



LBLC

CAMP CONNECTIONS

NEWSLETTER

Connecting our community with the latest stories, updates, and events from Lions Bear Lake Camp. Stay informed and inspired as we continue our journey together year-round.



What's Inside ?

Camp Updates

See highlights from this year's Bear Lake Ultra, where runners from across the country took on our trails to support camp. We're also celebrating an incredible Eagle Scout project that brought a new bridge to life along one of our trails.

LBLC Spotlights

Each month we take a moment to recognize the people who help make Bear Lake Camp such a special place. This month, we're proud to highlight Board Member Jack Patton, whose leadership and heart for service continue to inspire us, and Staff Member Scotty Lake, whose hard work and positive spirit bring so much life to camp each day.

Campfire Chats

This month's Campfire Chats features two special stories that capture the heart of what Bear Lake Camp is all about. We're celebrating longtime supporter and Camp Champion Rich Pfeiffer, whose years of service have left a lasting impact on camp, and welcoming the Great Lakes Deaf Quilters, a wonderful group who filled the lodge with creativity, laughter, and friendship during their recent stay.

Stay Connected & Get Involved

Stay connected and get involved—there's always something happening at Bear Lake Camp! Explore our upcoming events, follow us on social media, and consider making a donation to help us continue changing lives.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTE TRACI TRIBLEY



As camp settles into its slower season, I find myself thinking about why we do what we do. Every trail, every cabin, every echo of laughter carries a story. Stories of children who arrive unsure, quiet, and carrying questions far too heavy for their age. Then something shifts. They laugh for the first time in days. They climb higher than they believed they could. They find a friend who feels like family. In that moment, you can almost see their hearts begin to lift. Their whole world starts to open. That is why we are here. Not for ourselves and not for recognition, but for them. For the spark in their eyes when they find courage. For the joy in their voices when they feel they belong. For the strength they carry home that touches their families, their friendships, and their futures. What happens at Bear Lake does not stay here. It reaches further than we will ever know. The laughter, the courage, and the bonds formed here travel with every child and become part of who they are and who they will become. And all of it begins with the choice we make to give our best. We must always remember why we began. To open doors. To lift children higher. To create a place where courage and friendship grow. Every moment we give here is a gift that shapes their lives forever. The children who walk through these gates deserve to see us at our strongest, working side by side with one heart and one purpose. When we live that calling, they will leave knowing they are valued, they are capable, and they are never alone. This is our purpose. This is our legacy. The kids first. Always.



CAMP UPDATES: WHAT'S NEW AT BEAR LAKE CAMP

Stay up to date with everything happening at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Camp Updates! From exciting developments and upcoming events to the latest news from around the camp, this section will keep you informed on all the ways we're growing and evolving to serve our campers and community.

Bear Lake Ultra Marathon

There's something special about the Bear Lake Ultra. For 24 hours, runners from across the United States pushed through the dark, the fatigue, and the endless miles, all for something bigger than themselves. One hundred fourteen people shared our trails, our campfire, and our spirit of perseverance. Every step they took helped light the way for the campers who will come here next summer. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to Rob Lykins and his family for once again pouring their time, energy, and love into this incredible event. Their dedication has turned the Bear Lake Ultra into more than just a race. It's a symbol of strength, compassion, and community coming together for a cause that changes lives. Because of them, and everyone who ran, volunteered, or cheered along the way, Bear Lake Camp continues to grow stronger, reaching more children and families with experiences that build confidence, courage, and hope.



Eagle Scout Project

Some projects remind us how much one person's effort can mean. Recently, we were honored to have Nolan, an Eagle Scout, complete his Eagle Scout project here at Lions Bear Lake Camp. Nolan built a much-needed bridge along one of our trails, a section often used by hikers and runners during the Bear Lake Camp Ultra Marathon. His hard work and attention to detail turned a simple idea into something lasting and meaningful for everyone who spends time exploring the trails around camp. The bridge stands as more than just a crossing. It represents commitment, service, and the belief that small acts of care can leave a lasting impact. Thank you, Nolan, for giving your time and energy to this project. You've built something that will be part of camp for years to come and a reminder of what can be accomplished through heart and determination.



LBLC SPOTLIGHTS: CELEBRATING OUR CAMP COMMUNITY

In LBLC Spotlights, we shine a light on the dedicated individuals and partnerships that help make Lions Bear Lake Camp extraordinary. Each month, we'll highlight a staff member and board of directors member. These are the people and collaborations that drive our mission forward, ensuring that every camper experiences the magic of Bear Lake Camp.

Jack Patton Board Member

Some people give in a way that quietly changes everything around them. Jack Patton is one of those people. His calm leadership, kind heart, and deep sense of purpose have left a lasting mark on Lions Bear Lake Camp. Jack and his wife, Charlotte, have shared 47 years together, raising three children and celebrating life with eight grandchildren. Family has always been at the center of Jack's life, and that same love and commitment guide the way he serves others. After earning his degree from Central Michigan University in 1975, Jack spent more than 40 years in the architectural door and hardware industry, working his way to vice president and serving two terms as president of the Michigan Chapter of the Door Hardware Institute. When he retired in 2018, he chose to focus his time on what mattered most to him — helping others through Lions. Since joining the Lake Orion Lions Club in 1996, Jack has served twice as president and taken on roles as Zone Chair, Region Chair, GMT, and District Governor for 11A2 in 2018–2019. He continues to serve as a Board Member and District Chair for Lions Bear Lake Camp, and leads the annual Wild Game Dinner, turning it into one of the camp's most successful and meaningful fundraisers. Jack reminds us that true leadership is found in service, in showing up, and in giving your best for the sake of others. His dedication and belief in what Bear Lake stands for continue to inspire everyone around him.



Scotty Lake Grounds Maintenance

If you've walked the grounds of Lions Bear Lake Camp this year, you've already seen Scotty's touch in every direction you look. The lawns are trimmed with care, the trails are clear and welcoming, and everything feels a little more alive because of the pride he puts into his work. The beauty of camp has his fingerprints all over it. Scotty came to us in the spring of 2024, bringing with him a smile that never fades and a work ethic that speaks for itself. With Jesse's guidance, he has grown in ways that make us incredibly proud. He's learned, adapted, and found his stride in a place that feels like home. Watching him step into his role with such heart has been nothing short of inspiring. Along with keeping our trails and grounds in top shape, Scotty helps Jesse clean the lodge after groups and is always ready to lend a hand wherever he's needed. He shows up each day with a good attitude and a willingness to give his best, no matter the task. We are deeply grateful for Scotty. His kindness, humor, and quiet strength have made him someone we all enjoy working beside. The way he cares for this camp reflects exactly what makes Bear Lake such a special place. It isn't just the land or the buildings. It's the people who give their all to make it shine.





CAMPFIRE CHATS: STORIES THAT WARM THE HEART

Welcome to Campfire Chats, where we share the inspiring stories and unforgettable memories from our past campers and groups. Each month, we'll also spotlight our Camp Champion, someone who embodies the spirit of Lions Bear Lake Camp. These are the moments and people that make our camp so special—stories that continue to spark joy long after the campfire's last ember.



Great Lakes Deaf Quilters- Rental Group

Every fall, the Great Lakes Deaf Quilters bring warmth, laughter, and creativity to Lions Bear Lake Camp. Their visits have become a tradition we look forward to each year, filling the lodge with color, conversation, and the steady hum of sewing machines. This year, the group decided to extend their stay to a full week, giving them even more time to enjoy fellowship, quilting, and the peaceful beauty of camp. Between projects, they shared meals together prepared by our food service team, turning each day into a mix of creativity and connection. The Great Lakes Deaf Quilters are more than just guests — they've become part of our camp family. Their energy, friendship, and love for what they do brighten our fall season every time they're here. We're already looking forward to welcoming them back next year.

Rich Pfeiffer- Camp Champion

Some people give so much of themselves that their presence becomes part of the very heart of a place. For Lions Bear Lake Camp, that person is Rich Pfeiffer. His years of dedication, his kindness, and his steady hand have left an imprint that will always remain. Rich recently stepped away from the Board of Directors, where he once served as Board President, but his spirit continues to shine through the camp in countless ways. He was never one to stand on the sidelines. He rolled up his sleeves, jumped into the cold water at every Ice Plunge, volunteered at nearly every fundraiser, and showed up for open houses and workbees with the same quiet determination that has inspired so many of us. Alongside his friend Leo Schaefer, Rich helped lead the Golf Cart Fundraiser, making it possible for camp to bring in new carts that have been a blessing to staff and campers alike. It was never about recognition for him. It was about giving back to a place he believed in, a place that changes lives. Rich has always lived the spirit of service that defines a true Lion. As a member of the Washington Lions Club and a past District Governor, he continues to give his time and heart to others. And when he isn't serving, he finds peace underwater through scuba diving, a hobby that reflects his calm and thoughtful nature. Those who know Rich will tell you that he has never needed to be the loudest voice in the room. His leadership has always come from action, compassion, and a genuine love for the people around him. The camp is better because of him. The memories built here are brighter because he cared enough to make a difference. Thank you, Rich, for the years you have given, for the warmth you have shared, and for believing in what Bear Lake Camp stands for. You will always be part of this family.





CAMPFIRE CRUMBS

Welcome to our little corner of fun! Each month we'll share something lighthearted from around camp — from quirky facts to favorite recipes and surprises along the way. You never know what you might find here, but it's always sure to bring a smile.

FUN FACT



Our kitchen has cracked, scrambled, baked, and boiled through over 21,500 eggs this year! That's a whole lot of omelets, cookies, and camp breakfasts!

“Cosmic Brownies” Recipe

10 tablespoons butter

1 Cup sugar

½ Cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 eggs

¾ cup cocoa

⅔ cup cake flour

½ tablespoon cornstarch

1 tablespoon corn syrup

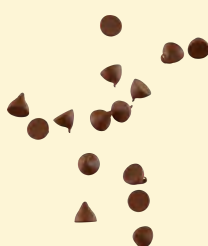


Frosting

1 ½ cup chocolate chips

½ cup heavy cream

rainbow chips



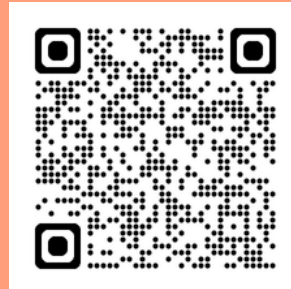
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine butter & sugars. Mix in eggs & vanilla until blended. Add cocoa powder, flour, corn starch, and corn syrup and mix. Spray 8x8 pan and pour batter into pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes and allow to cool. Meanwhile, heat heavy cream and chocolate chips in double boiler. Pour on top of cooled brownies. Sprinkle rainbow chips on top.



STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

- **February 7, 2026**- 4th Annual Ice Plunge
- **April 11, 2026**- Buffalo/Boar Wild Game Dinner
- **May 9, 2026**- Annual Workbee
- **June 8, 2026**- Golf Outing
- **June 12, 2026**- Baseball Game & Picnic
- **June 28, 2026**- Open House
- **September 26, 2026**- Clay Shoot



Your generous support helps us continue providing exceptional experiences for our campers. Every donation makes a difference, ensuring we can offer top-notch programs and maintain our beautiful camp facilities. Thank you for helping us make a positive impact!



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Lions Bear Lake Camp



4TH ANNUAL ICE PLUNGE & DINNER *Fundraiser*

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Dinner Includes Jumper Contests

**Soup Bar
Bread Bowls
Salad Bar
Hot Chocolate Bar
Dessert
Cash Bar**

**Prizes for
Best Costume
Best Jump (no diving)
and Most Money Raised**

FEBRUARY 7TH 2026

2:00 PM Check-In 3:00 PM Ice Plunge
followed by Dinner

\$50 - Jump/Dinner

**\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only
(Ages 0-5 Free, 6-12 \$10)**

**Seating limited to 200
so get your tickets early.**



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Sign up online at
bearlakecamp.org
under the "Events" Tab

****Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.****

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP ICE PLUNGE & DINNER FUNDRAISER

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026 2:00PM

**3409 N. FIVE LAKES RD
LAPEER, MI 48446**

ICE PLUNGE REGISTRATION FEE & PLEDGES

There is a \$50 registration fee to jump. Jumpers may collect pledges to support Lions Bear Lake Camp. The Jumper that raises the most money will receive a commemorative plaque. Based on pledge amounts, Jumpers Receive:

\$50 Registration Fee: Plunge, Dinner, T-shirt, Medal

\$100 or More: Plunge, Dinner, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal

\$250 or More: Priority Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal, Event Beanie

\$500 or More: Priority Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal, Event Beanie, Hoodie

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Sponsorships support the event. Pledges are collected by participants to reach prize levels—two separate ways to make a difference.

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Polar Legend Sponsor - \$2,500

Exclusive top placement of Sponsor's Logo on T-shirt, Recognition as Presenting Sponsor during event announcements & speaking opportunity, Recognition on Social Media, Table of 8 Complimentary Dinner Tickets, 2 Complimentary Jumpers, 2 Ice Plunge T-shirts, Premium Sponsor Plaque

Sub Zero Hero Sponsor \$1,000

Sponsor's Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt and sponsor banner, Recognition on Social Media, 2 Complimentary Jumpers, 4 Complimentary Dinner Tickets, 1 Ice Plunge T-shirt, Sponsor Plaque.

Arctic Champion Sponsor \$500

Sponsor's name or Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt, Recognition on Social Media, 2 Complimentary Dinner Tickets, 1 Complimentary Jumper, 1 Ice Plunge T-Shirt.

Frosty Friends Sponsor \$250

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt, Recognition on Social Media, 2 Dinner Tickets, 1 Ice Plunge T-Shirt.

Ice Breaker Sponsor \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt. Recognition on Social Media.

Donations Welcome!!!

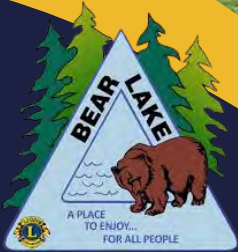
Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.

Donors will be acknowledged throughout the event via announcements

Please visit the "Events" page on bearlakecamp.org or send check to:

**Lions Bear Lake Camp
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Lapeer, MI 48446**





A place to enjoy... for all people



Lions Bear Lake Camp Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner

Saturday, April 11th 2026

Doors open @ 5p. Dinner is served @ 6:30p.

NEW VENUE: Boulder Pointe Golf Club, 1 Champion Dr. Oxford, MI 48371

Join us for a night of auctions, raffles, drinks, and a gourmet Wild Game Dinner! Ticket prices include dinner buffet and an open beer, wine, and mixed drink bar. All proceeds will benefit the Lions Bear Lake Camp for children with disabilities!

\$70 per person OR \$600 for reserved table of 10

Order your tickets online TODAY at www.bearlakecamp.org under the event tab, or purchase tickets via mail.

Mail to 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48448.

Make checks payable to Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!



Platinum
\$2,500

Gold
\$1,000

Silver
\$500

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LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP OPEN HOUSE



JUNE 28TH, 2026
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Tour Camp
Meet the Staff
Family Friendly Event
Snacks Provided

RSVP Online or contact:



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LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND FAMILY CAMP

JULY 3-5TH, 2026



Visually Impaired & Blind Family Camp is a weekend where families can experience the joy of camp together. Whether one or more family members are visually impaired or blind, the whole family is welcome to join in accessible activities, shared adventures, and meaningful connections.

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Swimming & Boating
- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Climbing Tower & Zipline
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Making Friends
- ✓ Much More!!

PARENTS WILL ENJOY

- ✓ Informative sessions about current issues
- ✓ Networking & sharing with other parents and families
- ✓ Family activities & bonding
- ✓ Creative break from the daily grind!

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Register Online
starting January 1st, 2026

More Info info@bearlakecamp.org 810-245-0726



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND YOUTH CAMP

Join us for a week long overnight camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 6-16. Kids enjoy a jam packed week of fun while making friendships, developing independence, and learning life skills.

**July
5-11, 2026**

**Ages
6-16**

Activities Include:

- Archery
- Swimming, Boating
- Fishing
- Camping and bonfires
- Challenge Course
- Climbing Tower/Zipline
- Team Building
- Nature Exploration
- Evening Programs
- Arts & Crafts
- Much More!

*Register Online starting
January 1st, 2026*



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**JULY
12-18th,
2026**

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING YOUTH CAMP

Ages 6-16

***This program is for children who use listening and spoken language as their primary mode of communication. Our camp focus is building speech, language, and audition skills while participating in traditional camp activities and making positive social connections!**



**Register Online
Starting January 1st, 2026**



ACTIVITIES:

- Archery
- Swimming, Boating
- Fishing
- Camping and bonfires
- Challenge Course
- Climbing Tower/Zipline
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LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING FAMILY CAMP

JULY 24-26TH, 2026



Come enjoy a fun themed weekend for families of deaf & hard of hearing children. It is geared to meet the unique needs of children who use listening & spoken language as their primary mode of communication.

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Swimming & Boating
- ✓ Archery
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Lions Bear Lake Camp **YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2026**



Our Leadership Development Program is specifically designed for teens aged 15 to 17, providing them with the opportunity to take on entry-level leadership roles within our camp community. Through hands-on experience and mentorship, participants will:

Learn valuable leadership skills, gain practical experience in leading camp activities, serve as role models for younger campers, develop a sense of responsibility and teamwork

**Session 1 (VIB)
July 5-11th, 2026**

**Session 2(DHH)
July 12-18th, 2026**



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Sponsor a Camper for \$995

Sponsor a Family Weekend for \$500



The Mission of Bear Lake Camp is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

Sponsor a Child for a Weeklong Residential Camp or

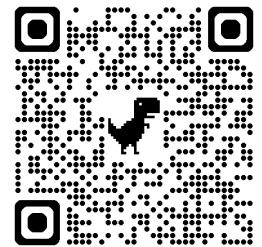
Sponsor a Family for a Weekend Camp

Visually Impaired & Blind Family Camp \$500
July 3-5th, 2026

Visually Impaired Youth Camp \$995
July 5th-11th, 2026

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Camp \$995
July 12th-18th, 2026

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Family Camp \$500
July 24th-26th, 2026



Did a Lions Club refer you to this sponsorship?

☐ Yes – Club Name: _____ District: _____

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2025

Trail Markers: Our Year in Impact



1982

Founded by Big Al Kassin and the Lake Orion Lions Club. Camp opened in its current location in 2000.



15,000+

Number of campers & visitors since 2000.



25,500+

Total number of meals served by our food service team in 2025.



85%

Percentage of our summer camp staff who are returning campers that have been through our leadership development program.

2025 Campers and Visitors



3500+

Number of Individuals Served in 2025.

11

Weeks of summer kid camps.

1,506

Kids served.

Lions Sponsored Camps

25

Years of providing mission focused residential camps.

Visually Impaired & Blind Youth Camp

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth Camp

Camp Life

120

Acres of trails, nature, & adventure

160

Individuals we can house at full capacity in 10 cabins

250

Dining Hall Capacity

Partnerships

We have many partnerships allowing us to host several summer camp opportunities

- o Camp Quality- Kids with Cancer Sibling Camp
- o MSU Kesem- Kids with Parents who have Cancer
- o PBJ- Foster Kid camp ages 6-12
- o Jack and Jill Motor City Chapter, Youth Leadership Development
- o MASTA String Camps
- o Sterling Heights Marching Band Camp

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