



# Texas Lions Camp

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## 2008-2009 Elected Directors Newsletter

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### 60th Anniversary Celebration

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WOW! The Texas Lions Camp 60th anniversary celebration was a great time for all. It was a sell-out with nearly 400 in attendance!

The banquet dinner was delicious and the program was awesome. Our speakers for the evening were PID Ray Hughston, Past Int'l President Ebb Grindstaff, and PID Marshall Cooper. Each shared some very meaningful information about the history and vision of our Camp.

Special thanks to the professional staff, especially Suzie Vargas, for all the registration, decorations, and coordination that went into the wonderful evening.

Everyone received a 60th anniversary pin and patch. The pin and patch can now be purchased from the Camp store.



A special tribute to all of the Camp's Past Presidents was

part of the evening's program.

Past President PDG Eddie Munger (1967-69) was presented with special recognition, having attended nearly every board meeting at the Texas Lions Camp through the years. A gold leaf was also placed on the endowment tree at the very top to recognize PDG Munger's enduring service to the Texas Lions Camp.



### Finding Campers for the Summer 2009

Now is the time for all clubs and districts to identify potential campers and submit applications for the summer. Current applications are on the camp's website at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com).

Last year was the 2nd largest number of campers at 1536—highest number was the summer of 2001 at 1621 campers. Capacity is north of 1800.

One of our jobs as Elected Directors is to assist clubs in finding potential campers. How can the Elected Directors do that best?

We must be the motivators and communicators in our District on behalf of the Texas Lions Camp. **Director visits to the clubs and other organizations are indispensable**—show the Camp DVD, leave behind literature, be enthusiastic, etc.

To find potential campers, you can teach the Lions to visit local rehab centers, orthopedic doctors, physical therapists, diabetic associations, school nurses, special education teachers, etc.

On club visits, you might just dispel some myths that may

be out there, too — for example, in our Elected Directors meeting recently at the Camp we heard the myth where a club stated they, "couldn't afford to send more than one child to Camp." Clubs can send one or a hundred campers and not worry about the cost.

Elected Directors accepted the requirement to visit the clubs in our District. To be a 100% Director, you must make at least 15 visits during the Lions year.

Thanks for all you do!

## Concession Stand at the Amphitheatre

The concession stand at the amphitheatre is almost complete. Bringing in the concession equipment is all that is left.

The concessions will provide much needed refreshments during the awards ceremony on the hot Friday evenings during the summer.

Similar to the picnics and watermelon parties various

Lions Clubs sponsor during the summer sessions, Lions Clubs have signed up to sponsor and staff the amphitheatre concession stand, too.

While there are no amphitheatre concession stand slots still open, there are a few picnic and refreshment stand slots available.

Please promote these ser-

vice opportunities in your district, but remember, it's first come first served.

Even though some clubs have "always" had a certain picnic or watermelon party date, the slots don't really belong to any particular club.

Some merchandise from the camp store will also be available for sale at the concession stand, too.



Concession Stand

[Click here for the latest picnic, watermelon, and concession sponsorship schedule.](#)

## Camp Work Weekends

*"Truly, it would be very difficult for the Camp staff to complete every chore necessary ... if not for all of the volunteers that lend a hand."*

*Stephen Mabry*

*Executive Director*

Every year the Texas Lions Camp hosts three workdays for Lions and other interested parties to help get the Camp ready for the summer camping sessions.

The first Saturday in March, April, and May are the designated workdays — March 7, April 4, and May 2, 2009.

These dates are the perfect opportunity for clubs and districts to put together a road trip to Kerrville for the weekend. You can even stay in a bunkhouse at the Camp if

desired. Saturday breakfast and lunch are provided in the Camp Dining Hall. To help the Camp prepare for food, etc., it is **mandatory** to call the Camp to register ahead of time. Call Maintenance Director Brian Adkins at (830) 896-8500 or [badkins@lionscamp.com](mailto:badkins@lionscamp.com).

Many Lions gather at one of the area hotels on Friday and Saturday evenings on work weekends and enjoy a little socializing and "refreshments" by the pool. You know what they say about a club that plays

together — stays together!

Also, it's a proven fact that when Lions visit the Camp, the more support the Camp receives from those Lions. So, let's have all the Elected Directors motivate the clubs in your districts to participate in the work weekends.



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## Lion Statue

Lions from District 2-T1 raised money and purchased a beautiful marble Lion statue that was erected in front of the Administration building at the Camp and officially dedicated on Saturday, Feb 7, 2009 just prior to the general board meeting.

The statue was carved in China and no doubt, will be the back drop for many photos taken at the Camp.

Thanks for the effort of Lions in District 2-T1 for a beautiful statue.



Lions from District 2-T1

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to any Lions in your district. Questions, comments, and contributions to occasional future newsletters are appreciated! Contact:

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