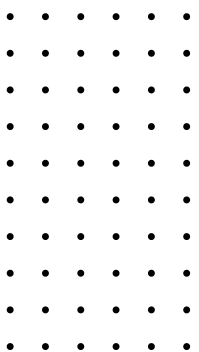
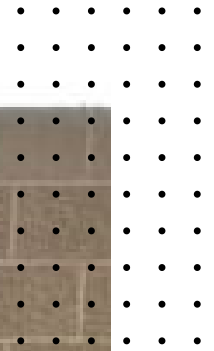




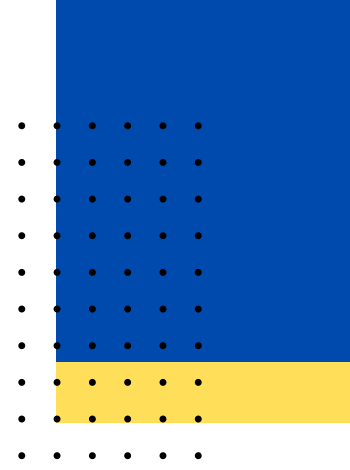
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October is jammed packed with amazing Lion opportunities!

LIKE PANCAKES?

Hallsville Lions Club is hosting Pancake Breakfast
Saturday October 7th, 8-10am
First Baptist Church Activity Center, \$5

Marshall Lions Club is hosting a Pancake Supper
Tuesday, October 10th, 5-7pm
Summit United Methodist Church, \$8

Longview & Judson Lions Club
are hosting a Pancake Dinner
Tuesday, October 24th, 4-8pm
More details to come!



MORE IN OCTOBER

SPOT Vision and PlusOptix Training Certification

Whether you're new to Lions vision screening or need to renew your certification (check that expiration date!), this is your opportunity to qualify.

Once you successfully complete these sessions, you'll advance to *State Vision Training which is required when you work with school nurses during school hours.

Friday, October 6th – 8:30am-5pm
(arrive no later than 8:15am)

Health Department

1400 College Street ~ Sulphur Springs, TX

Lunch will be served

Cost: \$10 to cover expenses (due at session)

For your reservation, email Lion Rickey at caughronr@gmail ~ Include your name and club.

Questions or directions to the facility, call Lion Rickey 903-918-9393.



Lunar Luncheon

Join us at Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, TX on October 14th for a morning of fun as we gear up to see the first of two major celestial events coming to the Texas Hill Country!

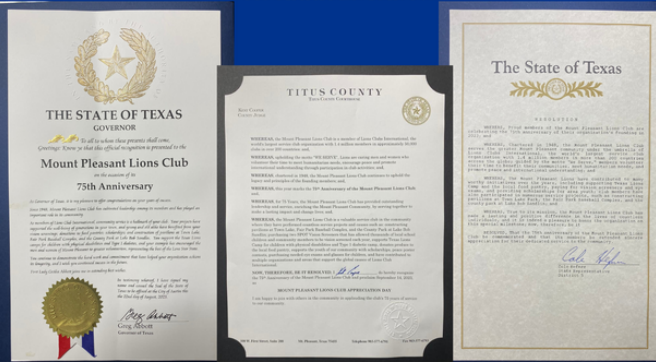
Solar glasses will be available for sale, and eye protection is required during the eclipse. We cannot wait to observe this incredible phenomenon with you!



WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE DISTRICT?

JEFFERSON LIONS CLUB

The Jefferson Lions Club welcomes our new members, and enjoyed a presentation from Bonnie Andrews about the senior Nutrition Program in Marion County. They were also awarded the 2023 Nonprofit of the Year award for going beyond the limit of community service and giving back to the city and county. The Jefferson Lions Club recently presented a check to the Jefferson Adopt-A-Cop organization.



Congratulations

MOUNT PLEASANT LIONS CLUB!

MORE WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE DISTRICT!

Marshall Lions Club

Marshall Lions Club shipped 355 pairs of eyeglasses to Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center and on September 27, 2023 in partnership with LifeShare conducted a blood drive benefiting the District 2-X2 community.



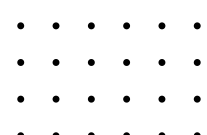
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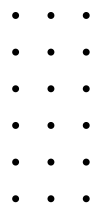
Canton Lions Club



The Canton Lions Club met Wednesday. The guest speaker, Lions District 2-X2 1st Vice District Governor Debra Caughron, congratulated the Canton Lions Club for 92 years. Lion 1st VDG updated the Club on LCI's focus on membership increase to 1.5 million by 2027; called MISSION 1.5.



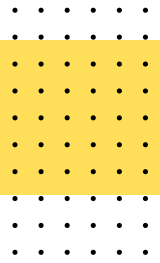
Big Sandy Lion's Club at James Poole Elementary with vision screening. Ms. Seely, the school nurse, with us was able to screen about 85% of the kids in a couple of hours. Our new vision screener did well on its first time outing. Great morning serving the Harmony ISD.



- In the month of September
- Sep 15-17, City-wide Clean Up
 - Sep 17, Civic Center
 - Sep 18 Crafting with Lions
 - Sep 22-23 RAILFANS CAMP OUT,
 - Sep 26, Senior Advocate Assistance,
 - Sep 30, Rotary Club's Electronic Recycling, Recycling Center



DON'T FORGET ...



INVITE TO JOIN!!!

Membership Application

Join the world's largest service club organization

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Membership

Membership Growth and Expanding Our Service Footprint Begins with Inviting Service Minded Individuals to Join Our Association!
Let's Work Together to Increase Membership and Strengthen District 2-X2!!!
District 2X2 GMT
PDG Sheila Donnelly

District 2X2 Photo Contest
Theme: "SERVICE"

Photos to be submitted can be of completed service projects, an activity involving club service, or of those you have chosen to serve.

Photo submissions should be emailed to Lion Kelly Donnelly at liondonnelly@gmail.com with "District 2X2 Photo Contest Submission" in the subject line. Please include your name, club name, and a brief description of the story behind your photo.

Photos should be original, unaltered, and taken by the submitting Lion.

Entries will be displayed on the District 2-X2 Facebook Page and Winners Announced at the Mid-Winter District Lions Club meeting in Tyler on January 13, 2024.

DEADLINE: JANUARY 1, 2024

Limited to one photo per Lion



Photo Contest

Have a great picture of your club serving? Send it it, and you could win!
Email Photos to liondonnelly@gmail.com Put "District 2x2 Photo Contest" in the subject. With photo enter your name, club, and brief description of photo.



Peace Poster Contest

Be working on the Peace Posters. They will be judged in October and delivered before November 15th to our District Governor so he can submit the winning entry to state.



I WANT YOU



We Serve



Calling all Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy!!!
Wear your favorite Military or Patriotic T-Shirt
District 2-X2 Cabinet Meeting and Celebration of our Nation's Veterans
Saturday, October 21, 2023
Waskom Elementary School Cafetorium
365 School Avenue, Waskom, Texas 75692

8:30 - 9:00 Registration, Breakfast Snacks & Networking

9:00 - 9:30 District Wide Training

9:30 - 11:30 Cabinet Meeting

11:45 - Guest Speaker CC Ryan Hodge & Lunch

Cost: \$20.00 RSVP by October 12th to Jimmy Cox: jecox1122@gmail.com or (903) 930-5355

Name	Club	Amount
	Total Amount —	

Remit payment to: Waskom Lions Club, P.O. Box 672, Waskom, Texas 75692

*Service project to benefit United Help of Waskom and Waskom ISD
Items Needed: Canned Food Items & School Supplies*

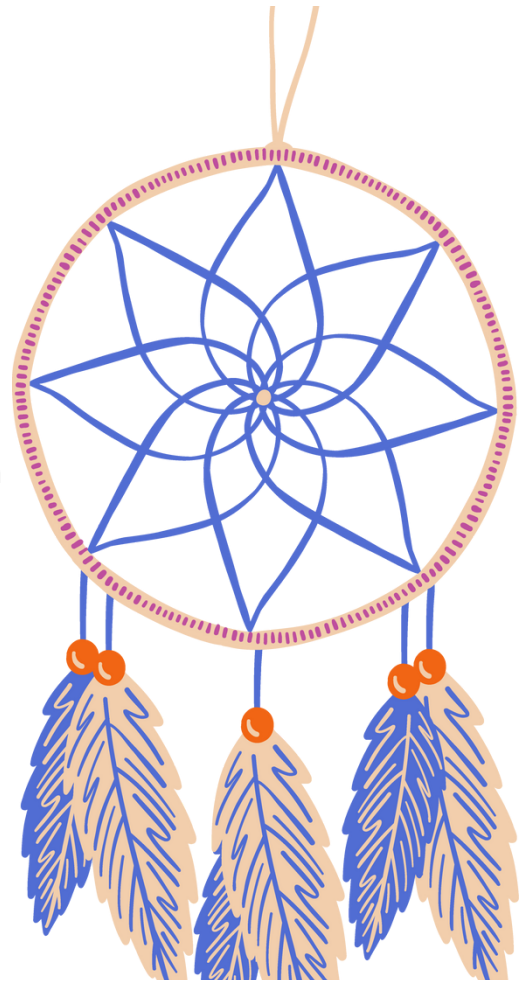


Serving Children Since 1949

Did you know that we Lions are dreamcatchers? Have you ever been “Dreamcatching”?

Over 82,000 children have been through the magical gates of Texas Lions Camp and virtually every one of them had some sort of dream that they hoped would come true at camp.....and thousands of those dreams have come true at TLC. While that may make TLC seem magical to the kids, their dreams come true because you, me, WE – the Lions of Texas- are dreamcatchers for these campers.

According to Indian lore, a dreamcatcher is hung over a child’s bed while they sleep. At night the bad dreams get caught up in the webbing, while the good dreams go through the holes, coming true on the other side. When a dream comes true, a coup feather is hung from the bottom of the dreamcatcher. We the Lions are the webbing that trap all the bad dreams by building a camp that accommodates their special needs, so they can be successful in reaching their goals & dreams; and thus, what’s on the other side is Texas Lions Camp, where the good dreams can come true.



In order for us to be good dreamcatchers for our children, we have 2 main jobs. We have to find and recruit the kids, so they get the opportunity to go to Camp. Secondly, we have to continue to raise the money so they can go at no cost to the family, because if we didn’t do that most of them would not be able to afford the cost.

This year for the first time in 3 years (due to COVID) we were able to have kids on campus again, which was so great to see again. However, we must have forgotten how to recruit the kids, because we could have handled many more campers than we had. This is why one of my challenges for us this year is to make a “sizeable” increase in the number of campers you or your club sent last summer. You decide what is “sizeable”, but for example, if you had none, go for one. If your club sent 3, maybe shoot for 5. You get the idea.

I know many of you struggle to find kids, because you don’t know where to search or how to approach families. One of your best sources is your TLC Elected Directors. Many of them have come up with great sources for finding qualified campers (what I call “dreamcatching”).

Next month I want to give you the 10 best ideas on recruiting campers for TLC. So, I’m asking all Lions (including Directors), who have a system figured out, to email me their best idea for finding kids. I’ll pick the best ones and send them out next month. EMAIL: tomblasesr@gmail.com. Together we’ll overcome the COVID slump for the summer of 2024.

When dreams come true for our campers at camp, it gives them the confidence to dream and achieve even bigger things when they grow up. That to me is the true value of what we offer at TLC.

Let’s all go “Dreamcatching” for Summer 2024.

PCC Tom Blase, Chairman Texas Lions Camp



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send information for the newsletter to:

sarag@wearenc.com