



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

This month, we are grateful for a generous monetary donation from the Houghton Lake Lions Club, helping us continue our mission. We also want to thank the Mount Clemens Lions Club for their incredible contribution, including the purchase of a new zero-turn lawn mower.

LBLC Spotlights

This month, we shine a light on our dedicated camp nurse, Linda, whose care and compassion make a difference every day. We also highlight Board Member Al Lindsay for his incredible leadership and service, and hear from the Anchor Bay Quilting Guild, one of our rental groups, about their meaningful experience at Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Campfire Chats

This month, we hear from Wyatt, one of our Deaf and Hard of Hearing campers, as he shares his favorite camp memories. We also celebrate Camp Champion Andrea Lindsay, whose dedication shines through her volunteer work during the summer and at events like the Ice Plunge.

Stay Connected & Get Involved

There are so many ways to support Lions Bear Lake Camp! From attending events to making a donation or contributing items from our wishlist, every action helps us continue to grow and serve our community. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTE TRACI TRIBLEY



February is often a time for reflection, and as I think about Lions Bear Lake Camp, I'm reminded of how much this place means, not just to me, but to everyone who has ever spent time here. It is not just a camp; it is a place where lives are touched in ways that are hard to put into words. You do not just visit Bear Lake Camp; you feel it. It is in the air, in the laughter, and in the quiet moments when everything seems to stand still, and you realize you are part of something bigger.

This camp has a way of bringing people together, whether it is kids learning to conquer their fears on the climbing tower, families coming together in the dining hall, or friends sharing stories by the fire. Every person who steps onto this property becomes part of a story that continues to grow. It is a story of courage, of connection, and of moments that stay with you long after you leave.

For me, there is no greater privilege than witnessing the way this place changes people, not in grand, sweeping ways, but in the small, meaningful ones. It is a camper looking up after reaching a goal they thought was out of reach. It is the joy of a volunteer realizing the impact of their time and effort. It is the quiet pride of knowing that what happens here matters.

None of this would be possible without you. Whether you have volunteered, donated, or simply encouraged someone to visit, you have left your mark on this camp. You have helped create the laughter, the courage, and the memories that fill this place with life. You are part of everything that makes this camp so special.

Lions Bear Lake Camp is not just a place to visit. It is a place to belong. It is where friendships are built, challenges are overcome, and lives are forever shaped. Thank you for being part of this journey, for believing in what we do, and for making this camp a home for so many.



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.

Houghton Lake Lions Donation

With mixed emotions, we express our heartfelt gratitude to the Houghton Lake Lions Club for their generous \$3,500 donation. While we are deeply saddened by the news of their club dissolving, we are honored that they chose Lions Bear Lake Camp as part of their lasting legacy.

Pictured are our Executive Director Traci Tribley with Lion Marc Milburn, Lion Evelyn Machia, and Warren Milburn, who presented this meaningful gift.

Your generosity ensures your spirit of service will continue to impact campers of all abilities for years to come.



Mount Clemens Lions Club

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Mt. Clemens Lions Club!

We are incredibly grateful for your \$15,000 donation, which included the purchase of a Scag Tiger Cat 2 zero-turn mower for Lions Bear Lake Camp! This new mower will help us maintain our beautiful grounds, ensuring our campers have a safe and welcoming environment to learn, grow, and create unforgettable memories.

Your generosity makes a lasting impact, and we are so fortunate to have your support in helping us provide transformative experiences for campers of all abilities. From all of us at Lions Bear Lake Camp, THANK YOU for making this possible!

Together, we are growing confidence, inspiring leadership, and building community.



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, a board of directors member, and one of our valued camp partners. These are the people and collaborations that drive our mission forward, ensuring that every camper experiences the magic of Bear Lake Camp.

Al Lindsay

Board Member/Treasurer

This month, we are proud to spotlight Al Lindsay, a dedicated board member and Treasurer for Lions Bear Lake Camp. Al's commitment to service, paired with an impressive professional and volunteer background, has been instrumental in shaping the success of our camp.

Al is married to Desiree, and together they share the joy of two children and two grandchildren. His professional career spans 35 years as the owner of an Allstate Insurance Agency and broker-dealer for Allstate Financial, retiring in 2015. Despite his retirement, Al remains active in managing Lindsey Concessions, a seasonal festival concession company he has run for 50 years, and a commercial property in Warren, Michigan.

As a Lion for 49 years and a life member of the Warren Lions Club, Al's dedication to service is unwavering. His efforts as chairman of the Warren City Fair have helped raise approximately \$35,000 annually for local charities. At Lions Bear Lake Camp, Al has served on the board for 30 years, including 10 years as president and 20 years as our current treasurer. His leadership has supported the camp's growth and mission to provide life-changing experiences for children with special needs.

Al also extends his leadership to the Troy Family Daze Festival, where he has served as president and now as co-chair, helping raise approximately \$50,000 annually for local charities.

Thank you, Al, for your incredible dedication, leadership, and passion. Your impact on Lions Bear Lake Camp and the countless communities you serve is immeasurable, and we are so fortunate to have you as part of our team!



Linda Schneider

Nurse

At Lions Bear Lake Camp, the safety and well-being of our campers are always our top priority, and we are incredibly fortunate to have Linda as our camp nurse. With her caring nature, vast knowledge, and incredible dedication, Linda has become a trusted and beloved presence at camp.

Linda's day-to-day responsibilities go far beyond simply addressing health concerns. She ensures that every camper, staff member, and volunteer feels safe and cared for. Whether she's providing a comforting word, managing medications, or responding to the unexpected with calm professionalism, Linda's work is at the heart of what makes our camp feel like a second home.

But it's not just her nursing skills that make Linda special. She brings a warm smile and a kind word to everyone she meets, helping campers feel comfortable and confident as they tackle new challenges and create lifelong memories.

We are so grateful for Linda's dedication and the genuine care she brings to our camp community. Thank you, Linda, for making Bear Lake Camp a safe, welcoming, and wonderful place for everyone who steps onto our grounds!



LBLC SPOTLIGHTS: WINTER FUN AT CAMP

Anchor Bay Quilting Guild- Retreat Group

I have been hosting Quilting / Scrapbooking retreats at the Lions Bear Lake camp for the last 7 years. I have 3 retreats a year. One in December and 2 in April/May. I have to say that out of all retreat centers that I have gone to, this is by far the best. The staff is the best. Let me start with the lodge. Jesse the assistant director sets up all the tables exactly how you want them before you arrive. If anything needs to be changed or fixed, he is very prompted at addressing the issue. The cabins are nice. We only use the bottom bunks, so each cabin can sleep 8 people. Each cabin has two showers, two toilets and four sinks. Chrissy the food director and her team bend over backwards to make sure that each meal is outstanding. If you have a food allergy, she makes sure that you have a meal that you can eat. I have had retreats where there were 3 different food allergies, and she accommodated them all. Traci the executive director is the mama bear. She makes sure that everything runs smoothly. If I could I would be up there every month. For anyone that has never stayed there, you don't know what your missing. - Denise F.



Snow Plowing is a never ending job in the winter



Kitchen Deep Clean is all hands on deck



Staff putting up Holiday Decorations

Winter is in Full Blast



CAMPFIRE CHATS: STORIES THAT WARM THE HEART

Welcome to Campfire Chats, where we share the inspiring stories and unforgettable memories from our past campers. 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.

Wyatt G. - DHH Camper Spotlight

What does camp mean to you?

"Camp means a lot to me because it's a place where I can meet new people, visit old friends, and have so much fun doing activities like archery and swimming. It's awesome to be around people where I feel like I belong."

Why do you come back each year?

"I keep coming back every year because I love seeing my friends and the counselors—they're the best! I get to talk to people who really get me, and it's nice to have a break from my brothers and try new things. It's also a great way to stay active and enjoy being in a totally different space than home."

What are your favorite activities at camp?

"It's hard to pick just one because I love so many of them! Swimming, archery, kayaking, and going down the inflatable slide are awesome. I also like nature walks, fishing, and sitting around the campfire at night. The counselors make it even better—they're so fun and come back every year."

What makes camp special?

"What makes this camp really special is that it's the only place I can go where everyone else is like me. It's cool to be surrounded by people who share similar experiences and understand what it's like to be hard of hearing. It feels like a second home, and I look forward to it every year."

Anything else you'd like to share?

"I am really looking forward to Leadership Development and being a future counselor. Camp has given me so much, and I want to help make it just as special for other campers someday."



Andrea Lindsay-Camp Champion

This month, we are thrilled to honor Andrea Lindsay as our Camp Champion! Andrea's dedication and willingness to step up wherever needed make her an invaluable part of the Lions Bear Lake Camp family.

During our Visually Impaired and Blind Camp this past summer, Andrea gave her time and energy to ensure our campers had a safe and memorable experience. Her support didn't stop there—Andrea plays a key role in making our Ice Plunge event a success, running the kids' carnival games and bringing joy to families who attend.

Andrea's commitment shines even brighter during our annual Workbee, where she volunteers her time to help prepare the camp for another year of life-changing experiences. Her enthusiasm, hard work, and heart for service have made a lasting impact on our campers, staff, and everyone she works alongside.

Thank you, Andrea, for everything you do to make Lions Bear Lake Camp such a special place. Your kindness and dedication inspire us all, and we're so grateful to have you on our team!

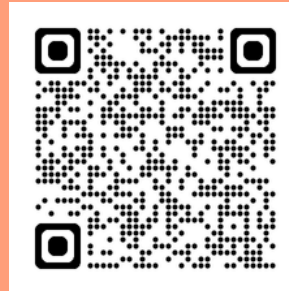




STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

- Feb. 1st, 2025 - 3rd Annual Ice Plunge
- Apr 12th, 2025 - Buffalo/Boar Wild Game Dinner
- May 10th, 2025- Annual WorkBee
- Jun 9th, 2025 - Golf Classic Fundraiser
- July 12th, 2025- Open House



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!



CHECK OUT OUR CAMP WISHLISTS!

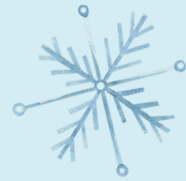
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Lions Bear Lake Camp



3RD ANNUAL ICE PLUNGE & DINNER *Fundraiser*

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR AN ICE PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DINNER.

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Dinner Includes Costume Contest

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

**Prizes for
Best Costume
Best Jump (no diving)
and Crowd Pleaser**

FEBRUARY 1ST 2025

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.**



For More Information Contact

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Traci Tribley 989-277-7437 traci@bearlakecamp.org

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 1ST, 2025 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. Jumpers Receive:

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

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

\$250 or More: Jump, Dinner x2, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal

\$500 or More: Jump, Dinner x4, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal, Event Hoodie

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Sub Zero Hero Sponsor \$1,000

Sponsor's Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt and sponsor banner, Table of 8 Dinner Tickets, Exhibitor Table, 5 Minute speaking opportunity to promote services during dinner.

Arctic Champion Sponsor \$500

Sponsor's name or Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt, 4 Dinner Tickets

Frosty Friends Sponsor \$250

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt, 2 Dinner Tickets

Ice Breaker Sponsor \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt

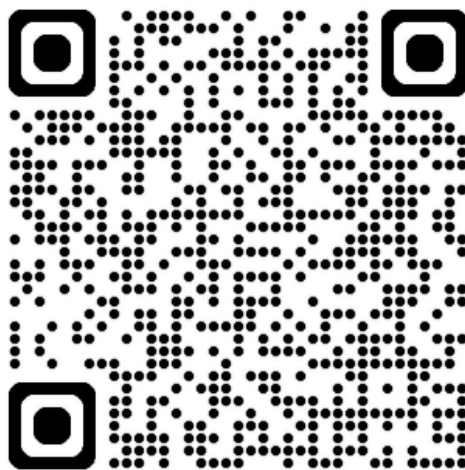
Donations Welcome!!!

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
3409 N. Five Lakes Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446**





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
13-19, 2025

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 beginning
 January 1st, 2025



3409 N Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446
 bearlakecamp.org

Info : 810-245-0726
 hmorris@bearlakecamp.org



**JULY
20-26th,
2025**

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, 2025



- ACTIVITIES:**
- Archery
 - Swimming, Boating
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Lions Bear Lake Camp YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2025



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 13-19th, 2025

Session 2(DHH)
July 20-26th, 2025



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP OPEN HOUSE



JULY 12TH 2025
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Tour Camp
Meet the Staff
Family Friendly Event
Snacks Provided

RSVP Online or contact:



810-245-0726

traci@bearlakecamp.org



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LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

May 10th, 2025

Registration 8:00 AM

Cleanup 9:00 AM

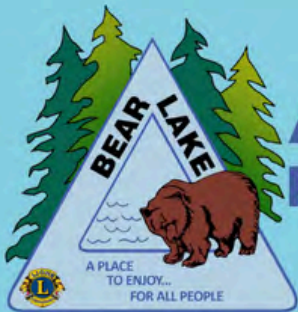


LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Easy, Medium, and

Advanced Tasks available

Please bring your own gloves and tools



PLEASE RSVP TO:

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Lapeer, MI 48446

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Lions Bear Lake Camp Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner

Metamora Lions Club House, 3790 N. Oak St. Metamora, Mi. 48455

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Doors open at 5pm-Dinner at 6

Tickets \$60 per person OR \$400 Table of 8

Gourmet Wild Game Dinner Catered by Metamora Country Club!

3 Drink tickets! Cash Bar for Mixed Cocktails!

Raffles! Door prizes! Silent Auctions! Hourly Drawings!

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Platinum \$2,500

Gold \$1,000

Silver \$500

See the second page for sponsorship and event details.

Order your tickets today online

www.bearlakecamp.org "under the event tab"

Or to purchase tickets via mail send check payable to Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to: 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446

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