

Please "Adopt" A Blind or Deaf Camper to Camp Lions Of Illinois



For over half a century the Lions of Illinois has been proud to sponsor Camp Lions of Illinois for the Blind & Deaf. The camp is a place of laughter and learning for both youth & adults who have visual and/or hearing impairments. It offers a safe environment for campers to be with their peers, learn new skills, take on new challenges, and make friendships to last a lifetime.



Eligible youth attending Camp Lions, are age 7-17 years old, & enjoy activities that are often not open to them in their communities simply because they have a hearing or vision loss. At Camp Lions we encourage them to expand their self-confidence by saying "try it" not "it is too hard for you". This positive attitude can be seen wherever the campers are. The level of achievement by campers is as high as they dare try.

Adult campers, attending the Helen Keller Adult Program, are also inspired to make new friends and take part in a wide variety of events. It may be a dance, a hike along the Rock River, or sports, even a game of cards. In reality it is much more; it is a chance to be with people who have the same abilities as you, a chance to not be the one person who is different, but part of the majority. For some of our adult campers it is the one week of the year when they are not residing in a nursing home or residential facility.



Camp Lions is a life experience to each camper. Some learn to maneuver across the camp with no guide, or limited help, which means greater freedom at home. Some meet another blind or deaf camper their own age and are inspired to realize they are not alone. For the most Camp Lions is a place to have fun, swimming, making a nature craft, and performing on stage for the Camp Talent Show, or learning to fish or canoe, and much more.

As we enter the 2010 Camp Lions of Illinois season, we ask that each club help sponsor a camper, or more if possible, to enjoy this life enriching experience. The donation requested to adopt a camper is only \$525, a truly small amount for the joy, friends, and self-confidence a camper gains from Camp Lions.

While this amount does not cover the full expense of the program (nearly \$900 per person) it does, when combined with other donations, help to provide the needed funds. We hope that Clubs do not restrict their donation to only children & adults in their immediate service area, but remember that the entire state of Illinois relies on our help. Once you see the face of these campers you could never deny your aid.

In return for an "adoption" you or your Club will receive a thank you card from the camper(s) you have adopted. A picture of the camper will be included so you can see the joy on their face.

Please adopt a camper, it is a gift that cannot be measured, it truly is a gift of a lifetime.

Cut here and return form with check/money to: - - - - -

**Lion Mario Gumino,
Lions of Illinois Foundation
2814 DeKalb Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178.**

Please make donation payable to: LIF Camp Lions Adopt-A-Child.

Please accept our donation of \$ _____ to adopt _____ camper(s).

If known, Name of specific Camper you wish to adopt _____

Club/Donor Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address to send receipt of adoption _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____