



Summer Is Coming!!!



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**Report of the
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.
February 4, 2012**

Dear Council Members,

We have indeed been busy at the Camp since our last Report. With Christmas Camp, seeking Officers to run for office and the Organization Assessment Action Committee (OAAC) all staying busy we have been productive as well.



- Christmas Camp was once again a great success. We had a packed house as we had 49 Campers there again this year. It was a very special time for all that attended, the Campers as well as those who volunteered.
- The Nomination and Elections Committee has been busy and we are excited about the slate of Officers that will be leading our Camp for years to come.
- The OAAC Committee has been busy as well working on our Board Re-alignment, a Strategic Plan and Fund Raising. We have a ways to go with this but we are well on the way with these initiatives.

There are concerns from a financial point of view. I think this is true for all of our Lions Projects. Another reason why the OAAC and the actions they are taking are so important for our growth and sustainability. The support from the Lions Clubs throughout Georgia is down, so we are pro-actively seeking funds and ways of raising monies for our General Fund. Monies within the General Fund are used to run the day to day operations of the camp as well as the actual Camping Sessions themselves. This is where the money is needed and will also be a big topic of discussion at our upcoming Meeting. Good news on this front is that thus far this year we have not had to hit the Trust Fund for help. A big thank you to Lion Jon, Kristen and her Team for being frugal and managing our existing funds.

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As you are well aware it is a busy time for the Lions of Georgia. Here are some upcoming Camp dates to remember and share:

- February 4-5, 2012 - Camp Winter Committee and Board of Directors Meetings in Warner Robins, GA.
- March 16-18, 2012 - State LEO Gathering at the Camp
- March 23-25, 2012 - Work Weekend at the Camp.
- April 27-29, 2012 - Work Weekend at the Camp.
- May 25, 2012 - Board of Directors Meeting at the State Convention in Savannah, GA.
- June 3, 2012 - Summer Camping Season starts.
- July 21, 2012 - Lions Day at Our Camp!

As always - We are proud to host the Council at our Board Meeting. It is always great to get together, serve others and have fun with our fellow Lions

We will see you soon!

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank

Frank Spinney
President
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

**CALLING ALL LIONS
YOUR CAMP NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

By Lion Alice Stagg, Chair
Fund Raising Committee

Fellow Georgia Lions,

On October 1, 2011 I was elected to serve as Chair of the Camp for the Blind's Fund Raising Committee. This is a challenging quest for me, as I have searched for various ways to stimulate possible projects and events which clubs and individual Lions alike could embrace. This is NOT a solicitation for more personal donations to the Camp to support operating expenses, though there is truly a great need for them and they are always appreciated. It is my personal view that, as the Camp was envisioned and established 35 years ago by a group of Georgia Lions, with the support of Georgia Lions, it rests upon the shoulders of Georgia Lions today to keep the Camp open and functioning as the inspirational and educational experience it has come to be. It is my hope that the newly formed Organizational Assessment Committee will be able to arrive at, and provide the direction needed, to implement changes which will guide us toward the financial stability that is essential to the survival of our Camp.

That being said, in my capacity as Fund Raising Chair, there are still things that can be done now to help our Camp move toward that goal. I am presenting three requests to you, and ask that you do all you possibly can to be a part of the solution by acting on or responding to the three requests. I also encourage you to contact me with any other ideas you may have.

FIRST: SHOP THROUGH "iGive" ONLINE AND EARN CASH FOR THE CAMP

I would like to ask again for your support of the Camp in a very easy, convenient way. In November of 2009 the Camp registered itself as a charitable cause on the website www.iGive.com. I wrote several articles in subsequent Camp newsletters asking all Lions, their friends, family and business associates, to set up a free account at this website, choose the Camp as their charity, and to try to do as much of their online shopping through it as possible. The Camp would then receive a percentage from each store where you shopped. This could add up to a sizeable amount if everyone supported the effort.

I checked the iGive statistics for the Camp recently, and have found that only 15 supporters have registered through iGive. Despite the low number of shoppers registered, those 15 have raised \$124.19 for the Camp since inception, which is money the Camp would not have otherwise received. However, I know as a group that Lions can do much better than this! I want to encourage all those who do shop online to make the effort to register on iGive and name the Camp as their charity, then to shop as much as possible through the thousands of stores that are part of the iGive network.

Following is a paraphrased excerpt from an email that Lion Ann Olson, President of the Villa Rica Golden City Club, sent to her members after the iGive promotion was reviewed at the 10/1 Camp Directors meeting in Chamblee, GA during the Fund Raising Committee. I appreciate Lion Ann's proactive effort to promote this project and the clear way in which she has outlined the steps to register. Please join us in this effort to KEEP THE CAMPFIRES BURNING.

Now to explain a way that all of you online shoppers can support the Camp with your online purchases. By shopping through the website www.igive.com, your registration on the website and your purchases can provide cash for the Camp. It does not cost anything to register and you won't start receiving unwanted email solicitations as a result of your registration. Go to the website, and at the prompt to select your charity, enter "Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind". Each new registrant earns the Camp \$5.00 automatically without even having to make a purchase! Follow the user friendly instructions to complete your registration. As you will see, there are hundreds of popular online stores available for shopping. It is important to remember that, in order for a percentage of your purchase to go to the Camp, you must go to the iGive website first, then access the store at which you wish to shop from the iGive website itself. For example, if you go to Amazon.com

directly and shop, the Camp gets nothing. To shop at Amazon.com through the iGive website, simply go to the iGive website, sign in to your account, click on the “A” tab you will see at the top (there is a tab for each letter of the alphabet). Then scroll down all the A’s til you reach Amazon.com, click on it and it will take you there, where you can then shop to your heart’s content. It is as simple as that! Please ask your friends, relatives, neighbors and business associates to join iGive.com and to select the Camp as their charity in order to increase the benefit exponentially.

Fellow Lions, if anyone has questions about registering on the iGive website, please feel free to email me at alice.oakhill@gmail.com, or call me at 334-855-2299. I will be happy to help any way I can. Together, we can KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING.

SECOND: KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING

“KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING” IS THE NEW SLOGAN FOR THE CAMP’S MAJOR FUNDRAISER AT THE CLUB LEVEL

At the last Camp Directors meeting on 10/1/11, held in Chamblee, GA, the Fund Raising Committee discussed how best to clarify for all Lions the purpose of the “Send A Kid to Camp” program (SAKTC). Funds raised and earmarked for SAKTC are not strictly intended to provide scholarships for campers who cannot afford the registration costs to attend the sessions. This was not the intent when SAKTC was established, nor is it now. The purpose of asking all Georgia Lions Clubs to conduct this fundraiser each year was to provide operating funds which would enable the Camp to cover the costs of maintaining the facility, and therefore to keep its doors open for the campers; literally to KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING. Comparatively, SAKTC’s purpose is the same as the Lighthouse’s White Cane Day fundraiser. However, through the years, perhaps because of the name of the program itself, many Lions have come to think that the SAKTC funds are specifically to pay for campers to attend sessions.

As a result of the Fund Raising Committee’s discussion of the issue, it recommended to the Executive Committee that the fund raiser’s name be changed from Send a Kid to Camp to KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING. Lawrenceville Lion and former Camper Brian Donegan suggested this new slogan and brought his personal memories of his camping experiences to the rest of the group in explaining his inspiration. Lion Brian said that the campfires around which he and other campers gathered in the evenings were central to the camping activities. The campfires were where friendships were formed, memories made, and tearful “good-byes until later” were said. They signaled the beginning and the end of each camping session, and therefore it seemed appropriate that they be used to represent the importance of the fundraising efforts each Lions Club in Georgia is asked to conduct on behalf of the Camp. The Fund Raising Committee supported this recommendation enthusiastically and the Executive Committee voted to make the change official.

We ask that every Georgia Lions Club conduct a fund raising project of their choosing each year. September will continue to be the designated month for KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING, but clubs may conduct their fund raisers at any time during the year and make their donations at any time. We suggest that, wherever possible, clubs approach corporations in their communities which may offer matching funds to whatever amounts the clubs may raise during the course of their project. The importance of having every club support the Camp in this way can’t be emphasized more strongly. Only with your ongoing support can we KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING and continue to provide exceptional camping and personal growth experiences for sight impaired individuals. Lion Gerald Leland, Chair of the PR & Promotions Committee, is undertaking the preparation of a new brochure and a CD for use by clubs in their efforts. The goal is to make its content suitable not only for solicitation of individual donations, but as a supplemental piece to include when

approaching corporations and foundations as well. If anyone has access to brochures or other promotional pieces that they have seen used by other groups in approaching potential corporate or foundational donors, I would very much like to have copies sent to me to study and share.

THIRD: DO YOU KNOW ANY FAMOUS ENTERTAINERS?

Well, if you do, or if you know someone else who knows any famous entertainers, send that information to me at alice.oakhill@gmail.com or call me at 334-614-0999. I am looking to build a list of possible entertainers who could be approached to do a benefit performance for the Camp. They could be comedians (family friendly), musicians, magicians or any talent at all, but they should be pretty well known in entertainment circles in order to attract the biggest crowd. I feel sure Jeff Foxworthy or someone like him would appeal to a wide range of southern folk. I wish Lewis Grizzard and Ludlow Porch were still with us. Soul singer Clarence Carter was born and educated in Montgomery, AL and is sight-impaired. Maybe Ronnie Milsap, Stevie Wonder or David Copperfield would help us out if we had someone who knew them supporting our request. Who knows? Any leads will be appreciated.

Thank you for your support of the Camp now and in the future. I encourage you to contact me with any and all ideas as to how we can assure that we will KEEP THE CAMPFIRES BURNING



Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Triple Option Raffle



John Deere Gator

or **\$5,000.00**
Cash



Street Legal Golf Cart

The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. is a Lions of Georgia funded project that provides blind children, teens and adults with an opportunity to grow and become self-reliant. We do this at our beautiful 62 acre camping facility in Waycross, Georgia.

Please help us continue this service to those in need by purchasing a Raffle Ticket for the price of \$1.00. You could win your choice of one of the Triple Option Prizes shown above and will also win by helping a Blind Georgian attend our Camp!

We all can be Winners!

We will draw the winning ticket on February 5, 2012 at our Winter Board of Director's Meeting in Warner Robins, GA.

Thank you for your support!



It is now the beginning of a new year and I don't know about your new years resolution(s) but I have decided not to make any. I do not want to be disappointed when something doesn't work out the way I wanted it to. You know, we are not in control as much as we think we are. Though I have set a few goals for my self and hope to accomplish the most beneficial ones, some personal and a lot of work related.

Our winter meeting is fast approaching and I hope to see a lot of you there. Hopefully I want be as nervous as I was last year. Over the past year you all have made me feel like part of the Lion family and I thank you for that. I never new how many people supported and cared about the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and The Lighthouse. This truly is a great organization.

Just to let you know a little of what has been going on this fall and winter, their have been some minor breakdowns that had to be repaired. Water heaters that did not heat(changed the elements) or caused a leak,(no damage), dead trees cut down and removed, repaired a few outside security lights, pick up a LOT of pine cones and pine tree limbs, just all in part of the job. You know what they say about idle hands, no need to worry, I do not see that happening around here and I love it!!

Do not fret I am working on our work weekend projects now and the list will be ready for our winter meeting. I have a couple of new projects and still have a few leftovers from last year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again this year and I hope to meet some more new workers. It was a great time last year and please let all your fellow members know how much fun we have. The dates of the work weekends are March 23rd, 24th, and 25th 2012 and April 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2012. Get your tool belts, paint brushes, rakes, wheel barrows ready.

Please keep up the support and remember to tell someone about the Lions, who knows, you may be recruiting a new future leader! Thanks again and I hope to see you soon.

Unfortunately on Thanksgiving Day 2011, the LaQuinta Motel in Warner Robins burned to a total loss. We are so very sorry for the loss. They are hoping to rebuild on the same site but that will take a year. So all Camp Committee meetings for the Ga. Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc., winter meetings will be held at the **Wingate Motel** in Warner Robins on February 4, 2012. The address is 4031 Watson Blvd. (the main street). It is actually just around the corner from the LaQuinta on the same side of Watson toward I-75. On the corner where you turned to go to the LaQuinta is Kubia's Auto Repair, then going west is a shopping center called Galleria Square, then the Wingate. You can actually turn into Galleria Square and immediately turn right and drive along the lane parallel to Watson over to the motel, or, as Watson is 4 lane, drive past the motel in the left lane and turn around to go back to the motel. Sounds tricky it really but isn't.

If this is your first time coming for Camp Committee Meetings, take Exit 146 off of I-75 and go east on the 247 Connector towards Robins AFB. You will cross Highway 41, just keep coming and you will see the Wingate on your right.

This newer 3-story motel has an elevator, indoor pool, free Internet access, business center, and large fitness center. It offers a free Continental Breakfast. All rooms have refrigerators and microwaves. No restaurant, but there are plenty nearby. For reservations, call 478-333-6650 to receive these group rates. Be sure to tell them you are with the Lions Camp.

2 queen beds \$85.00

King \$89.

King w/sofa (mini suite) \$92

The Sunday (February 5th) Board of Directors Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Centerville Lions Club House, 612 N. Houston Lake Road in Centerville. Go east (right) on Watson Blvd. from the Wingate. When you get to the Galleria Mall on the left, turn left between Rite Aid Drug Store and Flash Foods onto Houston Lake Road. There is a green sign in the middle of the intersection that says Houston Lake Road. Go straight north on Houston Lake until you see the Lions Sign on the right, about a mile or so. It is where the 4 lane road becomes 2 lanes.

The Saturday night banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Centerville Club House, hosted by the Centerville Lions and Lioness Clubs. The dinner will be \$10.00 each. Please make your reservations to Lion Doy Barks by February 2nd.

Telephone 478-923-5649

Email hankbarks@cox.net (Note: this is a new email address)

Address 614 Todd Circle
Warner Robins, Ga 31088

Please make checks payable to: The Ga. Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. Everyone likes to win something, so please bring a door prize.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

BANQUET RESERVATION FORM
FEBRUARY 4, 2012

Please make _____ reservation(s) at \$10.00 per person for the Saturday night Camp dinner.

NAME _____ CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

We will have your reservation at the door. Checks should be made payable to the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind.

Please mail by February 1 to: Lion Doy Barks
 614 Todd Circle
 Warner Robins, GA 31088

Or if preferred Doy may be called at (478) 923-5649 (there is also an answering machine on this line) or E-Mailed to hankbarks@cox.net by February 2. Note: This is a new email address.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO BE FAIR TO THE COOKS AND THE COMMITTEE SETTING UP!

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
GEORGIA LIONS' CAMP FOR THE BLIND, INC.**

Saturday, February 4, 2012 – WINGATE MOTEL

RICK MIZELL, LIONTAMER, IS LOCATED IN ROOM 114

9:00 – 12:45	COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS	MEETING ROOM
1:00 – 2:25	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	MEETING ROOM
2:30 – 3:25	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	238
2:30 – 3:25	POLICY COMMITTEE	338
2:30 – 3:55	BUILDING & GROUNDS	MEETING ROOM
3:30 – 4:25	CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS	238
3:30 – 4:25	AWARDS COMMITTEE	338
3:30 – 4:25	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	FRANK'S ROOM-TBA
4:00 – 4:55	FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	MEETING ROOM
4:30 – 4:55	FINANCE COMMITTEE	FRANK'S ROOM - TBA
4:30 – 5:25	PR& PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE	238
4:30 – 5:25	PLANNING COMMITTEE	338
5:00 – 6:00	PDG MEETING	MEETING ROOM
5:30 – 6:30	NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE	238
7:00 p.m.	Dinner \$10.00 (Please make check payable to Ga Lions Camp). Centerville Lions Clubhouse – 612 North Houston Lake Road Please bring a doorprize.	

Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:30 a.m.	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	MEETING ROOM
11:00 a.m.	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	CENTERVILLE LIONS CLUB HOUSE

Designation of Delegate

I, _____, _____
(Name) (Officer: Pres, Sec, Treas.)

of the _____ Lions Club,
(Club)

District 18-___ declare that Lion _____
(Name)

is a Designated Delegate for the Associate Director to the Camp for our club at the Camp meeting on February 5, 2012 and as such, is permitted to vote in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Signature _____
(Signature)

(Printed Name)

This form enables each club to have one vote in the upcoming election. The delegate must be present to vote. This is not a proxy vote nor is it an absentee ballot.

Dear Lions of Georgia,
Thank you to all the clubs that are taking the extra effort and putting your District and information that I need in order to properly apply the funds that you send to the right designated account. I really appreciate it so much.

We need your help with sponsoring a camper for camp. This summer is quickly approaching and each year we look for individual/club sponsors, if you are interested please let us know. Thank you so much to all of you that have already sent in your sponsorship money. Also, remember that **April 30th, 2011** is the last day to get credit for this year's donations to be considered for Awards at the State Convention.

Please call me or email me if you need any assistance.

Merri Blount
Camp Secretary
912-283-4320
glcblindsec@accessatc.net

REMINDERS:

*Please send any and all monies/donations (i.e. ATV raffle, SAKTC, etc) here to the Camp. I deposit and email all information to Treasurer Jon, who writes the checks and then manages it online.



"From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more." Luke 12:48b

In the last few months I have thought a lot about this statement. I have thought about it in reference to living in America and the freedoms that entails. I have thought about the abilities I have to leave a mark on society. The most daunting thought of all though has been in direct correlation with my job as your director. I know that I have been entrusted with an amazing opportunity to lead this camp into a new day. I have been entrusted to protect, challenge, motivate, and create amazing opportunities for the Blind of Georgia. I have been entrusted to be a good steward of an amazing organization. I feel like it's a big responsibility. I will be honest and tell you that I am grateful I don't do it alone. You see it's all of our responsibility. You as Lions in this state have been entrusted too. You have been entrusted to support the goals and operations of this camp. You have been entrusted to provide for and maintain these beautiful grounds. This is YOUR camp! You have been entrusted with it. Let that thought resonate with you for a moment. What an amazing opportunity we have. No other facility in this state has a summer camp completely devoted to the visually impaired. WE ARE IT! I hope as you reflect upon this amazing place affectionately called GLCB, you swell with pride. I hope that your head gets a little bigger and your steps get a little more bounce in them. May we never forget though that much is required!

Kristen

