

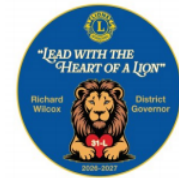


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TRUNK OR TREAT

CAMP DOGWOOD
7062 CAMP DOGWOOD DR
SHERRILLS FORD, NC 28673

HOSTED BY
THE NORTH CAROLINA
LIONS FOUNDATION &
PARTICIPATING LIONS CLUBS

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NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION

Annual District 31-L Fall convention
Celebrating 250 years of Freedom
November 13th thru 15th, 2026

Fall Convention Registration Form

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Name(s) (PRINT first and last name, Circle if Lion or Guest)

Name and Highest Lion Position Held	FFN Lasagna	TTB Buffet	DGB Chkn Veg	BKF Cont.
_____ Lion or Guest	☐	☐	☐ ☐	☐
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Family Fun Night-Lasagna _____ \$22.00 _____ \$27.00 _____ If received after November 1

Tail Twister Breakfast- Buffet \$14.50 \$ _____ \$19.50 _____ If received after November 1

District Governors Banquet Chicken \$ 30.00 _____ \$35.00 _____ If received after November 1

Vegetarian \$ 30.00 _____ \$35.00 _____ If received after November 1

Sunday Breakfast Continental \$10.00 \$ _____ \$15.00 _____ If received after November 1

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: _____

There will be no meal reservations without a check. Make checks for meals payable to 2026 District 31L Fall Convention. **The deadline for ordering meals is November 07, 2026**

Mail Check and Registration form to: **PDG Curtis Erickson** 445 Bass Lake Drive Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

Convention to be held at Camp Dogwood
7062 Camp Dogwood Drive
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

For Room Reservations call Wendy White at 828-478-2135 ext. 250 by November 1, 2026 for Lion's rate!

Kelly Harris at extension 250



LIONS IRS FILING REMINDER

FOR LIONS CLUBS, DISTRICTS
AND MULTIPLE DISTRICTS

WHICH FORM DO YOU FILE?

Based on your annual gross receipts and total assets

\$50,000 or less  990-N (e-Postcard)	Greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000  990-EZ or 990	\$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater  990
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DUE DATE
NOVEMBER
15



Clubs operate on a fiscal year
July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard
(990-N) is due by **November 15**
each year.



Register at
IRS.gov before
filing (one time).



Foundations are
separate legal
entities and may
have their own filing
requirements.

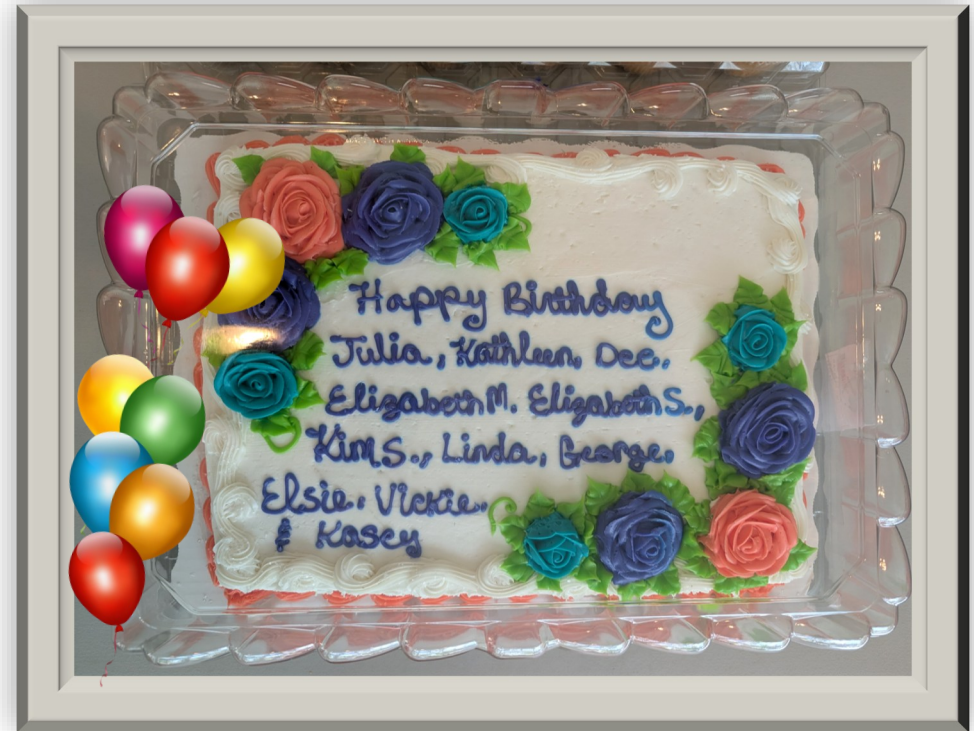


Failure to file for
three consecutive
years can result
in loss of your
tax-exempt status.

Stay Compliant SO WE CAN KEEP SERVING
OUR COMMUNITIES!

McCune Center Birthdays.

Happy birthday to you all.



Why? Why should I go to the convention and why do we have one. You should go to support your fellow Lions and learn new ideas you can take back to your club and try. You also get to see people you have not seen in a while and catch up. Why do we have one. It is primarily a call annually for the Lions of the district to vote on next years Lion leadership and other administrative matters that takes a delegate vote to achieve. It is an annual requirement according to the Constitution and Bylaws of our organization and it must take place prior to the state convention which in turn must take place prior to the International Convention. Three events constitutionally bound to happen. Please support them all.

Going to the convention? A long time Lion reminded me at a Zone meeting that I have to remind everyone, If you are going to the convention just to attend the Cabinet meeting Please still register. This gets the registration packets to you. And it lets people know how many people are attending that will more than likely take advantage of the hospitality room. Nothing like trying to plan food purchasing not knowing a ballpark figure on how many to plan for. So please register.

Lions Clubs International
We Serve

Inviting all Lions & Lions Clubs of the World to Observe

MISSION 1.5
More Members More Service A Brighter Tomorrow

WEEKS OF SERVICES

VISION WEEK

8 - 18 OCTOBER 2026

Clear Vision Brighter Lives Stronger Communities

Healthy Eyes Happier Lives

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

World Lions Sight Day OCTOBER 8 Love Your Eyes See a Better Tomorrow	Lions Kid Screening Healthy Eyes Brighter Futures	Lions Eye Bank DONATE EYES GIVE SIGHT GIVE LIFE	Vision Screening Early Detection Prevents Blindness
Eye Glass Recycling DONATE YOUR OLD GLASSES GIVE NEW VISION	Eye Operation Camps Restoring Sight Changing Lives	etc. etc. ✓ Community Awareness Programs ✓ Diabetes Eye Screening ✓ School Eye Health Programs ✓ Support for Visually Impaired ✓ Low Vision Aids Distribution ✓ Training & Capacity Building ✓ Collaborate with Hospitals & NGOs ✓ and many more...	<i>"Together we can create a world where everyone can see a brighter tomorrow."</i>

MORE SCREENINGS
 CLEARER VISION
 HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES
 STRONGER SOCIETIES
 A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

We Serve *Let's Make Vision a Reality for All*

Lions Leader | Global Service Advocate | A Brighter Tomorrow Together

Etowah Lions Club members volunteered to assist the Etowah Presbyterian Church with their monthly free community meal on September 26th. Every month the church puts on a free meal for the community for 40-50 individuals. The Lions supplied mash potatoes, gravy, tea and their serving skills. Four Lions were involved in the planning, cooking and serving of the meal including Lions Dale Bowen, Debbie Hicks, Kathy Nichols and Dennis Wyss.



The Etowah Club has started a new community project, an information table which we set up in Etowah Park on various dates monthly. Lions information will be disbursed and we will solicit suggestions from community members as to how we can better serve the community. We will have the diabetes kit, SPOT camera, eye-glass recycle box and books available for the taking. Our hope is that public exposure will garner interest in the community about our club and perhaps bolster our membership.



Never forget to recognize those who help you to be Lions or who you have helped to give your cause a reason for the season. If you find you don't have either to give, go out and find one.

Annual District 31-L Fall convention Celebrating 250 years of Freedom November 13th thru 15th, 2026.

Dear Fellow Lions,

Our District Convention is quickly approaching, and I encourage every club—and individual Lions—to consider placing an ad in the convention program booklet. Your support will help make this year's convention a success.

Most importantly, I hope you'll join us **November 13–14 at Camp Dogwood**. A great deal of thought and effort has gone into planning a convention that will be both informative and enjoyable.

This year, we're trying some new things to put the **FUN** back into Fun Night. We'll kick off the evening with a well-known radio personality, followed by a trivia contest that should bring plenty of friendly competition and laughter.

We'll also continue some of our favorite service activities. Once again, we'll decorate and fill stockings for the McCune residents. Please bring nonperishable food donations as well; these will be donated to a food pantry in Catawba.

We are also offering several local tours that may be of interest to spouses, family members, and friends who are not Lions. We want everyone who comes to Camp Dogwood to have an enjoyable weekend.

Please keep these important deadlines in mind:

- **October 1:** Deadline for ads in the convention program booklet
- **November 1:** Deadline to receive the reduced meal rate
- **November 7:** Final deadline for all food orders; no orders can be accepted after this date

Room reservations should be made directly through **Camp Dogwood at 828-478-2135, ext. 250**.

I hope you'll make plans to attend, enjoy the fellowship, participate in our service projects, and help us make this a convention to remember. I look forward to seeing you at Camp Dogwood!

In friendship and service -

Dick Wilcox

DG31L

REMINDER: bring canned food for the food drive, stocking stuffer items for the service project and proceeds from the Saturday auction will go to our McCune Center



Daveste Winery



Memory Lane Museum

This is not your typical car museum but a museum of unique items and props used in the movie industry along with some of the old original NASCAR vehicles. The museum has a close connection to the Lions as it was the dream of Lion Alex Beam, long time member of the Davidson Lions club. As noted, not your typical museum but one you will want to revisit again when you are in the area.

Remember to **follow us** on Facebook for more pictures of happenings around the district. [FACEBOOK](#)

Check out your district 31L website.

There is a wealth of information available to all Lions!

<https://www.nclions31l.org>

Logos, Flyers, Post-cards and More!

What is available and how do I use them? Are you printing out flyers, brochures. Advertising your Lions Club events. Click on the emblem for member resources to include usage guidelines. Lions Clubs International has a team who build PR things for you so you don't have too. Just fill in the relevant information and you are done. **Promotion** is a breeze!

Click here



LIONS SPEAK MADE SIMPLE

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS IN LIONS CLUBS,
THE DISTRICT & MULTIPLE DISTRICT

Different letters. One mission. ❤️ We Serve.

IN THE CLUB

CL	Chartered Lion
IP	Immediate Past President
PP	Past President
VP	Vice President
Sec.	Secretary
Treas.	Treasurer
Tail Tw.	Tail Twister
Lion Tamer	Membership Chair
Dir.	Director
GET	Global Extension Team
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation
RC	Resource Center
GMT	Global Membership Team
GLT	Global Leadership Team
GST	Global Service Team
GET	Global Extension Team

It all starts at the club—where every Lion makes an impact!

IN THE DISTRICT

DG	District Governor
VDG	Vice District Governor
PID	Past International Director
PDG	Past District Governor
CS	Cabinet Secretary
CT	Cabinet Treasurer
Zone Chair	Zone Chairperson
Region Chair	Region Chairperson
GET	Global Extension Team Coordinator
GMT Coordinator	Global Membership Team Coordinator
GLT Coordinator	Global Leadership Team Coordinator
GST Coordinator	Global Service Team Coordinator
LCIF Coordinator	LCIF District Coordinator
RC	Resource Center

Leading, supporting and serving across the district.

IN THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT

CC	Council Chairperson
VC	Vice Council Chairperson
GAT	Global Action Team
GMT	Global Membership Team
GLT	Global Leadership Team
GST	Global Service Team
GET	Global Extension Team
LCIF MD Coordinator	LCIF Multiple District Coordinator
MD	Multiple District
Con.	Convention
DGE	District Governor Elect
1VDG	First Vice District Governor
2VDG	Second Vice District Governor
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
RC	Resource Center

Uniting districts. Strengthening leadership. Expanding our impact worldwide.

WHY IT MATTERS
Understanding our abbreviations helps us communicate better, lead stronger, and serve together.

Many Roles.
One Purpose.

❤️ We Serve.

SHARE & INSPIRE!
Help new Lions learn the lingo and feel right at home in our incredible organization!

TOGETHER, WE SERVE. TOGETHER, WE CHANGE LIVES.

#WeServe