



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Changing the World

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Greeting Fellow Lions of 2-A2!

It's June! Where has the Lion Year gone? We have accomplished many great things this year. Our Lion Sight Research Foundation continues to make great strides in the area of vision research and help as well as the joint venture with the Texas Diabetes Institute, helping lead groundbreaking research into Type I and Type II diabetes.



Our Human Needs Board and Children Services Board have helped serve many across 2-A2, whether it was help for medical procedures, etc., to helping screen thousands of students for eyesight issues. They continue to stand ready to serve.

The jewel of 2-A2 and MD2, the Texas Lions Camp has begun to welcome campers for the summer sessions. TLC plays a huge role in allowing children who would normally not be able to attend a summer camp to be able to. The camp celebrated 75 years this spring, helping commemorate how the Lions of Texas saw a need and took legendary measures to make it happen (if you don't know the tale of the hot check, ask PID Mike Butler to tell the story).

As of this writing, 2-A2 has welcomed 3 new clubs, SA Yellow Rose, Del Rio Amistad, and Del Rio Lady Educators Lions Club. A huge thank you to all who helped make these three new clubs a reality. Our District continues to grow to better serve our communities. There is time to put in a new club or begin to lay the groundwork (hint hint).

As you are aware, the Lions of Texas, in cooperation with VisitSA, have officially bid on LCICON 2030/2031. Back in February, we had the initial site visit with LCI representatives. During the last executive meeting of the LCI Board in Melbourne the vote will be taken, and we will find out if we will host. I am hopefully, excited and nervous all at the same time at the prospect of being able to possibly welcome Lions from all over the world to our backyard. Fingers crossed.

June tends to be the month we clean rosters and drop members. Please look at your lions and see if there is any way to help or encourage those who may be looking at leaving us. There is also time to bring new members in! The only way we survive as an organization is by recruiting new members to help us SERVE.

This is my final monthly letter as your 2023-2024 District Governor. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as governor. It has been a learning experience, and it has been a good one. We have dared mighty things and have succeeded at many. I want to thank you all for all the help and advice. It would take several pages to list all who have helped me. Believe me when I say thank you.

I leave you with wishes for your health and continued service to our communities. Much love to you all.

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

Lion Josh

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

Club and Other Events:

La Vernia Lions Club Installation	June 11th	Witte's Bar-B-Que La Vernia, Texas
SA Highland Hills Lions Club Installation	June 18th	Black Bear Diner San Antonio, Texas
Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner	July 31st	Hanger Hotel Fredericksburg, Texas
Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament	August 1st	Lady Bird Johnson GC Fredericksburg, Texas

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

Upcoming State Certification Classes for Vision and Hearing

ATTENTION ALL LIONS:

Your District 2-A2 Lions Children's Services Board is pleased to announce the upcoming State Vision Screening Certification and State Hearing Screening Certification classes specifically for Lions club members.

New Vision Screeners

If you are currently SPOT certified and desire to become a State certified vision screener, please register by emailing Lion Ken Book at kbook0@outlook.com by **July 5, 2024** (specify the Vision certification class in your email). You must bring your SPOT certificate to the State Vision Screener Certification class. The class is for District 2-A2 Lions club members and will be held at Blessed Sacrament School, 600 Oblate Drive, San Antonio on **July 12, 2024**. The class will begin promptly at 8:30am and will conclude by 4:00pm.

New Hearing Screeners

If you desire to become a State certified hearing screener, please register by emailing Lion Ken Book at kbook0@outlook.com by **July 12, 2024** (specify the Hearing certification class in your email). The class is for District 2-A2 Lions club members and will be held at Blessed Sacrament School, 600 Oblate Drive, San Antonio on **July 19, 2024**. The class will begin promptly at 8:30am and will conclude by 4:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: IN ORDER TO HOLD THESE CLASSES, WE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 8 LIONS REGISTERED FOR EACH CLASS LISTED ABOVE

**SA HIGHLAND HILLS LIONS CLUB
INSTALLATION OF 2024-2025 OFFICERS**

Tuesday June 18, 2024

6:30 PM to 8 PM

Black Bear Diner

2707 SE Military Dr

Installing Officer

PDG and CDD of LSRF

Lion Sam Pantusa

SA Northside Lions Club

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Only one more month left in Lions year 2023-2024.....

Texas Lions Convention in Amarillo



The Texas Lions Convention in Amarillo was a resounding success, bringing together Lions from across the state for a weekend of camaraderie, inspiration, and service. Held at the Amarillo Civic Center from May 16-18, the convention featured a variety of workshops, keynote speeches, and networking opportunities that underscored our shared commitment to community service. Immediate Past International President, Brian Sheehan, was the keynote speaker for the convention. As he said, "It's about fellowship, it's about sharing, and it's about telling the stories."

Attendees had the chance to engage in meaningful discussions about expanding our impact, learn new strategies for club growth, and celebrate the achievements of Lions who have made significant contributions to our mission. The energy and enthusiasm at the convention were palpable, reminding us all of the power of collective action in making a difference. It was nice to get some sightseeing in at Cadillac Ranch, the Route 66 Historic District, and Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Next year the convention will be in Lubbock.

Rod Chisholm Inducted into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame



The biggest highlight of the convention for me was the induction of our PDG Rod Chisholm into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame. Rod's dedication to service and leadership within Lions Club International has been exemplary. His work has spanned numerous projects and initiatives that have profoundly impacted our communities. This prestigious recognition is a testament to Rod's unwavering commitment to the Lions' mission of service and his outstanding contributions over the years. His induction ceremony was a moment of pride and celebration for District 2-A2, as we honored a true champion of our values.

Lion Lori Sheehan and the Lions in Motion Campaign

Lion Lori Sheehan, wife to Immediate Past International President Brian Sheehan and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, has been a beacon of energy and innovation within Lionism, particularly with her [Lions in Motion](#) campaign. She was the convention guest speaker for the banquet on Friday night. During her remark, she spoke of this campaign designed to promote physical activity and community engagement, has encouraged Lions and community members alike to incorporate regular exercise into their routines while supporting local service projects. Through organized walks, fitness challenges, dance marathons, golf and pickle ball tourneys, and community clean-up events, Lions in Motion has successfully combined health and service, demonstrating the holistic approach to well-being that Lions Clubs International advocates. Lori's leadership and passion have inspired many around the world to get involved, fostering a spirit of unity and healthy living that benefits everyone involved.

Windcrest Lions Host Lunch and Love at Cross Roads Church



In a heartwarming display of community spirit, my home club the Windcrest Lions hosted a “Lunch and Love” event at Cross Roads Church, providing much-needed support to those experiencing food insecurity. This event, held on May 25, saw club members come together to serve hot meal of spaghetti to those in the Windcrest community experiencing food insecurity. We had a great turnout with the chef, Lion Jack Leonhardt, receiving numerous compliments for

his spaghetti sauce, a Windcrest Lions secret recipe. This initiative not only addressed immediate hunger but also fostered a sense of hope and community solidarity. Such acts of kindness and service exemplify the core values of Lions Clubs International and inspire us all to continue giving back.

Wear Blue to Remember 5K at McAllister Park for Memorial Day



As a Soldier for Life, I cannot go without acknowledging Memorial Day, our country's solemn remembrance of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. While I no longer like to run preferring to power walk, I still like to cheer on those who participated in Wear Blue to Remember 5K that took place at McAllister Park Memorial Day weekend. This event brought together community members to honor and remember the sacrifices of our military personnel particularly those of the Persian Gulf War II (Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom). Participants donned blue attire and ran or walked the 5K course, with each step serving as a tribute to those who have given their lives in service to our country. The event was a poignant reminder of the importance of honoring our heroes, and the turnout was a testament our city's deep respect and gratitude.

Conclusion

As I reflect on the convention, it's clear that the spirit of Lionism is thriving in District 2-A2, in Texas, and around the world. From the state convention in Amarillo to local initiatives like Lunch and Love, and Lori Sheehan's Lions in Motion program, Lions are making a tangible difference in the lives of many. We are proud of our collective achievements and look forward to continuing our mission of service with renewed vigor and dedication. As we install new club officers in June for the Lion year 2024-2025, let these stories inspire us all to keep pushing forward, united in our goal to serve those in need and make our communities stronger.

Lion Nanette

1st Vice-District Governor Elect
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Floresville Cub Club – Trash Pickup – We Serve!

On Saturday, May 11th, the Floresville Lions Cub Club spent the morning picking up trash at Floresville's Pecan Park. They did an awesome job and played on the park equipment afterwards.

Cub Leaders are Lion Bonnie Sario and Lion Katelund Allen. Cubs are age 5-12





TLC Chairman's Chatter




Dreamcatchers can't be Daydreamers!



All year we have been discussing how we, the Lions of Texas, are the Dreamcatchers for our Texas Lions Camp Campers; and how as dreamcatchers we have two jobs: we have to find the kids, so they have the chance for the magic of TLC to happen; and secondly, we have to raise the money so they can continue to go at no cost to their families. Because if we don't do that, 95% of these kids could not afford to come.

However, in the spring when our conventions are over, many of us have the tendency to want to sit on the back porch and just watch Mother Nature do her thing: changing dull and brown to green and bright colors. It is a great feeling just sitting there and watching the clouds float by, while daydreaming about things to come. Maybe we even dream about how great a summer all of our campers are going to have.

BUT Wait  dreamcatchers don't have time to daydream – we still have another job to do. Sure, kids are already at camp riding horses, catching monster catfish, camping out, screaming down the zip line, splashing at the pool, and so much more. So, job #1 is done for 2024, but job #2 is always ongoing and we are right in the middle of one of our biggest fund raisers of the year, the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament (8/1/24).

The Tonnessen Family, our Ambassador Family (their touching story is attached), is inviting **you** individually and **your clubs** to become hole sponsors for the 31st Annual Tournament (form attached). **James Avery, our Title Sponsor, is matching your hole sponsorships, dollar for dollar up to the first \$50,000.** One hole sponsorship is \$100, so buy several. We also offer Corporate sponsorships from \$500 & up. For more information about the benefits for the Corporate Sponsorship levels, as well as information on the other programs, go to www.lionscamp.com; then go to [events and volunteers](#) & then [golf tournament](#). We are also looking for in-kind gifts to be used for our online auction.

We still have plenty of room for teams to enter the tournament ([form included in this newsletter](#)). Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course is nestled in the hills around Fredericksburg and is fun to play. If you love golf come on out and join folks from all across Texas for a great morning of golf. Also, on Wednesday evening (7/31/24) before the tournament we are kicking off the inaugural “Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner” at the Hanger Hotel in Fredericksburg. Should be a fun night of fellowship for the Lions and golfers coming to town.

There are many ways for us Dreamcatchers to do job #2: from Jack Weich Fellowships and Century Club memberships to 100% Clubs and Endowment bricks to name a few, and we need to keep all of these programs going in our clubs throughout the year. But the Harry Wickersham golf tournament is the only one where your dollars are doubled. **Please don't leave any of that free money on the table.**

Let's go out and be the Dreamcatchers, so our campers can be the Daydreamers!

PCC Tom Blase, TLC Chairman

P.S. Our campers love to thank the Lions for their week of fun, so get your club members, especially new ones and maybe some potential new members and come celebrate with our campers on one of our awards nights. This year they are June 7, 14, & 28, plus July 5 & 12.

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.



**31st ANNUAL
HARRY WICKERSHAM
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

You are cordially invited to join

Texas Lions Camp

**for an evening of great cuisine, fellowship,
fund raising and entertainment**

for the INAUGURAL

Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner

on Wednesday, July 31, 2024

from 6 - 9 PM

at the

Hangar Hotel & Conference Center

Fredericksburg, Texas

Help honor the late *Lion Ed Stebbins* for his pivotal role in establishing the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament as a fund-raising event for Texas Lions Camp.

Golfers and TLC friends can enjoy a fun evening prior to the golf tournament on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Event Sponsors (\$1,500) Table Sponsors (\$400) Tickets (\$35 per person)

Proceeds benefit Texas Lions Camp

History of the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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 loved to play golf – and, what began as 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 \$100,000 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, and 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 and the Fredericksburg Lions Club to help organize and operate the tournament each year.

What Is Texas Lions Camp?

Texas Lions Camp, Inc., (TLC) provides, without charge, a camp for children who are physically disabled, have Down syndrome, cancer or Type 1 diabetes from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion or national origin. The organization was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, 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. The Camp also has been recognized with a Four-Star rating from Charity Navigator and is an active participant with GuideStar.

For 75 years, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced children with special medical conditions to the “CAN DO” philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences. Corporate sponsorships from special friends allow TLC to help some of the most amazing children share in the best summers of their lives. Through this mission, TLC’s goal is realized when children “step up and step into their calling,” thus allowing them to achieve maximum personal growth and self-esteem.





31st ANNUAL
HARRY WICKERSHAM GOLF TOURNAMENT
Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner



July 31, 2024

Benefitting Texas Lions Camp
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS & TICKETS

___ Yes, I (We) want to be included as a SPONSOR/SUPPORTER for the ED STEBBINS MEMORIAL GOLF DINNER benefiting TEXAS LIONS CAMP at the HANGAR HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER in Fredericksburg, Texas. Benefits correspond to sponsorship/gift level outlined on attached form.

Please indicate level of sponsorship or level of support:

- ___ Event Sponsor (\$1,500/Tables seat 8)
- ___ Table Sponsor (\$400/Tables seat 8)
- ___ Event Tickets (___ Tickets @ \$35 each – Total _____)
- ___ Contributor \$1,500 \$400 \$250 \$100
- ___ In-Kind Donor* _____

*Please specify dollar value of item donated

(SPONSOR) Contact Name: _____

Business: _____

Lions Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

HOW NAME/BUSINESS SHOULD APPEAR IN PUBLICITY/RECOGNITION:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

Amount Due \$ _____ Paid \$ _____ Balance Due \$ _____ Bill Me _____

Credit Card # _____ Zip Code _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Authorization Signature: _____

Please provide the names of Attendees:

Texas Lions Camp is a 501 (c) (3) organization, and a portion of your contribution may be tax deductible. For sponsorships, the charitable deduction is limited to the amount of the sponsorship in excess of the value of the goods and services provided.

**HW
ESTEBB
2024**

Please Return to:
 Texas Lions Camp, Inc. - P. O. Box 290247 - Kerrville, TX 78029-0247 - Phone (830) 896-8500 - FAX (830) 896-3666

31st Annual
Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament
Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner

Benefiting Texas Lions Camp

Tax Exempt #74-1189679

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

EVENT SPONSORSHIP (\$1,500; Value Received \$350)

- Table with Eight Tickets for event with premium seating location at the [Hangar Hotel & Conference Center](#)
- Dinner for Eight with Buffet Dinner Service
- 16 Beverage tickets
- Company/Individual Name/Logo in tournament publicity
- Sign with Company/Individual Name/Logo displayed during event
- Company/Individual LOGO/LINK on Texas Lions Camp website
- Company/Individual Listing in Tournament Program-distribution of 1,000
- Company Logo/Name in 2024 TLC Newsletter
- Special recognition on TLC FACEBOOK page
- Option to place approved Company/Individual promo item(s) at event
- Company Name/Logo in Post-Tournament Recognition

TABLE SPONSORSHIP (\$400; Value Received \$256)

- Table with Eight Tickets for event with reserved seating at the [Hangar Hotel & Conference Center](#)
- Dinner for Eight with Buffet Dinner Service
- Company/Individual LOGO/LINK on Texas Lions Camp website
- Company/Individual Listing in Tournament Program-distribution of 1,000
- Company Logo/Name in 2024 TLC Newsletter
- Special recognition on TLC FACEBOOK page
- Option to place approved Company/Individual promo item(s) at event
- Company Name/Logo in Post-Tournament Recognition

EVENT TICKETHOLDER (\$35 each - Value Received \$32)

- One Event Ticket
- Dinner for One with Buffet Dinner Service
- Company/Individual Listing in Tournament Program-distribution of 1,000
- Company Logo/Name in 2024 TLC Newsletter
- Company/Individual Name/Logo in Post-Tournament Recognition

CONTRIBUTOR (\$100 or more)

- Company/Individual Listing in Tournament Program-distribution of 1,000
- Company Logo/Name in 2024 TLC Newsletter
- Company/Individual Name/Logo in Post-Tournament Recognition

Generally, Texas Lions Camp enjoys:

- ~ 50,000 hits per year on its website www.lionscamp.com
- Produces and circulates periodic newsletters to 26,000-30,000 readers per year
- An average of 16,000





THURSDAY
August 1, 2024

Lady Bird Johnson
Municipal Golf Course
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

BENEFITING:



Serving Children Since 1949

For more Information:
Texas Lions Camp, Inc.
P.O. Box 290247
Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247
(830) 896-8500
www.lionscamp.com

The 2024 Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador Family is the Tonnessen Family

(Father Scott, Mother Jeanne, & two children, Mariah and Jax) from Kerrville.

The Tonnessen family found out about TLC when mother, Jeanne, was growing up in elementary school in the mid 1980s. Jeanne shared, "We lived in nearby Medina, so our family was very familiar with TLC. I was also a camper and counselor in the 80s."

They were fortunate to be able to attend *TLC-4-Families* in 2021 and 2022. Mother Jeanne commented that, "Attending this new program helped us take a break from all the outside distractions, and we really felt more attentive to each other." It was like a resort vacation for the whole family, and they felt like celebrities with their only responsibility and primary focus being to have fun! For their busy lives, it was a much-needed break.



In Summer 2023, daughter Mariah (12) and son Jax (10) participated in TLC residential camp, and this was the first time they were both away from home for a week. Mariah and Jax were both born with Albinism and Nystagmus and both are legally blind. Seeing the details in life can be a struggle at times. Looking physically different than others brings some unwanted attention as well. The independence they experienced at camp was so valuable. They were able to "spread



their wings" knowing they would receive wonderful support. As Mother Jeanne said, "I had always told them how much TLC boosted my confidence in early life. Kids are able to feel so 'normal' at camp, and their peers really understand each other." Mariah loved fishing, riding horses, and the ropes course while Jax enjoyed swimming and playing in the gym the most.

Going to camp for the first time was different for the kids and the Tonnessen family as well, but seeing the pictures posted every night online and knowing their kids were receiving wonderful care was so reassuring. Scott and Jeanne Tonnessen have special memories of TLC, "our kids made some great friends and achieved a new level of independence."

The Tonnessen family express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Lions of Texas, executive staff, counselors, nurses, volunteers, and kitchen staff for making them feel so welcome.

**It's great to have a place like TLC where no one
is left out or feels invisible,
Thank you TLC!**

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.

"Texas Lions Camp (TLC) is excited that James Avery Artisan Jewelry has agreed to help TLC celebrate our Diamond anniversary and participate with our organization again in 2023-2024 and invest in our mission by offering this exciting challenge opportunity," said President & CEO of TLC, Stephen S. Mabry.

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®

About James Avery Artisan Jewelry® – James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. We offer finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, bronze and gemstones. James Avery jewelry is designed in the Texas Hill Country, with more than 90 percent of our pieces crafted in Kerrville, Comfort, Hondo and Corpus Christi, Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with over 120 James Avery stores in four states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, over 250 Dillard's locations and at Dillards.com and at 37 Von Maur locations and VonMaur.com. You can also find our designs at airport stores in Austin, Houston and Nashville, as well as select Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) locations.

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.





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.)