.NET**

**39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SIGHT and HEARING SWEEPSTAKES**

**MAY 3, 2025 – TICKET SELLERS DRAWING**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winners Name</b>	<b>City/State</b>	<b>Ticket No./Club Seller</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00	Wells Lions Club	Wells, MI	07068 – Wells Lions Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500.00	Dennis Emery	Ravenna, MI	14391 – Ravenna Lions Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$250.00	Troop 77 – DeWitt	DeWitt, MI	10703 – DeWitt Lions Club
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$100.00	Bark River Lions Club	Bark River, MI	09345 – Bark River Lions

**MAY 17, 2025 – SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winners Name</b>	<b>City/State</b>	<b>Ticket No./Seller</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - \$5,000.00	Aaron Staggs	St. Johns, MI	09557 – Ovid Lions Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$2,500.00	Stephenson Lions Club	Stephenson, MI	11260 – Stephenson Lions
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$2,000.00	Mario Licari	Blanchard, MI	07749 – Edmore Lions Club
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,500.00	James Kimel	Columbiaville, MI	15108 – Otisville Lions Club
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00	Tom Hardiman	Detroit, MI	13018 – Greater Highland Park Detroit DT Lions
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00	Coloma Lions Club	Coloma, MI	14328 – Coloma Lions
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00	Bark River Lions Club	Bark River, MI	09329 – Bark River Lions
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00	Eric Snidersich	Frankenmuth, MI	12196 – Frankenmuth Lions
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00	Durand Area Lions Club	Durand, MI	10011 – Durand Area Lions
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00	Indu Patel	Troy, MI	06988 – Michigan Cyber Lions Club



# Three Rivers Lions Club Ox Roast & Ham & Bean Soup



**We Serve**

**In conjunction with the  
Three Rivers Water Festival  
we will be serving from the  
Lions Service Center**



Located at 420 Sixth Avenue, Three Rivers  
across from the football field

Drive through and outdoor seating available

**Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> - 11A – 8P**

**Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 11A – 3P or sold out**

## **Menu – No price increases since 2023!!!**

<b>Ox Sandwich (BBQ Beef)</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>	<b>Bottled Water</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Hot Dogs</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>Pop/Tea</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Ham &amp; Bean Soup</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Bag of Chips</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Large Dill Pickle</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>		
<b>Apple/Cherry pie by the slice</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>		
<b>Whole Dill Pickle</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>		

**Turtle Derby on June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration 8:30 and 9:30 am race time at the Service Center**

**Would you like to make a difference in YOUR community?  
Speak to a member about joining the Three Rivers Lions Club TODAY!!**

All proceeds go towards our community projects.





# THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB ANNUAL TURTLE DERBY

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

REGISTRATION @ 8:30AM + RACES @ 9:30AM

\$5.00 PER CHILD/PER HEAT/RACE

KIDS AGES 1-12

THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB

420 SIXTH AVE

THREE RIVERS, MI 49093

PRIZES! FACE PAINTING! FUN FOR ALL!





**SOUTH HAVEN BLACK RIVER LIONS PRESENT**

# **TACO FRIDAY!**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST #49  
129 MICHIGAN AVE, SOUTH HAVEN**



**-SELECT FRIDAY'S-**

**5PM-7:30PM**

**5/30, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17**

**\$4 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10**

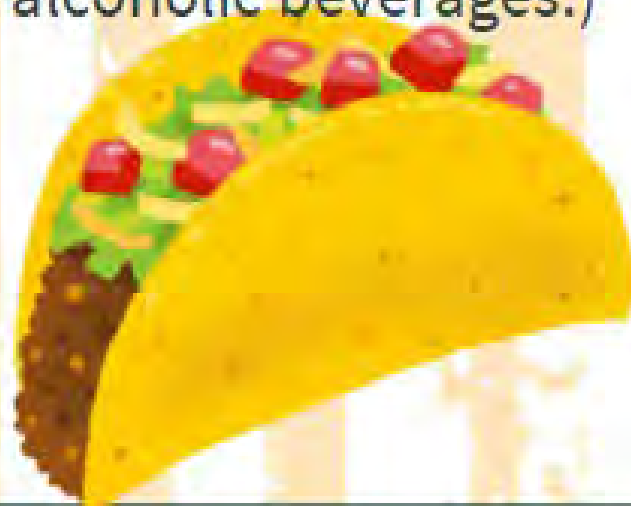
**(EAT IN OR TAKE OUT)**

Drinks sold by the American Legion.

(Must be a member to purchase alcoholic beverages.)



**Follow us for upcoming events!**



**Enjoy great food while contributing to a better community!  
All funds raised go towards our community service efforts.**





# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND YOUTH CAMP

Join us for a week long overnight camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 6-16. Kids enjoy a jam packed week of fun while making friendships, developing independence, and learning life skills.

**July  
13-19, 2025**

**Ages  
6-16**

## Activities Include:

- Archery
- Swimming, Boating
- Fishing
- Camping and bonfires
- Challenge Course
- Climbing Tower/Zipline
- Team Building
- Nature Exploration
- Evening Programs
- Arts & Crafts
- Much More!



Register Online beginning  
January 1st, 2025



3409 N Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446  
[bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org)

Info : 810-245-0726  
[hmmorris@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:hmmorris@bearlakecamp.org)





**JULY  
20-26th,  
2025**

# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

## DEAF & HARD OF HEARING YOUTH CAMP

Ages 6-16

*\*This program is for children who use listening and spoken language as their primary mode of communication. Our camp focus is building speech, language, and audition skills while participating in traditional camp activities and making positive social connections!*

### ACTIVITIES:

- Archery
- Swimming, Boating
- Fishing
- Camping and bonfires
- Challenge Course
- Climbing Tower/Zipline
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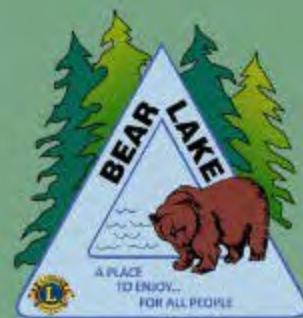
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810-245-0726



# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP OPEN HOUSE



**JULY 12TH 2025  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Tour Camp  
Meet the Staff  
Family Friendly Event  
Snacks Provided**

RSVP Online or contact:



**810-245-0726**

**traci@bearlakecamp.org**



**BEARLAKECAMP.ORG**





# Lions Bear Lake Camp YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2025



Our Leadership Development Program is specifically designed for teens aged 15 to 17, providing them with the opportunity to take on entry-level leadership roles within our camp community. Through hands-on experience and mentorship, participants will:

Learn valuable leadership skills, gain practical experience in leading camp activities, serve as role models for younger campers, develop a sense of responsibility and teamwork

**Session 1 (VIB)**  
**July 13-19th, 2025**

**Session 2(DHH)**  
**July 20-26th, 2025**







# 2nd Annual Sister Lakes Lions Club Golf Outing

**Pipestone Creek Golf Course  
6768 Naomi Rd. Eau Claire, Mi.**

**Saturday, July 26th 2025**

**Registration at 8:00 am**

**Shot Gun Start at 9:00 am**



Please join us for our upcoming four-person golf scramble event, which we are hosting in memory of our dearly departed members. This is going to be a really fun day on the course with plenty of exciting prizes and gimmicks to keep things lively. Your support, through either participation or sponsorship, will make a meaningful difference to the community and those in need.

**For registration and sponsorship: Scan the QR code below or fill out the form on the back and send a check to Sister Lakes Lions Club 66991 95th Ave. Dowagiac, Mi. 49047. For hole sponsors, checks must be recieved by 7/12/2025. For golf only 7/19/2025**

## Hole Sponsors:

**Gold Sponsorship: \$500**

**Includes: Sign displayed on course and 4 golfers.**

**Silver Sponsor: \$100**

**Includes: Sign displayed on the course**

## Registration for Golf Only:

**Team (Four Golfers) \$400**

**Includes: Golf & cart for four players**

**Team Individual Pay: \$100 per golfer**

**Includes: Golf for one player with a team.**

**To Pay  
Online  
Scan Here**



## Limited to the first 100 paid golfers.

- Includes: 18 holes of Golf and Cart
- Morning Doughnuts, Coffee, Juice
- Dinner afterwards at the course
- Games, Gimmicks, and Gifts
- Prizes, Raffles, and Trophies
- 1st Place Prize
- 2nd Place Prize
- Last Place Prize
- Longest Drive (Men) Prize
- Longest Drive (Women) Prize
- Closest to the Pin Prize

**For questions or if you would like to donate merchandise please contact: Dan Wilson Phone: (269)487-0079 or Email: [sllionsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:sllionsclub@yahoo.com)**

For individuals interested in playing but who do not have a team, we would like to assist you. Please email us at [sllionsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:sllionsclub@yahoo.com), and we will make every effort to put a team together for you.





**2nd Annual Sister Lakes Lions Club Golf Outing**  
**Saturday, July 26th 2025**



**Pipestone Creek Golf Course**  
**6768 Naomi Rd. Eau Claire, Mi. 49111**

**Registration Starts at 8:00 am      Shotgun Start at 9:00 am**

- ☐ **Team Pay for Golf Only - \$400**  
**Includes: Golf for 4 People**
- ☐ **Team Individual Pay - \$100 per Golfer (Include Team Member Names)**  
**Includes: Golf for 1 Person in a Team**
- ☐ **Gold Sponsor - \$500**  
**Includes: Hole Sign and Golf for 4 People**
- ☐ **Silver Sponsor - \$100**  
**Includes: Hole Sign on Course**

**Contact name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsors name and wording as it will appear on sign(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**If you would like to include a logo on the sign, please email to:**  
**sllionsclub@yahoo.com**

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The South Haven Black River Lions Club  
Annual Fundraiser

# BBO On The Bluff

American Legion Post #49  
129 Michigan Ave., South Haven, MI

**Saturday, August 23rd**

**4:00PM - 9:00PM**

**\$15 PRESALE & \$20 AT THE DOOR  
ALL YOU CAN EAT FOOD UNTIL 8PM**

*50/50  
every hour*

*Live Music*



**Kid Hour  
4p-5p**

**Face Paint,  
Caricatures, &  
Balloon Animals!**  
Included in Meal Price

*Performance By:*



*Silent Auction*

\*\*Pre-Sale Tickets available in June until August 21st at the American Legion Post 49, Wolverine Ace Hardware, Chamber of Commerce, Shoreline Dance Academy, or email Lion Nila (nila.dubas490@gmail.com)





**JOIN THE LIONS CLUBS OF  
CENTREVILLE AND STURGIS FOR THE**

**22nd Annual**

# **LARRY FRISBIE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**

**3 AUGUST,  
2025  
1PM SHOTGUN  
START**

 **Ayres-Oak Insurance Services**  
FOR ALL YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS

**Thank you to Ayres Insurance  
for Underwriting the  
event and prizes!  
All proceeds to go to the  
Sturgis and  
Centreville Lions Clubs!**

**REGISTER NOW**

**St. Joe Valley Golf club**

**Call Don @ 269-467-6275 to register**

**Hole in 1 on #5  
pays \$10k!  
Putting contest grand  
prize of \$50k!**

**TEAM PRIZES ARE  
1ST PLACE—\$400 GIFT CERT,  
2ND PLACE—\$200 GIFT CERT,  
3RD PLACE—\$100 GIFT CERT.**

**4-PERSON Scramble, No Divisions**

**Men under 60 use White Tees, Men 60-74 use Red Tees,  
Men over 75, Youth under 15 & Lady golfers use LIONS Tees.**

**Checks Payable to the Centreville Lions Club,  
P.O. Box 441, Centreville, MI 49032**

**Entry Fee is  
\$75/person or \$300/4-person team.  
Includes Golf, Cart, Food, Prizes  
and Door prizes!**





# 1st Annual LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP BUSTING CLAYS FOR BEAR LAKE FUNDRAISER

**BREAKFAST  
&  
LUNCH  
PROVIDED**

**2025**

**SATURDAY**

**SEPT 06**

**FENTON SPORTSMAN CLUB  
1140 BUTCHER RD.  
FENTON, MI**

Test your skills in friendly competition while supporting our mission to provide transformative outdoor experiences for individuals of all abilities.

**REGISTRATION FEE**

**\$75**

**PER PERSON**

**LOCK & LOAD  
FOR A DAY OF  
PRECISION &  
THRILLS!**

Secure your spot by visiting:  
**BEARLAKECAMP.ORG**

Limited slots available, so don't miss your chance to be part of this shooting extravaganza!





# **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

## **\$100 SHOOTING STATION SPONSOR**

- Your business name displayed at one of the shooting stations
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements

## **\$500 BREAKFAST SPONSOR**

- Your business name prominently displayed during breakfast
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements
- Special shout-out at the start of the day

## **\$500 LUNCH SPONSOR**

- Your business name prominently displayed during lunch
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements
- Special shout-out before awards ceremony





# Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) (Ages 15-21) SUMMER PROGRAM 2025 Help to foster tomorrow's Lions



## Dates to Remember:

Incoming Youth Exchange participants to be in  
Michigan 3 weeks (2 at host family; 1 at camp):

Youth arrival date: **July 26, 2025**

Camp dates: **August 3-9, 2025**

@ D-Bar-A Scouting Ranch  
located in Metamora, MI)

Youth departure date: **August 16, 2025**

LEO's are invited to camp week (\$250)

Application deadline for Host Families:  
**June 30, 2025**



## Become a Host Family

## Bring a new culture into your home!

Multiple District 11 is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for a few weeks during the summer of 2025 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young adults are part of the Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 26 – August 16, 2025.

*We are actively seeking host families in Michigan for the following incoming youth applicants:*

Country of Origin	Applicant Age	Country of Origin	Applicant Age
Argentina	Female - 16	Germany	Male - 18
British Isles	Female - 17	Hungary	Female - 16
Czech Republic	Female - 18	Italy	Female - 19
Finland	Female - 18	Spain	Female - 16
Finland	Male - 19	Spain	Female - 16
France	Male - 16		

Host families need not be Lions members, nor must they have children at home; they are responsible for the youth's room and board. Visiting youths come with spending money, costs for additional activities are at host family's discretion.

**If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact**

State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com).

Facebook page: Youth Camps & Exchange - Michigan, USA

Link: [Lions of Michigan Youth Camps & Exchange](https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange) (<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange>)

## ***Your help is needed!!***





## Youth Camps & Exchange



### Become a Host Family

*Contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil  
State Youth Camps & Exchange Chair*



#### Is Hosting Right for Me?

Are you interested in learning about other cultures and ways of life while sharing your own customs and experiences? Are open-mindedness, tolerance and cultural competence of high importance to you? Do you have a desire to contribute towards peace, international understanding and the creation of global citizenship in youth? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may enjoy being a host family for the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program!

#### Benefits of Hosting

Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and daily customs
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture
- You open a new world of possibilities and thinking to the exchange youth
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life

#### Expectations of a Host Family

##### Room and Board

You are expected to provide room and board for the youth. It is recommended that youth be roomed with youth of similar ages and similar genders. Meals should be balanced and healthy.

##### Transportation

Typically, you are responsible for all of the youth's transportation during the exchange. Travel may include but is not limited to, transfers to and from the airport or train station, transfers to other Host Families or International Camp, transportation to and from any planned activities by you and/or the Host Club.

##### Financial responsibilities

Payment for cultural activities is dependent on the agreement made between you, the youth and the Host Club. Some programs offer stipends or scholarships for participating Host Families.





## Youth Camps & Exchange

### Selecting an Exchange Youth

The criteria for selecting youth differs from YCE program to YCE program.

Hosting a youth is dependent upon desired age, gender, interests and nationality and upon the availability of the youth meeting those requirements. Your local YCE Chairperson will advise you of available youth or if arranged early enough, may seek a youth meeting your request.

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Family by checking out the [YCE Host Family Handbook!](#)

### Host Family Eligibility

Potential Host Families must be screened by the Host Lions Club and YCE Chairperson. The Host Lions Club and local YCE Chairperson must approve all host families. Screening items include, but are not limited to:

*Age:* Having experience with youth of similar age as the incoming youth.

*Character:* Your family should be understanding, interested in other cultures, open-minded, tolerant and have ability to communicate and/or deal wisely with youth.

*Language ability:* It would be helpful if one or more members of your family speaks the youth's language and/or English (most YCE programs require English as the preferred language), and could be necessary in some cases.

*Knowledge of the YCE program and [policy](#):* Your family should have some familiarity with the YCE program and/or hosting youth. If you are a non-Lion Host Family, you should be well informed on the scope and objectives of Lionism, and on the YCE program and [policy](#) by the local YCE Chairperson.

*Living conditions:* Your family should be able to accommodate an additional person in the home without discomfort or financial burden.

*Family preferences:* Your family are permitted preference regarding the youth's nationality, language, religion, gender or age.

*Availability:* It is important that you make sure your family's schedule allows accommodation to spend enough quality time with the youth.

### How to Apply

Contact Lion Elvie Marfil: [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com) or 818-800-1060.



**Youth Camps & Exchange Program**  
**Lion Elvie Marfil**  
**Multiple District 11 Chairperson**

Open your heart and door to the world of Lions Youth Camps & Exchange Program. Please sign up to be a host family.

We still need host families for the following participants:

<i><b>Country</b></i>	<i><b>Gender</b></i>	<i><b>Age</b></i>
Japan	Female	18
Hungary	Female	16
Italy	Female	19
Spain	Female	15
Turkey	Female	18

Thank you to the following Lions and Districts for hosting:

<i><b>District</b></i>	<i><b>Host Family</b></i>	<i><b>Host Club</b></i>	<i><b>Country</b></i>
A1	PDG Roshni Patel	Detroit Renaissance Lions Club	Belgium, France, & Mongolia (Female)
B1	CC Terri Huffman Lion Sandra Simon Lion Shawne Lige	Jackson Diabetes Lions Club	British Isles Czech Republic Finland (Female)
B2	2nd VDG Alice Kring	Buchanan-Galien Lions Club	France (Female)
C1	PDG Jim & Bev Farrell	Wyoming Lions Club	Austria (Male)
	Lions Mark & Susan Graves	Fruitport Lions Club	France & Finland (Male)
	Lion Frank & Cathie Krol	Muskegon Northeast Lions Club	Germany (Male)
C2	PDG Brent Beracy	Ashley Lions Club	Mongolia & Poland (Male)

This year we have 3 outgoing youth participants:

<i><b>District</b></i>	<i><b>Sponsored Club</b></i>	<i><b>Country</b></i>
B2	Buchanan-Galien Lions Club	Switzerland
B2	Buchanan-Galien Lions Club	Germany
C1	Muskegon Northeast Lions Club	Australia



**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2026 GROUP CRUISE**  
**ROYAL CARIBBEAN - SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS**  
**MARCH 1, 2026 - 7-NIGHTS - ROUNDTrip MIAMI, FL**

2 People - Price Includes \$100 Onboard Credit Per Cabin

**4V - Interior Cabin: \$2,145.20**

\$1,486.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 149 square feet

**2S - Central Park View Interior Cabin - \$2,629.20**

\$1,970.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 191 square feet

**2D - Ocean View Balcony Cabin: \$3,413.20**

\$2,754.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 182 square feet + balcony



☐ I would like a quote for a \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin ☐ I would like a 4V Interior Cabin

☐ I would like a 2S Interior Cabin ☐ I would like a 4D Ocean View Balcony Cabin

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: \_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_ Credit/Debit Card \_\_\_\_ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Names: \_\_\_\_\_ - Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_





## Order & Application Forms

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# Mints For MILITARY

**The Lions of Michigan Foundation is proud to recognize the brave men and women serving our nation in the United States military. We have Lion Mints Care Packages ready for distribution.**



**Lions of Michigan Foundation**

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The LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Michigan with unmet needs by helping them become more independent. We provide emergency assistance and services aimed at helping people with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, secure and retain employment and remain self-sufficient. Your contribution will help us change lives







## General News!



Bloomington-Gobles	June 06, 1994	23 Years
St. Joseph	June 15, 1928	29 Years
Baroda	June 19, 1984	80 Years

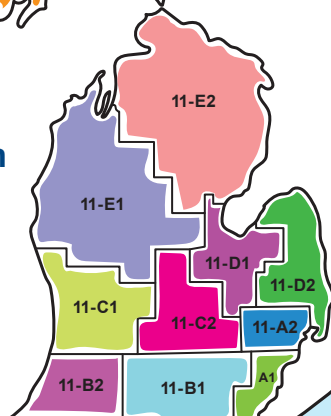
**Thank you for all your years of service!**



Lions clubs needing to replenish their mints inventory and save on shipping costs, please contact PDG Julie Mayuiers at [jumayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:jumayuiers@gmail.com) **no later than March 13**. Clubs that contact Julie can pick up their mints at the District Convention on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the LMF table between 9 – 11:30 am.



Michigan Lion Districts



2024-25 District 11B-2 Zone Chair Map

