

GEORGIA LIONS' CAMP FOR THE BLIND, INC

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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. to provide personal growth experiences for children, teens, and adults with visual impairments through the use of recreation, education, socialization, and rehabilitation in an outdoor setting.

Georgia Lions' Camp Philosophy

The Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind believes that it is the right of the blind and visually impaired, to experience the same opportunities offered to the general population of camp attendees. The fundamental need exists for love, protection, security, acceptance, as the non-handicapped, and therefore should be given the opportunity to fulfill these needs. Campers must be offered the opportunity to have fun, make friends, and share experiences.

Goals and Objectives

The goal of the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind is to provide a residential camping experience for blind and visually impaired individuals residing in Georgia. Though full utilization is made of staff and facilities, a recreational emphasis is placed on social, physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual growth. It is the function of the staff member through the small group living process, to aid in the achievement of the following objectives.

To foster positive self-concept development of campers

To provide the opportunity for social interaction and the development of social skills

To foster the desire for participation in all camp activities

To develop in campers, a sense of responsibility and respect for others

To provide the opportunity to develop a more positive attitude toward their disability

To enable the camper to learn to accept ways of competing and cooperating with others

To stimulate in campers' greater independence, self reliance, resourcefulness, and initiative

To help the camper learn new skills and to explore one's individual abilities

To encourage participation in, and shared responsibilities of a democratic society

To provide opportunities for understanding and appreciation through an awareness of the natural surroundings

To aid the camper to achieve self-realization, self fulfillment, and personal identity

To provide an opportunity for campers to have FUN

CAMP FOR THE BLIND AWARD PROGRAM

Please check the Camp Website or Directory for detailed criteria for the Service Awards. The deadline for Awards is April 30th.

The Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. issues awards and recognition for the State and District Levels, based on the contest period from May 1st to April 30th of the following year. State level awards are presented by the Camp President during the State Awards program at the State Convention. District level awards are presented by the Vice President during the District Breakfast at the State Convention.

State Level Awards

<u>Dr. C.M. Blanton Award</u>: This award is presented to the District Governor for the highest per capita contribution.

Thomas T. Purvis Award: This award is presented to the Club President for the highest per capita contributions in first and second place standings.

Don Anderson Award: This award is presented to the Club President with the highest increase per capita contribution for both first and second place standings.

<u>State Lioness Award</u>: This award is presented to the Club President with the highest per capita contribution for both first and second place standings.

<u>President's Award</u>: This award is presented to the Camp Vice President with the highest percentage of participating clubs.

<u>Treasurer's Award</u>: This award is presented to the Club President with the highest total dollar contribution for both first and second place standings.

District Level Awards

Highest Per Capita Award: This award is presented to the Club President for each of the six Districts.

Lioness Highest Per Capita Award: This award is presented to the Club President for each of the six Districts.

R.C. Cunningham Service Award: This award is presented to the Club President with the most man-hours worked at the Camp by dividing the number of hours by the number of members per club.