

# Lions Camp Merrick

*Making Memories That Last A Lifetime!*

**OUR MISSION:** *"To promote the education, creative expression and social growth of special needs youth. Lions Camp Merrick fosters friendships between children facing similar challenges and provides the community and Lions with opportunities for service, philanthropy and leadership."*

## shITS Under Control

After nearly ten years the long awaited septic system project is coming to fruition. After years of designing, permit approvals, funding requests, contract negotiations and a lot of hard work by Lions, The Waldorf Foundation and camp staff the septic system is in use and the final work is being done. The new system will meet the current and future needs of the camp as we grow over the years.



## Camper & Rental Update

You may be wondering how many people actually enjoy and benefit from Lions Camp Merrick. well here is a

summary of groups who attended camp or used our facility in 2015:

Adult Blind Program	35	Family Diabetic Camp	67
4-H	100	Diabetic Campers	174
Scouts	125	Church Groups	90
Local Families	300	Civic Groups	50
Military Veterans	15	School Groups	132
Local Businesses	35	Rehabilitation Groups	270
Private Groups	23		

## Rustic Rehab

Our three rustic cabins sponsored by Sandy Spring, Gateway and Montgomery / Derwood are getting a makeover. What could 32 more bed spaces mean to Lions Camp Merrick if these cabins had heat, air, windows and insulation. More space for campers, additional programs, increase rental opportunities and restoring cabins that are deteriorating. Please consider making a donation to the rustic building fund to help us have these cabins in use by next summer!



## Reminders & Updates

### Closing Weekend Has Changed To Dec 5th

Due to a scheduling conflict with the LVRFB meeting our closing weekend date has been moved to Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. For those who had to choose between the two now you can attend both events. We apologize for the mistake and please call our office or visit the web site for a complete list of items that need to be completed.

### Camp Board Meeting – Nov 17th

At Babes Tavern, 2890 Old Washington Road in Waldorf, All are welcome to attend! We meet at Babes Tavern at 2890 Old Washington Road in Waldorf.

### Next Camp Advisory Meeting – Jan 5th

Thank You to Leonardtown, Lexington Park, Ridge, Hollywood, Rockville, Calvert and Silver Hill who attended the October Advisory meeting. We appreciate your assistance and support. We meet at Babes Tavern at 2890 Old Washington Road in Waldorf.

### Annual Camp Gala – Friday February 12, 2016

Mark your calendar for a fun filled evening!

### Appreciation Picnic TBA

A picnic for Lions, staff, campers & families and friends of LCM will be held so look for more information in upcoming newsletters!