

# Lions Camp Merrick

*Making Memories That Last A Lifetime!*

## Lions Camp Merrick Annual Fundraiser

Mark Your Calendar for May 4<sup>th</sup> because we need all Lions to come out to the races. This event will be a lot of fun with horse racing, food and open bar, 50/50 raffle, live music, a derby hat contest, and dessert auction



We need Lions, businesses and camp friends to buy tickets, sponsor a horse or race, solicit live auction items, solicit dessert items from bakeries or restaurants for our dessert auction and join in on the fun.

## Back to Our Mission – Serving Diabetic, Blind & Deaf

The Lions of District 22-C and camp staff are dedicated to providing a developmental, educational and recreational place for children with special challenges. LCM's program for children with type one diabetes has served nearly 175 diabetic campers each summer. The Deaf Program is being revived this summer thru a partnership with Bridging Hands and is scheduled for July 22-28; we anticipate 25 children will attend. Maryland School for the Blind is working out dates for a summer camp and a fall family weekend for visually impaired campers at LCM. Our own local under privileged children also benefit from camp and we are working with the school board and local agencies to make camp a reality for 30 children. We are hopeful all four of these programs will have a strong future providing campers in need a place to make friends and have fun!

## FEBRUARY CAMP DONATIONS

We are appreciative of all the donations that we receive to help support camp operations and our staff during the winter months. Registration for summer 2018 is doing well, at about 50% full, and registration fees are starting to roll in. A BIG thanks to the following individuals who we received funds from in February.

Network for Good	On Line Donations	Damascus Lions Club	Scholarship Funds
Riderwood Lions Club	General Donation	Damascus Lions Club	General Donation
Ridge Lions	General Donation	Damascus Lions Club	Blind Campership
United Way	Pledge donation	Dover Lions Club	Diabetic Camp
University Park Lions Club	General Donation	Greater Carroll Lions Club	General Donation
University Park Lions Club	Campership	La Plata Lions Club	General Donation
Waldorf Lions Club	Brick to Honor Addie McBride	Leisure World Lions Club	General Donation
22-W LC Dist	Diabetic Sponsorship	Leonardtown Lions Club	General Donation
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Charles Hertel	General Donation		
College Park Lions Club	General Donation		

**Thank you For Your Support!**

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## Reminders & Updates

### Camp Board Meeting – March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

At Babes Tavern in Waldorf on route 925, 2890 Old Washington Road. All Lions are welcome to attend!

### NBC 4 Health Fair March 10 -12, 2018

Visit our booth at this year's event!

### Helping Hands for LCM–

Any Clubs or individuals wishing to volunteer during the week days are certainly welcome to come and “help out”!

## Lions Camp Merrick – The Future

Over the last several years with the help of camp staff, board members, Lions, camp families and camp friends the current camp and rental programs are being stabilized to a sounder financial base. We are continuing to assess how to utilize our facility to meet the needs of our community and populations served to the fullest extent possible. With growth comes new income and new costs and we look forward to the possibilities and need Lions support to get there!

### Ready for a Fun Filled Summer Of Fun!



June 10	Staff Arrive for Training
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lions Appreciation Picnic
June 27 – 30	Diabetic Family Camp
June 1 – 6	Diabetic Week 1
July	Camper & Lions Dinner
July 8 – 13	Diabetic Week 2
July 11	Campers & Lions Dinner
July 15 – 20	Community Camp – (Old WCCCA Camp)
July 22 – 27	Deaf Camp Hosting Bridging Hands
August 6 – 11	TBA – Possible VI Program
August 13 – 17	Adult Blind Retreat



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