

Dear Campers, Parents, & Teachers:

The administration of the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind is excited to invite you to join us for our 2010 summer program! Our theme this year is "Ripe for Change" 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 that there are three different documents you will need to download. There are a total of 16 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.

### **2010 Summer Schedule**

Session 1	<i>June 13-18</i>	<i>Family Camp (ages 4-9)*</i>	<i>(Sunday-Friday)</i>
Session 2	<i>June 20-25</i>	<i>Pre-Teens (ages 10-13)</i>	<i>(Sunday-Friday)</i>
Session 3	<i>June 27- July 5</i>	<i>Young Adults (ages 18-25)</i>	<i>(Sunday – Following Monday)</i>
Session 4	<i>July 9 –16</i>	<i>Older Adults (ages 25+)</i>	<i>(Friday-Friday)</i>
Session 5	<i>July 19-30</i>	<i>Teenagers (ages 14–17)</i>	<i>(Monday-Following Friday)</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	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Departure:	Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Waycross	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 pm
	Georgia Academy for the Blind, Macon	12:00 – 1:00 pm

## **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 off-campus field trips, 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.

## **Prepaid Calling Cards**

Will help campers have a way to contact home. Long distance calls are not permitted at the Camp's expense. However, collect calls or calling card calls are encouraged. Messages may be left for campers at the office. However, campers will only be pulled away from activities in progress in the event of an emergency.

## **Deadline**

The deadline for the receipt of all documentation and fees for camper registration is **April 9, 2010**. 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 9th 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.

"Ripe for Change,"

*Kristen Picus*

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Executive Director