



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Changing the World

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Greeting Fellow Lions of 2-A2!

How is it already May?! The Lion year has been racing by as we enter the last two months of the lion year.

I want to thank everyone who attended the District Convention at the Menger Hotel hosted by Zone 7 clubs. A big thank you to PCC Mike Rourke and DGE Rose Ann for putting the convention on. A good time was had by all. Our guest PID Gary Anderson and his wife Cheryl were thoroughly pleased and excited to have been with us. We showed what 2-A2 is all about.

As we come into the month of May be sure that your clubs are reporting their new group of officers to LCI. This information needs to be in before June 30. Continue to recruit new members as May and especially June is very difficult for us for drops. We had climbed back into the positives but recently fell back to negative.



To wrap up I want to congratulate DGE Rose Ann Barajas as the next leader of 2-A2. I, along with the leadership of 2-A2 am confident she will continue to lead 2-A2 into the future as a successful district. Congratulations to 1VDGE Nanette Patton and 2VDG Chris Ryan. We have an amazing leadership team lined up for the next three years.

Remember:

From The Rio Grande to The Alamo, WE SERVE!!

¡Lion Josh!

District Governor Josh Overfelt (Del Rio San Felipe)

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

Texas State Lions Convention	May 16-18th	Amarillo, Texas
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Club and Other Events:

Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament	August 1st	Lady Bird Johnson GC Fredericksburg, Texas
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Tell Us What You Are Doing

We want our District newsletter to feature more of the wonderful work being done by each of the Lions Clubs in District 2-A2. Please send in articles about your service projects, fundraisers, installations, and member recognitions for inclusion in the monthly newsletter to newsletter@district2a2.org. Articles must be submitted by the 28th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

ALAMO HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB & TEXAS LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CTR
Free Postage to Mail Eyeglasses to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
by Lion Norman Fulkerson

The USPS Publication 347 dated October 2015 spells out how to mail glasses for recycling to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland, Texas.

The publication states that individuals and noncommercial organizations which serve eligible persons (i.e., those who require glasses). No advertising is allowed.

The box or envelope must NOT be sealed. The boxes must have the words "FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR THE HANDICAPPED" in the upper right corner of the address side of the envelope or parcel where postage is normally placed. The words may be printed, rubber stamped or handwritten. See the form below.

The mail is not considered a specific class of mail. If you wish to insure the item, you may pay the required insurance fee.

The Postmaster at my Post Office says they will accept boxes up to the size of a Banker's box or the size of the box that comes with 10 reams of paper. I have found the 10 ream paper box weighs about 20 pounds when full of eyeglasses.

You may use the form below by cutting off the bottom of this page to use as the required label.

FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR HANDICAPPED MAILING

From: _____

FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR
THE HANDICAPPED

To: Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
2550 Flynt Ave.
Midland, TX 79701

Spot Vision Screening - Certification Class Registration

ATTENTION ALL LIONS:

The Children's Service Board of District 2-A2 is pleased to announce SPOT Certification/Recertification Classes scheduled for:

Saturday, June 15, 2024 @ 10:00am CT

and

\Saturday July 27, 2024 @ 1:30pm CT

You will be able to participate in the class from the comfort of your home on your personal computer via Zoom by registering using the button below.

Once registered you will receive a confirmation email and the day before the class you will receive instructions explaining how to join the class.

During the class you will view a PowerPoint presentation and be directed to the certification exam. The exam is automatically scored, providing you with instant feedback on your performance. Lions who pass the exam will receive an email from Lion Ken Book with a printable SPOT Certificate.

This certification is valid until December 31st, 5 years after the date of your certification. Lions who are currently certified are encouraged to check their certificate and get recertified if your certificate has expired.

Yours in Service,

[Lion Ken Book](#)

DISTRICT 2-A2 CHILDREN SERVICES CHAIR

[Click HERE to Register for the Class](#)

Note From Our First Vice-District Governor Elect Nanette Patton:

The 65th Lions District 2-A2 convention at the Menger was April 12th and 13th. The gavel officially passed from DG Josh to DG Elect Rose Ann. The passing of the gavel symbolizes not only a transition in leadership but also a seamless continuation of our collective vision. I am now officially First Vice District Governor Elect. Lion Chris Ryan is now Second Vice District Governor Elect. I am looking forward to working with DG Elect Rose Ann as she lays out her vision and plan for the new Lions year that starts on July 1st



At the District Convention, DG Josh mentioned that I was working with city marketing to help produce a pitch video for our bid to host LCI Con in 2030. For over a month, I coordinated with the city marketing team. I wrote the script for Mayor Ron Nirenberg's opening in the video. I helped curate the features of the city. I also wrote my lines for the closing of the video. If you want to take a look at the video, you can view the video [here](#).



Earth Day 2024 served as a poignant reminder of our shared responsibility to safeguard our planet for future generations. This year's theme official theme was "Planet vs. Plastics." This year's main message was to raise awareness of the health risks of plastics with a goal to phase out the use of single-use plastics by 2040.

- There is evidence that microplastics bioaccumulate in our major organs (including the brain), and evidence that nanoplastics can breach the blood-brain barrier.
- Microplastics have been found in the human placenta.
- Microplastics (and their additive chemicals) have been linked to higher rates of both miscarriage and male infertility.
- Microplastics have been detected in dairy milk and breast milk.
- There is evidence that babies ingest more microplastics and microfibres than adults because of key developmental stages—specifically crawling, teething and their habit of tasting inanimate objects. One study suggests babies ingest/inhale 10 times the level of microplastics to that of adults.

- Microplastics (and their additive chemicals) are both shed and leached from plastic toys, clothes, furniture and even the soft 'crumb tire' of playgrounds.
- Studies have shown there is a higher percentage of microplastics in the air we breathe inside than there are in the air we breathe outside. Some studies claim babies spend up to 90% of their time indoors.
- Microplastic ingestion, inhalation, and bioaccumulation have been linked to a wide range of health issues in children; one study found that phthalate exposure (a chemical used in the making of certain types of plastics) was associated with a 20% higher rate of childhood cancer overall.
- Weathered microplastics are more damaging than virgin microplastics as they can absorb toxic chemicals and heavy metals, as well as potentially carrying viruses and hosting bacteria.

With every little initiative and project embracing the spirit of Earth Day, Lions of District 2-A2 can take concrete steps towards a greener and more sustainable future. So, what will your club do to affirm its commitment to environmental sustainability and conservation in accordance with our "Environment" global cause?

During the last week of April, I was on vacation in Ruidoso, NM, with my family including Lion Bob Patton, Lion Marlene Patton, and Lion Dona Patton. The morning of Saturday April 27th, my folks and I were at The Log Cabin Restaurant in Ruidoso this morning and saw a bunch of Lions in their vests exiting the restaurant as we were waiting for our table. We said hello and they said they were doing a diabetes awareness health fair at the Two Rivers Park. We joined up with them and they obliged me in a group photo. They had Lions present from the Sandia Mountain Lions Club, the Ruidoso Evening Lions, and the Santa Fe Capital Lions. So much fun to celebrate Lionism together!



May 4th was clean-up day at Texas Lions Camp. Lions from all over Texas converged on Texas Lions Camp, in Kerrville to help get the camp ready for the 2024 summer season. It was good to see District 2-A2 Lions supporting the event. San Antonio Bexar Necessities Lions Club had a contingent of 8 and my home club the San Antonio Windcrest Lions had 5. District 2-A2 Lions were on the food line serving up the volunteers both breakfast and lunch!

May 15th I will be heading up to Amarillo for the Texas Lions Convention from May 16th to May 18th. Mark your calendars and join me for the Texas Lions Convention – where memories are made, friendships are forged, and lives are transformed through service and compassion. Registration is open until noon on May 10th, so register now [here](#).

As we embark on the journey ahead, let us do so with courage, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to service. **ROAR!!!**

Lion Nanette

1st Vice-District Governor Elect
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TLC Chairman's Chatter



Looking Forward or Looking Back ?



Just like one side of the Lion's logo, we've been looking back all year at the great legacy the Lions of Texas left us in the 1st 75 years of the Texas Lions Camp. In early April we completed the last of our celebrations with our "Stay & Play" event over the eclipse weekend. Those Lions, who took the opportunity to actually stay on campus, finally got to see first-hand how awesome it is for our campers to spend a week here. All the meals were great (thank you Council Chair Ryan & Santa John from Amarillo, and chief bottle washers, Lions John Eads and Joe Kyle), the catfish were huge (15-20 pounders all day long -not a fish tale), and the eclipse was fantastic, even though a bit obscured by the clouds. Best of all we were treated to some great music by 5 awesome bands at our music festival across the highway from camp. But our headliner Eric Paslay, a grammy nominated singer & songwriter from Nashville, blew us away with his performance & deserves a little more press:

In the summer of 1998 at the age of 15, Eric was asked what he was going to do for a talent night in which he was supposed to participate. It is said that he replied that he had no talent. So Cody Schrank, his Counselor, sat him down around a campfire at Inspiration Point and together they wrote his very first song....."and now you know the rest of the story", because Eric Paslay was a type 1 diabetic camper at the Texas Lions Camp. He learned a few chords on the guitar and 2 nights later performed (reluctantly) before his first live audience - his fellow campers and the staff of TLC.



Eric Paslay brought his whole band and his family to TLC to "pay forward" what the Lions of Texas gave to him. Thank you, Senior Vice-President Steven King, for putting this great festival together.

One last thought about looking back: It is now that time of year when Lions Clubs are planning their year-end banquets where new officers will be installed, and Lions will be recognized for outstanding service. What better way to honor some great Lion than to support the Lions Camp in their name? Jack Weich Fellowships, Endowment bricks, and life memberships are some ways to do that, and they can be paid for from your activity accounts.... **but you need to get them ordered ASAP if you want to have them in time for June and July banquets.** In a quandary, because your whole club is awesome and needs to be honored (?). Think about being a “Century Club” club. Don’t know how to do that, give me a call and I’ll show you how some of your fellow Texas Lions Clubs do it (325-315-7060).

But we’ve been talking about things that are over and done with, and while it is important to celebrate the past WE, the current Lions of Texas, have to start creating a new legacy, because while those 1st 75 years are over, they are **NOT the end** of anything. **April 4, 2024 was the birthday of our 2nd 75 years!**

We are now in May and camper sign up is still in progress. Let’s all be that “Lion on our logo looking forward” and fill up our camp this year. **Let’s each sign up a camper & make some dreams come true!**

Go be a Dream Catcher!

PCC Tom Blase, TLC Chairman

Texas Lions Camp

Summer Camp Schedule – 2024

1. June 2-8, 2024 - HC 1 (Friday ✓ out) – 1st
2. June 9-15, 2024 - HC 2 (Friday ✓ out) – 2nd
3. June 16-18, 2024 - Residential Day Camp – 1st
4. June 20-22, 2024 - Residential Day Camp – 2nd
5. June 23-29, 2024 – Camp David and Down (Friday ✓ out)
6. June 30-July 6, 2024 – Diabetes Camp (Friday ✓ out) – 1st
7. July 7-13, 2024 - Diabetes Camp (Friday ✓ out) – 2nd
8. July 14-20, 2024 - Camp Discovery
9. July 21-23, 2024 - Family Camp – 1st
10. July 25-27, 2024 - Family Camp – 2nd
11. July 28-30, 2024 - Family Camp – 3rd
12. Aug 1-2, 2024 - Family Camp – 4th

How to Send a Child to Texas Lions Camp – by Camp Director Chris Ryan

The 2024 schedule for Texas Lions Camp (TLC) has been announced! Please see the schedule at www.lionscamp.com.

The schedule has some exciting and innovative features to meet the expanding needs of the TLC family. President & CEO, Stephen Mabry, stated that for the first time in TLC's history, they will pilot an exciting new concept in camping, by combining family camp with the residential youth camp. This new program will be called "Residential Family Camp."

Camp Discovery will be returning to TLC after a five-year hiatus. It is a one-of-a-kind experience for children who have cancer.

How to send a child to camp-

1. Lions can be a huge help by **finding campers** to attend TLC. This can be done by contacting local rehabilitation centers, doctors, associations, and school principals and nurses.
2. You will want to **visit with parents of prospective campers**. Give them a TLC brochure or promotional flyer. If you do not have one, share the website with them. Tell them about the wonderful opportunities that await their child!
3. **Application help** - Direct parents to lionscamp.com to apply. *****Online registration for camp opens on Wednesday, January 3, 2024**. That will be here before we know it.

The application process involves the submittal of an in-depth application that includes:

- 1) Contact Information
- 2) Physical and Doctor's Permission
- 3) Lion Sponsor
- 4) Dietary requirements
- 5) Insurance information, and
- 6) Legal Waiver & Permission to Treat.

Parents can call TLC at (830) 896-8500 if they have any questions about the application process. The Lion sponsor should follow up with the family to ensure that all required forms are submitted.

4. **Arrange Transportation.** Transportation to and from the camp is the responsibility of the sponsoring Lions Club.

TLC is an amazing place where campers gain confidence and are accepted for who they are. They are not defined by their disabilities. Children are invited to make friends, have fun, and get involved in a safe and supportive environment.

As a Lion in the state of Texas, you make a positive difference in the life of a child at TLC. Thank you for your support of the camp. I hope you can help find a camper to attend this life-changing experience!

If you have questions about TLC or the above information, please contact District 2-A2 Camp Director Mary Ann Mays at mamays@gmail.com or me at chrisr1475@sbcglobal.net.

San Antonio Founder Lions Club – We Serve in Fiesta Parades

A special Thank You! to all Lions and guests who worked to set up and take down 1,000 chairs for each of the two Fiesta parades – Battle of Flowers on Friday, April 26 and Fiesta Flambeau on Saturday, April 27, 2024

Lion Tracy Wiggins arranged for the Antonian College Preparatory High School Lacross team to work both parades. The team's coach, Paul Walski, worked as well. Lion Dulce Solano enlisted volunteers from IBC Bank. Also, a group of Bexar County probationers also helped. PDG Lion Sam Pantusa, President/COO of the Lions Sight Research Foundation worked with us at the Battle of Flowers parade. Other Lions invited friends, relatives, housekeepers, etc., to help.

Our goal is to sell tickets for chairs along the parade route and donate the net proceeds to worthy causes in the San Antonio area. Although the final numbers are not in, the net earnings for the two parades will likely be over \$15,000.

Selling the tickets is phase one of the service with the parades as phase two. On each of the two parade days we have another two-part service to accomplish that requires energy, commitment, and muscle – (1) setting up the chairs and (2) taking down and stacking chairs neatly so rental vendor can haul them away. We must follow some specific guidelines in set up and others in take down.

Set up is a multi-step process which includes placing 25 chairs in each of three rows separated by an aisle and labeling each correctly. Take down is time sensitive because street cleaners are eager to complete their job as soon as the parade is over.

With two parades on consecutive days and a time commitment of 8-9 hours each day Lions, relatives, friends, and extra volunteers expend a lot of energy so our club can contribute to our community as we celebrate San Antonio's "Party with a Purpose" – Fiesta.

Viva Fiesta!

Battle of Flowers "Viva Amor 2024" – Friday, April 26, 2024



Set up





*Time to take
down and stack
the chairs for
tomorrow's
parade*





Fiesta Flambeau is over, time to clean up!

Let the work begin!



**We
Serve**



Alamo Heights Lions Club and Edgewood Lions Club – District Convention

Top Picture: Alamo Heights Lions Club Members

Bottom Picture: PID M.P. "Mike" Butler Ambassador of Service Awardees



Alamo Heights Lions Club – Let's Fiesta!

The San Antonio Fiesta Foundation celebrates San Antonio's rich heritage every year with a Day and a Night Parade as well as other activities. As a Participating Non-Profit Vendor, Alamo Heights Lions Club helps the Foundation support its charitable, educational, and cultural programs through ticket sells for the parades.



SA
Fiesta
April 2024
Day and Night
Parades



31st Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

TITLE SPONSOR



JAMES AVERY
Forging Hope

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



August 1, 2024

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX

All GIFTS will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000
in 2023-2024 by **James Avery Artisan Jewelry®**
For more information: www.lionscamp.com.

Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs
associations & corporations may sponsor a hole(s). All
sponsors of the tournament will be recognized on signage
and publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp
website: www.lionscamp.com. **Deadline to ensure recogni-
tion/publication is July 12, 2024.**

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

**Children Can...
With TLC™**

**Come Play and
make a Kid's Day
in 2024!**

For more information or to download
player registration forms go to
www.lionscamp.com

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Email: _____

Credit Card: MC ____ Visa ____ Discover ____ Amount: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ CVC _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAIL TO: TEXAS LIONS CAMP
PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029

**James Avery Artisan Jewelry
provides \$50,000 Challenge**
to celebrate 75th Anniversary of Texas Lions Camp
Named Title Sponsor for 31st Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to help commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Texas Lions Camp and support children with special medical conditions attending Summer Camp 2024. Every gift designated for the 31st Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. With this challenge, the company has also been named the Title Sponsor for the 2024 Golf tournament.

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James Avery's Chief Executive Officer John McCullough stated, "For 75 years, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced over 84,000 children to the 'CAN DO' philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences. Just as we forge silver and gold to craft jewelry, we are forging hope through our support of nonprofit organizations in the communities where we live and work. We are proud to encourage donors across Texas to partner with us in supporting the beauty that Texas Lions Camp offers to children and their families through this unique and educational summer camp experience."

About James Avery Artisan Jewelry®

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Harry Wickersham 31st Annual Golf Tournament

For 31 years, Texas Lions Camp (TLC) has sponsored an annual Golf tournament to help support camp operations. More about the history of this Golf Tournament and the Lions that helped make it become a reality may be found on our website (<https://lionscamp.com/Wickersham.html>). The event now raises \$150,000 annually and has cumulatively produced more than \$2 million over the past 30 years. Special thanks to all who have helped make this fund-raiser such a success. The 31st Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2024 and will be hosted once again by the Fredericksburg Lions Club at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Learn about Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

Those who are interested in learning more about and/or contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp are invited to visit www.lionscamp.com or by emailing Milton L. Dare at milton.dare@texaslions.camp. If preferred, you may call 830-896-8500 for more information.





Date: November 2, 2023

**Contact: Milton L. Dare, FACHE
Director of Development & Major Gifts
830-896-8500**

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Mabry added, "TLC will celebrate our Anniversary Summer Camp Season in 2024 with residential youth camps for children who have physical disabilities, cancer, Down syndrome, burn survivors, and type-1 diabetes as well as continue our highly successful family camp program. At Texas Lions Camp, we view camp as a time for campers to explore, exercise curiosity, and discover new interests and abilities. We want campers to attempt things that would normally be out of their reach, such as riding a horse, or rock climbing on our ropes course, or just being part of a team. The support of family, friends, and neighbors allows us to help some of the most amazing children share in the best summers of their lives."

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Follow us @jamesavery on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, as well as @jamesaveryjewelry on TikTok for new releases, trends and behind the scenes.

About the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament – For 31 years, Texas Lions Camp has sponsored an annual Golf tournament to help support camp operations. The history of this Golf Tournament began with four Texas Lions (Lions Mike Butler, Marshall Cooper, Bruce Rickert and Harry Wickersham) coming to the Annual Board meeting of Texas Lions Camp (TLC) in Kerrville to enjoy fellowship with each other. They all loved to play golf and so what began on a \$10 per person gentlemen’s donation at the Flying L Ranch Golf Course in Bandera, Texas, has grown into a major Fundraising event which generates more than \$150,000 annually for children with special medical conditions. Other Lions heard about the golf outing and dozens joined in to play in subsequent years including Lion Ed Stebbins who was recruited to help organize the event into an annual fund-raising opportunity. He made the original presentation to the TLC Board of Directors to make the Golf Tournament an annual fund-raising event as well as recommended that the event be named in honor of Lion Harry Wickersham (who was the real golfer in the original foursome). In addition, he recruited Lion Lester Frantzen as the Tournament Director and the Fredericksburg Lions Club to help organize and operate the tournament each year.

About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.- Texas Lions Camp, Inc., provides, without charge, a camp for children with special medical conditions from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin. The organization was chartered as a Texas, nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, the organization is recognized with a Four-Star rating from Charity Navigator and is an active participant on GuideStar so donors may give with confidence when furthering the mission of TLC.

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Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up



For Century Club - It's "Service from the Heart"

If you aren't a member of the TLC Century Club, please "Sign Up"; if you are a member, consider "Stepping Up" to the next level; and if you were a member but dropped out, consider "Catching Up" (i.e., come back in).

What is Texas Lions Camp Century Club? It's an individual annual giving program, and as such, it is giving from your own heart, independent of Club budgets or fund raisers. It is one of the life bloods of our operating budget, that in normal times sends up to 1500 children with special needs to Texas Lions Camp each summer, and yet less than 5% of Texas Lions are members.

Who can be a Century Club Member? Anyone can be a member. You don't have to be a Lion. It can be family or friends. You can even be a non-Texan, but it is our Texas Lions who are the backbone of the Century Club.

What does it cost to be a member? You can give your gift annually, or you can give monthly. A Bronze member is \$100 (\$10 if monthly); Silver is \$250; Gold \$500; Diamond is \$1,000; & Ambassador is \$5,000. Membership automatically renews each year, so members should join with the intention of making their same gift each year or even increasing their level.

How do I enroll or Step Up? Go to www.lionscamp.com, click on "Get Involved" and go to "Donate Now". There you will find "Ways to Give". Click that open and select "Century Club". If you scroll down, you will see the option to enroll online or to download and print out the form to send to the Camp directly.

Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up is a drive to beef up our Century Club membership for the Texas Lions Camp, as a birthday present to Texas Lions Camp on its 75th Anniversary in 2024. Today we have half the number of Texas Lions, supporting twice the number of campers at over twice the cost, as we did some 30 years ago. If we reach our goal of an increase of \$60/mo. among the members of EACH club in Texas, we will generate an additional of \$575,000 ANNUALLY, which would generate 15% of our operating budget, and help us keep serving our special children into the future.

A \$60 increase from the members of each Texas Club is doable. "Signing Up" as a new Bronze member is a \$10/mo. increase (\$100 if pd. ann.); a new Silver is \$21/mo. (\$250/yr.); a Gold is \$42/mo.(\$500); etc. Likewise, "Stepping Up" from Bronze to Silver is an \$11/mo. increase; Bronze to Gold is a \$32/mo. increase; going from Silver to Gold is a \$21/mo. increase, etc.

\$575,000/year – now that's some 75th Birthday present!

There's a saying at TLC that "ALL CAN DO". Yes, Texas Lions, \$60/mo./club. WE CAN DO IT.

Texas Lions Camp 75th Anniversary Sheath

On the next page is an order blank for special lasered & hand-tooled knife sheaths. These fit the special Case knives with handles made from rock from Texas Lions Camp, which we have been selling the last 3 years. This knife is the one shown above the sheaths on the form. If you haven't seen them, the 2 bladed knife is beautifully lasered with the Lion's & TLC's logos, along with the words "Texas Lions Camp - children can with TLC". If you are interested in the knife, you can contact Lion Ken Jobe, whose info is on the form for the knife sheaths.

The timing is critical, because (like everything else) the price of leather is going up dramatically, according to the leather tooler, and our costs will double after the 1st weekend in February. This will obviously do the same thing to our selling prices. So, if you want one or more, get your order in now. Orders dated by February 5th will be honored at the rates on the form. (The form says January 31st, but they have agreed to let the current price stand through our Feb. Council meeting in Kerrville.)

These knife sheaths have the Camp's special 75th Anniversary Logo. I know many Lions don't have the current knife and it may not be available much longer to buy. However, a new TLC 75th Anniversary edition Case knife will be coming out soon with a handle made out of wood from the camp. They will also be laser engraved on one of the blades. They will fit in these knife sheaths. So this will be a chance to get a knife sheath for either or both knives before the prices soar.

PCC Tom Blase
1st Vice-Chairman, Executive Committee
Texas Lions Camp



Serving Children Since 1949

For the benefit of

Texas Lions Camp
75th Anniversary
Case "Trapper" Style Knife Sheath

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Handmade and tooled by JDS Leather, Kerrville, Texas

***ATTENTION: Prices will be going up drastically for all orders after Jan., 31st, 2023. Leather prices have doubled, but JDS Leather will hold these prices until then.**

<u>Style</u>	<u>Price</u> (each)	<u># ordered</u>	<u>Extended</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Side of Belt</u>	
				# Right	# Left
Laser Sheath	\$40*	_____	\$_____	_____	_____
Laser & Tooled Sheath	\$50*	_____	\$_____	_____	_____
Laser & Tooled Sheath w/colored logo	\$60*	_____	\$_____	_____	_____
Subtotal of All Items			\$_____		
Add \$4 per Sheath for shipping			\$_____		
Total with shipping			\$_____		

Make Checks Payable to: District 2S1

Mail Checks to: PDG Ken Jobe, 4749 County Road 2590, Chester, TX 75936

(Hand tooling takes time, please allow at least 10-12 weeks for shipping.)