



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's Camp Update highlights the success of our annual golf outing and celebrates the incredible support from the Lake Orion and Sterling Heights Lions Clubs. Inside, you'll find our thanks for their help serving up burgers, hotdogs, and sweet summer memories with ice cream at camp.

LBLC Spotlights

In this month's LBLC Spotlights, we're shining a light on Board Member Kurt Stromlund and Team Leader Paighton Argue. From dedicated leadership to growing through our camp programs, their stories remind us what it means to lead with heart.

Campfire Chats

This month's Campfire Chats features a heartfelt reflection from Vaughn, one of our counselors and a former camper who shares how camp has shaped his journey. We also honor our incredible nursing staff as our Camp Champions, recognizing their dedication to keeping our campers healthy, safe, and cared for.

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



Summer is moving faster than any of us expected. It feels like just yesterday we were preparing the cabins, brushing off the walkways, waiting for that first burst of laughter to echo across camp. Now, we're well past the halfway point, and the memories are already stacking up in ways that are hard to put into words. We've had the joy of welcoming the MASTA String Orchestra Association, where music flowed like sunlight through the trees. MSU Kesem brought with them courage and joy that seemed to wrap around the entire camp. We've watched campers in our Visually Impaired and Blind Youth Camp find their way with strength and grace. We've seen friendships form and barriers fall during Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Camp. Every week, this place breathes something new into all of us. There's still more to come. PBJ is just ahead, along with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Family Camp, Sterling Heights Band Camp, another Kesem session, and Camp Quality. Each group brings a different kind of light. Each one reminds us that camp is not just a place. It's a living, breathing community where everyone matters and every moment counts. What has stayed with me most this summer isn't the milestones or the big events. It's the quiet acts of care that unfold without a spotlight. A counselor sitting with a camper in silence until the tears stop. A dishwasher pausing to cheer someone on at the talent show. A first-time staff member discovering that leadership doesn't mean being the loudest voice in the room. It means showing up with consistency and heart. This camp runs on that kind of quiet strength. It runs on people who give without needing applause. People who choose compassion, even when they're tired. People who lift others simply by being present. The kind of teamwork here is something rare. It's not built on titles or roles. It's built on trust, on service, on the deep knowing that we're all better when we lift together. I've seen campers grow into leaders. I've seen staff become the people they once looked up to. And I've seen the ripple of that impact stretch further than we'll ever be able to measure. To everyone who has been part of this summer—whether you've been here for a week or all season long—thank you. You are the reason this place feels like home. You are the reason someone discovered they could do hard things. You are the reason someone felt safe for the first time in a long time. This is more than a job. It's more than a summer. It's something sacred. Something that will stay with us long after the cabins go quiet.



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.

Lake Orion/Sterling Heights Lions

On Wednesday night of our Visually Impaired and Blind Youth Camp, members of the Lake Orion and Sterling Heights Lions Clubs joined us at camp for an evening cookout. Their helping hands made a big difference as they served up burgers, hot dogs, and ice cream sundaes to our campers. It was more than just a meal—it was a moment of connection. Campers lit up with joy as Lions greeted them with smiles, scooped generous helpings, and made sure everyone felt included. The support from these clubs reminds us of what makes this camp so special: people coming together to make a difference. We're grateful to the Lake Orion and Sterling Heights Lions for sharing their time and energy with us. Your presence helped turn a simple summer evening into a memory our campers will hold onto.



Annual Golf Outing Success

This year's golf outing was everything we could have hoped for and more. Moving it to a Monday turned out to be the perfect call—it welcomed new teams and gave the entire day a laid-back, easygoing feel that brought people together in all the right ways. From the first tee-off to the final putt, there was no shortage of laughter, high-fives, and friendly competition. It wasn't just about golf. It was about connection, community, and supporting something bigger than ourselves. After the rounds wrapped up, everyone came together to enjoy a buffet dinner, share stories, and celebrate during the awards. The room was full of joy, pride, and a shared belief in what this camp means to so many. To every golfer, sponsor, volunteer, and supporter—thank you. Whether you were out on the course or cheering us on from the sidelines, your support makes a real difference. You are helping us keep camp strong, and we are truly grateful.



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.

Kurt Stromlund Board Member

Kurt Stromlund has been serving with heart since the day he became a Lion back in December of 2008. He started with the Howell Lions Club, but it wasn't long before he helped charter the Hartland Lions Club in March 2009, where he still proudly serves today as Club President. Over the years, Kurt has worn many hats. One of his favorite roles was serving as District Governor for 11C2 during the 2020 to 2021 year. He continues to stay active in just about every corner of the district, holding positions like Eversight Chair, Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee, Kidsight Committee member, Forum Committee Chair, and serving on the Eversight Lions Advisory Board. We are also lucky to have him on the Lions Bear Lake Camp Board of Directors. Kurt brings quiet strength, genuine care, and a whole lot of experience to everything he does. His dedication doesn't go unnoticed and we are thankful to have him as part of the team helping shape the future of Bear Lake Camp.



Paighton Argue Team Leader

This month we're shining a light on someone whose journey through Lions Bear Lake Camp has been nothing short of inspiring. Paighton Argue first stepped onto our grounds as a camper, full of excitement and curiosity. Over the years she's grown into a strong, thoughtful leader who now serves as one of our Team Leaders for the summer. Paighton brings a bright energy to every space she enters, and her creative ideas always seem to make activities more fun for everyone involved. Whether she's leading a group through a challenge or helping behind the scenes, she shows up with heart and dedication. Her natural ability to connect with campers and staff alike has made her a role model for those just starting their own camp journey. We've watched her grow into someone who leads with kindness, confidence, and a sense of humor that lifts up those around her. Paighton reminds us that the impact of camp goes far beyond just one summer. We are so proud of the person she's become and can't wait to see what she does next.





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.



Vaughn- Jr. Counselor

I've been a camper at Bear Lake Camp for over a decade, and it's more than just a camp, it's my home away from home. It's where I found my second family, made lifelong friends, and got to be a kid again. As I got older, I went through the Leadership Development Program and began the transition of becoming a counselor, the people I've always seen as the heart of camp, who make it what it is. A place for all people to enjoy. Being on staff this year opened my eyes to the love and effort poured into making each week special. I became a counselor because I want kids to feel what I felt growing up here. That's what sets Bear Lake apart.

Camp Champion- Bear Lake Camp Nurses

Behind every adventure, every splash in the lake, and every late-night campfire story, there's a quiet force working to keep our campers and staff safe. This summer, our Camp Champion spotlight belongs to the dedicated nurses who stepped in when we needed them most. Nurse Linda, who has long been the steady presence in our health center, suffered a broken foot and has been in a walking boot since the end of February. Determined not to let it stop her, she showed up every day with the same level of care and commitment she's always given. Still, even the most dependable heroes need help sometimes. That's when Candi and Rosie entered the picture. While attending the Camp Cherith Reunion in early June, they heard about Linda's injury and immediately offered to help. Candi joined us during Visually Impaired and Blind Week, and Rosie stepped in during Deaf and Hard of Hearing Week. They didn't come for recognition or reward. They came because they care. Our nurses are more than medical support. They are comfort in the chaos, calm in the storm, and a constant reminder that care is both a science and an act of love. To Linda, Candi, and Rosie, thank you for being the heart behind the healing this summer.





SUMMER 2025 CAMPS IN SESSION

Summer Camp is in full swing, and the magic is everywhere you look—laughter echoing through the cabins, friendships forming by the fire, and moments being made that will last a lifetime. Take a look at some of the joy, adventure, and connection captured during these unforgettable summer days.

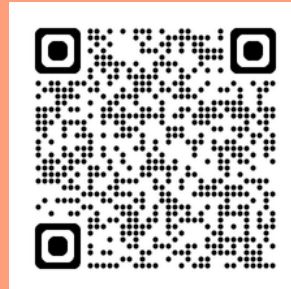




STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

- **September 6th, 2025**- Clay Pigeon Shoot
- **October 4th, 2025**- Ultra Marathon
- **February 7th, 2026**- 4th Annual Ice Plunge
- **April 11th, 2026**- Buffalo/Boar Wild Game Dinner



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9:00AM START**

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SEPT 06**
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FENTON, MI**

Test your skills in friendly competition while supporting our mission to provide transformative outdoor experiences for individuals of all abilities.

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- Recognition on event materials and during announcements

\$325 TABLE/CHAIR SPONSOR

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- Recognition on event materials and during announcements

\$500 BREAKFAST SPONSOR

- 2 Free Shooters
- Your business name prominently displayed during breakfast
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements
- Special shout-out at the start of the day

\$500 LUNCH SPONSOR

- 2 Free Shooters
- Your business name prominently displayed during lunch
- Recognition on event materials and during announcements
- Special shout-out before awards ceremony

\$1000 TENT SPONSOR

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- Recognition on event materials and during announcements
- Special shout-out before awards ceremony

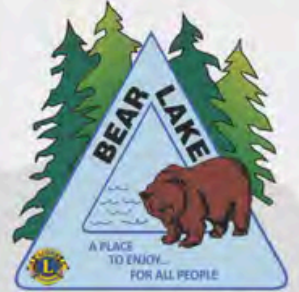
Bear Lake Ultra Marathon

SPONSORSHIP *opportunity*



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4TH, 2025**

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



SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS/ LEVELS

Aid Station Sponsor \$1,000

- 4ft X 2ft Color banner hanging in the aid station (banner will be supplied by BLU and given to the sponsor after the race)
- Sponsor table at packet pick up (Friday Oct 3rd 5-8pm).
 - 1 entry to the current year's race.
- Company logo on the back of the event hoodie.
 - 1 event Hoodie (sizes S-XL).

Gold Level Sponsor - \$750.00

- Sponsor table at packet pick up (Friday Oct 3rd 5-8pm).
 - 1 entry to the current year's race.
- Company logo on the back of the event hoodie.
 - 2 event Hoodies (sizes S-XL).

Silver Level Sponsor - \$500-749.00

- Sponsor table at packet pick up (Friday Oct 3rd 5-8pm).
 - Company logo on the back of the event hoodie.
 - 1 entry to current year's race.

Bronze Level Sponsor - \$250-\$499

- Sponsor table at packet pick up (Friday Oct 3rd 5-8pm).
 - Company logo on the back of the event hoodie

Jr. Gold Sponsor - \$100-\$249

All sponsorship levels include:

- Company logo on a "Mile sponsor sign" located on the course.
- Sponsor literature in racers packet (supplied by sponsor 3 week prior to the race)

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Robert Lykins, Race Director and Ultra Marathon Runner
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LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

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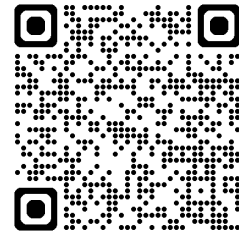


The Mission of Bear Lake Camp is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

Sponsor a special child for one of our weeklong camps this summer:

Visually Impaired Youth Camp
July 13th-19th, 2025

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Camp
July 20th-26th, 2025



Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Sponsorship Session(s): _____

Number of Campers: _____

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DONATE TO LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Your generous contribution helps us continue providing life-changing experiences for children of all abilities. Every donation goes directly to supporting our programs, enhancing our facilities, and ensuring that Lions Bear Lake Camp remains a place of adventure, learning, and growth for generations to come. Thank you for your support in helping us fulfill our mission of empowering youth and fostering leadership in an inclusive, welcoming environment.

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