



# 2026 LIONS WINTER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM WHAT TO BRING, DIRECTIONS, ETC



## WELCOME TO WINTER CAMP!

**February 6-8, 2026**

An adult (18+) retreat for the blind and visually impaired sponsored by Michigan District 11-B1 Lions Clubs.

### IMPORTANT

**Winter Camp is limited to 60-70 spaces.**

**All applications are processed on a first come first served basis.**

**January 19, 2026, is the LAST day you can register for camp.**

**Registration:** Please provide responses to all areas on the following forms that apply. Please note the following information about camp and camper safety precautions.

- ◇ For safety reasons, we cannot accommodate wheelchairs, unless prior approval is given.
- ◇ If necessary, we reserve the right to reject an applicant's registration.
- ◇ If you register and cannot attend, you must notify the Winter Camp point of contact listed in this application. Reimbursement will be considered based on circumstances, such as illness or family emergency. **If you are sick at the time of camp, please do not come.**
- ◇ Covid 19 precautions will be observed based on local conditions and protocols.
- ◇ You are allowed to bring two bags of personal belongings to camp unless you are bringing items to sell. **NO GARBAGE BAGS PLEASE!**
- ◇ Your bags must be **clearly** marked using identification tags provided or your own.
- ◇ Service dogs must have a "gentle leader" available, and you must bring your own bedding.
- ◇ Bring adequate change for drinks, snacks, raffles, etc.
- ◇ Understand and sign the disclaimer statement at the bottom of page 6
- ◇ **Contact Lion Roger Bosse, 269-578-3684 or Jim Phelan (517) 990-7221 for questions about the camp or application. Please return pages 3-6. Keep pages 1-2 for reference purposes.**
- ◇ **Cost of Camp is still \$50 (due to food cost increase).**

### A Note about Camper Health and Safety

**Covid:** While there are currently no mandates for vaccines or masking, Covid is still with us. It is recommended that people who are elderly or at-risk be current with Covid boosters (if available). The use of masks is welcome but **is not** required. If you are sick or test positive for Covid at the time of camp, we will ask you not to attend. Covid test kits will be available if needed. Winter Camp will abide by any restrictions if a need arises for the safety of public health.

**Recreational Cannabis:** The BCPS Outdoor Education Center is a school property, therefore under no circumstances will the use or possession of alcohol or recreational cannabis materials be tolerated. Those in violation will be asked to leave and will not be invited back.



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### **What to Bring – please keep this page for reference.**

- ◇ Sleeping Bag or extra blanket (bedding packets supplied)
- ◇ Special Pillow if you desire (one will be provided)
- ◇ Ear Plugs (some people snore)
- ◇ Toiletries (towel and washcloth provided in linen pack)
- ◇ Personal Medications (Please bring prescribed meds in original containers)
- ◇ Personal Identification and Medical Insurance information
- ◇ Personal reading/writing materials/bible, etc.
- ◇ Musical Instrument if you would like to share (for talent show)
- ◇ Warm Clothes, gloves, boots for outdoor activities/snow
- ◇ Small prize for the camp raffle (2 small gifts if you are able)
- ◇ A comfortable mask for inside activities if desired **(not required)**.

**Camp Location and Directions** Winter Camp is held at the Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Education Center located on Clear Lake approximately eleven miles north of Battle Creek on M-37. The address is **10160 South M37, Dowling, MI 49050**. (Your GPS may not take you to this exact location). This is between Battle Creek and Hastings and one mile south of the community of Dowling. From Battle Creek, the camp is on the west side of the highway. The entrance is identifiable by its rustic stone and wood constructed sign. If you miss the sign and see signage for “Clear Lake Public Access”, or “Dowling”, turn around – you went too far.

Follow the drive into the camp. It is about one-half mile to the parking area. The main camp buildings are just beyond this point down a single lane road. Drive down the road to unload campers and baggage at the main building. Vehicles must be returned to the parking lot when unloading is complete. There is NO PARKING in the vicinity of the camp building (except handicapped)

### **Activities**

- ◇ Inside:
  - Bingo, Crafts, Cane Repair and Clinic, Talent Show, Technology, Vesper Service, all meals, others as scheduled.
- ◇ Outside:
  - Bird Cabin, Hikes, Snowshoeing, Wagon Ride with draft horses, 4-wheeler or snowmobile, campfire.