

Dear Campers, Parents, & Teachers:

The administration of the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind is excited to invite you to join us for our 2012 summer program! Our theme this year is Defying Gravity and we are featuring many activities, new and familiar friends, and new experiences to share; we are looking forward to seeing you there! Please complete the enclosed paperwork and return it along with your camp fee to ensure your reservation. No camper will have a secure spot until ALL paperwork is submitted back to the camp, including the physical. I know many of you will notice that there is a lot more paperwork in this application. There are two reasons for this. First, we need to ensure that we have the capabilities to take care of each camper that comes to camp. Second, we have eliminated turning in paperwork at check-in. We have noticed that many times it gets lost on the way to check-in; so we are trying to prevent that potential problem. Please note in the Health History packet, we sent only the first three documents as we complete the last one here at the camp. The Health page that is attached to the cover sheet that says "Physical," must be filled out by a licensed medical personnel. There are a total of 15 pages to mail back... Don't worry you can do it!

Please note the following information carefully, as several changes have occurred including length of camper stays.

2012 Summer Schedule

Session 1	<i>June 3-8</i>	<i>Family Camp (ages 4-9)*</i>	<i>(Sunday-Friday)</i>
Session 2	<i>June 10-18</i>	<i>Pre-Teens (ages 10-13)</i>	<i>(Sunday-following Tuesday)</i>
Session 3	<i>June 22- 30</i>	<i>Older Adults (ages 25+)</i>	<i>(Friday following-Saturday)</i>
Session 4	<i>July 5 –13</i>	<i>Young Adults (ages 18- 25)</i>	<i>(Thursday-following Friday)</i>
Session 5	<i>July 15-25</i>	<i>Teenagers (ages 14–17)</i>	<i>(Monday-following Wednesday)</i>

* A parent is required for the 4-5 year-olds and a sibling or parent is optional for 6-9 year-olds.

Arrival/Departure

NOTE: Staff will not be available to supervise campers before and after the times listed below.

Arrival:	Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Waycross	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	Georgia Academy for the Blind, Macon	11:30 – 12:30 pm
Departure:	Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Waycross	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 pm
	Georgia Academy for the Blind, Macon	12:00pm

Fee(s)

A non-refundable camper fee of \$150.00 per session for in-state residents and \$250.00 for non-Georgia residents is due at the time of the application. A \$25.00 transportation fee is required for campers who use chartered Macon travel services. Summer t-shirts are not included in the above price, but are available for \$10. You may send t-shirt money with the registration fee.

Attendance Policy

Registration must be in their own age range with no exceptions for campers under 18 years of age. Siblings are permitted for camper's ages 6 to 9 years. All fees and documentation apply to siblings. A parent or legal guardian is required of campers between the ages of 4-5. No fees are required of the attending parent other than a background check fee. Normally this is around \$25. Parents assume volunteer status and are expected to participate and assist when needed for daily activities.

Spending Money

Campers are offered, camp store items, T-shirts, etc., which require spending money. While the amount is optional, \$30 may be sufficient. The amount brought to Camp will be entered into a spending log and returned to the parent at the end of the camping session.

Deadline

The deadline for the receipt of all documentation and fees for camper registration is **April 25, 2012**. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. We anticipate filling the camp in several sessions; so make sure you get your paperwork back to us ASAP. If there are spots still available after the April 25th deadline we will try to the best of our ability to accommodate every request.

We are looking forward to a safe, memorable, and fun-filled summer and hope to have you and/or your child attend. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions regarding the application process.

"Defying"

Kristen Robinson

Camp Director

How will your camper be arriving and departing from camp? (Please circle one for each day)

Arrival: Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Waycross 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Georgia Academy for the Blind, Macon 11:30 – 12:30 pm

Departure: Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Waycross 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 pm

Georgia Academy for the Blind, Macon 12:00

CAMPER INFORMATION

In the following sections, please check off any statements that apply. You may check off as many as are needed, unless otherwise specified. Please answer thoroughly; giving examples as needed. Use and attach additional paper if necessary.

General Information

Has the camper ever been to camp before? Yes () No () If yes, name of camp: _____

Does the camper read? _____ Print _____ Large Print _____ Braille Does the camper write print? Yes () No ()

Does the get along well with persons his/her age? Yes () No ()

What are the camper's interests? _____

Camper t-shirt size: _____ Camper roommate preference: _____

Activities

<input type="checkbox"/>	Swims Well
<input type="checkbox"/>	Will not get into water willingly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cannot swim, but will go into the water

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fears water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Good fine motor skills
<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor fine motor skills

Favorite outdoors activities are: _____

Favorite indoor activities / games are: _____

Activities camper does not like are: _____

Activity Level

<input type="checkbox"/>	Has typical attention span for his/her age
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is under active (needs motivation to participate)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stays up with the group

<input type="checkbox"/>	Has a very short attention span
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is overactive or hyper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tends to wander

Please describe how you manage his/her activity level, motivate participation, etc:

If overactive or a wanderer what are ways to redirect their attention:

Mobility

<input type="checkbox"/>	Walks/Runs Independently
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Assistance Walking/Running
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Assistance on Steps/Soft Sand

<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses a Walker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wears AFO's or Braces on Legs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses a Wheelchair

Mobility Comments: _____

Sleep

Are there any unusual sleeping patterns we should know about? _____

Does the camper need a night light or have a bedtime routine? _____

How many hours does the camper sleep at night? _____ Can the camper sleep out in a tent? Yes () No ()

If no, why? _____

Toileting, Showering, & Dressing

Please check all that apply	Independently	With Verbal Cues	Some Assistance	Total Assistance
Uses Toilet				
Menstrual Care				
Shampooing				
Soaping				
Adjusting Water				
Hair Care				
Brushing Teeth				
Putting on/taking off shirt				
Putting on/taking off shoes				
Putting on/taking off pants				

Toileting, showering & dressing comments: _____

Communication

_____ Verbal _____ Non-Verbal _____ Sign Language

Does the camper understand questions? Yes () No ()

Does the camper respond to questions? Yes () No ()

Can the camper communicate his/her needs and wants? Yes () No ()

Further instructions regarding communication: _____

Behavior/ Social Interaction (Please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Outgoing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Helpful
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shy/Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gets upset easily
<input type="checkbox"/>	Happy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eager to learn new things
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure of new situations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self abusive

<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiates conversations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enjoys social gatherings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needs continuous direction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verbally aggressive/demanding
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is a leader
<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses appropriate touch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Able to accept responsibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physically aggressive

Please describe in detail these or any other challenge behaviors we should know about: _____

Do you have a specific way of handling behaviors described above (time-outs, 1-2-3, charts etc)?

What usually triggers challenging behaviors? _____

What are two or three effective rewards? _____

Does the camper have an emotional health concern? Yes () No ()

If yes, please specify and give details:

During the past year, has the camper seen or is currently seeing a professional to address mental/emotional health concerns? Yes () No ()

If yes, please give a brief plan of camper care: _____

Has the camper had a significant life event (death of a loved one, family change, trauma, etc) that continues to affect his/her life? Yes () No ()

If yes, please specify and give additional detail as needed:

Vision (please check all that apply)

	Yes	No
Wear glasses		
Low Vision		
Legally blind		
Color blind		
Night blindness		
Totally blind		
Uses a guide dog		
Prosthetic eye		
Uses a cane		
Uses sighted guide		
Wear glasses in the water		
Uses sunglasses		
Sun sensitive		
Shirt when swimming		
Right eye dominance		
Left eye dominance		

What is the cause for the camper's vision loss? _____

How does the camper handle the fact that they have a visual disability? _____

Other Health Concerns (Please check all that apply)

	Yes	No
ADD/ADHD		
Allergy the requires EpiPen		
Asthma		
Autistic- like behaviors		
Behavior Disorders		
Cerebral Palsy		
Chronic Communicable Disease (Please Specify)		
Cognitive Disability (Please Specify)		
Deaf or Hard of Hearing		
Depression		
Diabetes		
Emotionally Disturbed		
Heart Condition		
Mental Health Condition (Please Specify)		
Seizure		
Other (Please Specify)		

Please provide additional information on any condition indicated above:

◀◀◀ CAMP RULES ▶▶▶

1. Radios, CD/MP3 players, tape players, electronic games, cell phones, beepers and palm pilots or any other portable electronic devices are not permitted. If they are seen they will be taken by the counselor and given back at the end of the week.

Adults are allowed to bring at most two electronics (Cell phones count as one)

2. Food or gum is not permitted.
3. Closed-in shoes must be worn at all times, except when going to the pool or lake front.
4. Visitors are not permitted.
5. No cussing, bullying, or belittling of oneself or another
6. You have to be willing to push yourself
7. We don't allow the phrase "I can't" here at camp

◀◀◀ Horseback riding requirements ▶▶▶

1. Participants should wear long pants, not shorts, for the riding activity.
2. Participants must wear proper footwear. (shoes should have closed toes, a heel is necessary to keep the riders foot from sliding through the stirrup)

◀◀◀ Bus Rules ▶▶▶

1. Follow procedures issued by the Bus Company
2. Campers are to follow all rules given by the driver and staff members
3. Seatbelts are not available on school buses. Children and staff are to remain seated while bus is moving.
4. If more than one bus is used, they will travel together and stay together.
5. A designated staff member will carry the camp cell-phone at all times. Radios will be used for contact between buses.

◀◀◀ Password ▶▶▶

This word should be made known to the transporter of the camper who is a minor, by parent or legal guardian, and presented to GLCB personnel prior to leaving a camp session. The person trying to pick up the camper will NOT be allowed to pick up the camper without this password. This is a safety precaution so that we make sure that every camper ends up in the right hands.

Password: _____

◀◀◀ For Your Information ▶▶▶

Due to our many exciting camp activities, your camper will not have time to be on a cell phone. The camp director will contact parents if there is a need; this includes but is not limited to, any illness that causes a fever for more than 6 hours, anytime a camper vomits, any accident that injures the camper and anytime the director feels it is in the best interest of the camper to inform the parent.

Camp is meant to be a special environment. If the camper brings everything that they are used to from home they are less likely to engage fully which in turn lessens the likelihood for growth. Adults will be asked to leave their phone back in the cabin during the day. If the phone becomes an issue even for an adult we will ask for the phone or the camper will not be allowed to continue at the camp. We are very serious about each camper reaching their full potential and really tapping into the belief that we are "Defying Gravity."

Please sign and date acknowledging that you understand and agree to abide by these rules.

Parent

Date

Camper

Date

Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc.

Waiver and Consent Form

Camper Name _____

Consent to Camper Activities/Transportation:

I hereby grant permission for said camper named above to participate fully in the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. summer camp program. I understand that the program will include not only daily activities conducted on the campgrounds but also certain field trips and other off-site activities, which will require transportation to and from off-site locations. I hereby grant permission for said camper to participate in any and all such activities, which are deemed appropriate and supervised by Camp personnel.

Consent to Equine Activity:

WARNING: Under Georgia Law, an Equine Activity sponsor or Equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in Equine Activities resulting from the inherent risks of Equine Activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Consent to Adventure Recreation and Climbing Tower:

The tower is part of our Adventure Recreation program for our campers. This program develops self confidence, builds trust and enhances personal growth.

Team building will also be used to better ones self as well as the group.

This is one of the most powerful tools available, utilizing elements of controlled risk, recreation and education to teach life truths.

I _____ (Camper's Name)

1. have the physical ability and condition to participate in the ropes course
2. have the skills to participate
3. understand the nature of the ropes course
4. am a voluntary participant

I further understand that if I do not follow regulations, I could be injured. I accept primary assumption of risk.

Camper _____
Date

Parent or Legal Guardian _____
Date

Consent to Medical Treatment:

I fully understand that, even after reasonable precautions have been taken, Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. activities may have certain hazards in which there is the risk of injury. I hereby grant permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director to hospitalize and/or to obtain appropriate medical care for said camper in the event of a medical emergency or other circumstances likely to have an adverse effect upon camper's health. This medical care shall include, but not limited to, examination, treatments, immunization, injections, anesthesia, surgery and other procedures etc.

This permission is conditional upon the understanding that in the event of serious illness, accident, or in the event of a need for hospital services and/or major surgery, said person will use all reasonable efforts to contact the undersigned. Failure in such efforts, however, shall not prevent the provision of emergency treatment necessary for the best interest of the life and health of the said.

I fully agree to pay for all such services, which are not covered by or are above the coverage limits of the Camp's insurance.

Consent to the Taking and using of photographs

Permission is also granted for said camper to be photographed, with such pictures to be used in public relations and fund raising efforts to promote programs of the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. and Lions Clubs International.

Indemnification Agreement:

For and in consideration of said covenants, the camper and the undersigned hereby release, acquit, and covenant to hold harmless the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. and its respective employees, designated Camp Physician and all other persons, firms and corporations from all other claims, damages, and causes of action of whatever nature which may accrue to said camper of the undersigned, their heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives and assigns, arising out of the above procedures, or campers participation in the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. programs.

Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

* It is imperative that you have someone watch you sign this document and then witness that they did in fact watch you sign. We must have this in order for you or your camper to be able to come to camp.

**Waiver and Assumption of Risk Form
for Equine Participant**

The undersigned _____(Camper/Participant) and the

_____ (Parent/Legal Guardian), voluntarily make and grant this Waiver and Assumption of Risk in favor of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. (Owner of riding facilities) and Kathy Harbuck Cox (Owner of horses and riding equipment) as partial consideration for the Participant's opportunity to use and enjoy the facilities, equipment, materials, horses, and/or other assets of the Owners; and/or to receive assistance, training, guidance, tutelage, and/or instruction from the Owners or personnel of Owners; and/or to engage in the activities, events, sports, festivities, and/or gatherings sponsored by Owners; We do hereby waive and release in and all claims whether in contract or of personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, damages, pain and suffering, losses and/or death that may arise from the aforementioned use of receipt, as we understand and recognize that there are certain risks, dangers, and perils connected with such use and/or receipt, which we fully understand, and which we nevertheless accept, assume and undertake after inquiry and investigation of extent, duration, and completeness wholly satisfactory and acceptable to me.

Participant agrees to use his or her best judgment in undertaking these activities, use and/or receipt and to faithfully adhere to all safety instructions, and recommendations, whether oral or written. As Parent/Legal Guardian, I hereby certify that I am a competent adult assuming these risks of my own free will, being under no compulsion or duress. This Waiver and Assumption of Risk is effective from

_____ to _____ (camp dates attending), inclusive and may not be revoked, altered, amended, rescinded or voided without the express prior written consent of Owners.

We have read and fully understand the posted warnings, which read as follows:

Under Georgia Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 Title 4 of Official Code of Georgia Code annotated.

Signed this _____ (day) of _____ (month), 20 _____

Print Name _____ Age of Participant _____

Signature of Participant _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Print Address _____

**Waiver and Assumption of Risk Form
for Adventure Recreation & Tower Participation**

The undersigned _____(Camper/Participant) and the
_____(Parent/Legal Guardian), voluntarily make and grant this Waiver and Assumption of Risk in favor of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. as partial consideration for the Participant's opportunity to use and enjoy the facilities, equipment, materials, and/or other assets of the camp; and/or to receive assistance, training, guidance, tutelage, and/or instruction from the camp or personnel of the camp; and/or to engage in the activities, events, sports, festivities, and/or gatherings sponsored by the camp; We do hereby waive and release in and all claims whether in contract or of personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, damages, pain and suffering, losses and/or death that may arise from the aforementioned use of receipt, as we understand and recognize that there are certain risks, dangers, and perils connected with such use and/or receipt, which we fully understand, and which we nevertheless accept, assume and undertake after inquiry and investigation of extent, duration, and completeness wholly satisfactory and acceptable to me.

Participant agrees to use his or her best judgment in undertaking these activities, use and/or receipt and to faithfully adhere to all safety instructions, and recommendations, whether oral or written. As Parent/Legal Guardian, I hereby certify that I am a competent adult assuming these risks of my own free will, being under no compulsion or duress. This Waiver and Assumption of Risk is effective from

_____ to _____ (camp dates attending), inclusive and may not be revoked, altered, amended, rescinded or voided without the express prior written consent of Owners.

Signed this _____ (day) of _____ (month), 20 _____

Print Name _____ Age of Participant _____

Signature of Participant _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Print Address _____
