

Winter Camp News!

Greetings from Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired - a District 11-B1 project.

Winter Camp thanks you and still needs your support! Winter Campers come from many districts in Michigan to the Battle Creek Schools Outdoor Education Center (OEC) for fun, food, and fellowship. Most of the cost is borne by the Lions Clubs of District 11-B1. Campers pay \$45 toward the cost of around \$150 per camper. We are very grateful to several districts, clubs, and individuals that supported our 2021 Virtual Winter Camp through the purchase of gift cards that we used as raffle prizes. Our budget for the weekend is around \$7500, with food being much of our cost. For 2022, the OEC has contracted out their food service to a vendor, which will increase our cost in the coming year. We are currently discussing the possible impact on our budget as we don't want to increase the cost to our campers. If you can help our project, through paying tuition for campers, providing transportation, donating to the operation of the camp, or sponsoring an item on our "wish list" below, we would greatly appreciate it. The Lions of Michigan Foundation has a fund specifically designated for Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired for a tax-deductible donation. If you would like to contribute, simply write a check to the LoMF and write "Winter Camp Fund" in the memo line.

"Wish List" to Support Winter Camp 2022

Supporter	\$25	Saturday Hayride	\$200	Saturday Night Dinner	\$500
Dorm Monitor	\$50	EMT Medical Sponsor	\$225	Paul Helm Lunch	\$1,000
Camp Counselor	\$75	Evening Snacks (2)	\$250	Crusader for the Blind	\$1,500
Nature Walker	\$100	Bedford Bingo	\$300	Knights Against Darkness	\$2,000
Bird Cabin Guide	\$125	Arts and Crafts	\$325	Sponsor a Camper	
Friday Night Entertainment	\$150	Friday Night Dinner	\$350	One Camper Sponsor	\$50
Saturday Night Talent Show	\$200	Pennfield Breakfast	\$400	Two Camper Sponsor	\$100

Winter Camp EMT volunteer position open: We are looking for an EMT to spend the weekend with us. Our EMT/Nurse Michael Struwin of the Bedford Area Lions has served in this position for many years but has decided to retire to serve as a general volunteer. We thank Michael for his service and commitment to the health and safety of our campers over these many years. The main duty of the Winter Camp EMT position is to ensure that campers get proper medication when needed, respond to emergencies, and be aware of any health issues that might come up. We utilize the Johnstown Fire Department nearby as backup for any serious needs that might occur. We do pay a small stipend for this important role. If you know someone who would be interested, please contact any of us below.

Winter Camp Chats: Our monthly Winter Camp zoom chats are continuing the third Saturday of the month at 1 pm. This is a continuing feature of the Virtual Winter Camp session that we held on Zoom in place of in-person camp in February 2021, in which 45+ blind and visually impaired persons from around the state (and a few out-of-staters) participated. We meet mostly to catch up and stay connected and have started to discuss plans for in-person camp next February at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center in Dowling Michigan. If you are interested in participating in the zoom chat, please contact Roger Bosse at rogerbosse@att.net for more information and the link to join.

Questions? Please contact Lion Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684, Lion Bea Furman at H:(517) 789-6061 C: (517) 581-0325 or Lion Barry Allen at (734) 428-7034.

Thank You from the Winter Camp Team!