

LA LIONS-L.P.D.C.I.-CAMP PELICAN 2018 3808 SAN FRANCISCO DRIVE DESTREHAN, LA 70047

Dear Parents:

It is my great honor to invite your child to join us for an exciting week of fun and excitement-CAMP PELICAN XXXXI. This invitation entitles your child to endless memories, exciting events, and many friendships. Your child will experience a world of adventure at the 2016 session of LA LIONS-L.P.D.C.I.-CAMP PELICAN. If your child has been to CAMP PELICAN in the past, you know the value of camp memories. If Camp Pelican 2018 will be your child's first time at camp, you should be eager to give your child the chance to experience independence and to learn more about him/herself.

Once again, the Louisiana Lions League for Crippled Children and L.P.D.C.I. will be working together to provide Camp Pelican-the pulmonary session of Lions Camp. The Lions League and the Lions Clubs of Louisiana provide the campsite, food, and all things necessary to provide camp for your child and L.P.D.C.I. provides medical care, education, volunteers and programming. This partnership started 31 years ago and has proved to be beneficial to all-especially the children.

As part of Lions Camp, we are an Accredited Camp of the American Camping Association. To become accredited, we must comply with over 100 national camping standards. Each summer, we must prove that we are in compliance with ACA standards to maintain our status of accreditation. The purpose of this is to allow you, the parent, to know that we as a camp program and an organization have worked to meet all national guidelines for camping and that we will provide the best camp session possible to your child.

We are pleased to offer **ONLINE REGISTRATION**! Please fill out the application completely and carefully. All of the information is necessary to process the application.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Allain, Assistant Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors-I would like to thank all of the many volunteers who made Camp Pelican possible for the last 39 years. Without them.... we could never have done it! Also, special thanks to the Louisiana Lions for 30 great years!

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED-if you need assistance, please contact us!!!!

Louisiana Lions-L.P.D.C.I.-Camp Pelican Information 2018

LOUISIANA LIONS/L.P.D.C.I./CAMP PELICAN (the pulmonary session of the Louisiana Lions Camp) is a one week overnight summer camp program for children with pulmonary disorders. The camping program is accredited by the American Camping Association.

<u>CAMP DATES:</u> Sunday, May 27, 2018 through Saturday, June 2, 2018 SUNDAY: Camper check-in: 3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.at the campsite Bus check in information will be in the next mailing!

SATURDAY: Camper check-out is 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2018 Please apply online at www.camppelican.org

All applications are due April 30th. They will be accepted after that date, but campers are accepted on a first come first serve basis. The number of staff we hire is based on the number of campers that have applied. The physical form does not have to be filled out by a pulmonologist. It may be filled out by your pediatrician or medical doctor. Applications are not processed until ALL information including Physicals, immunization records and insurance cards are received. You may upload the medical form online or you can still fax or email it.

LOCATION: The camp will be held at the LOUISIANA LIONS CAMP in Leesville, LA. The campsite is by far the greatest around. All buildings are modern, without barriers and air conditioned.

ELIGIBILITY: Any child (ages 5-15) with a pulmonary disorder such as (but not limited to) cystic fibrosis, severe asthma, bronchial disorders and disorders of the trachea. Camper eligibility is determined by the Louisiana Pulmonary Disease Camp, Inc. (L.P.D.C.I) and is based on diagnosis, current condition and medical information provided on the application. L.P.D.C.I. reserves the right to accept or refuse any camper based on information provided or past camp experience.

<u>COST:</u> Through the association between the Louisiana Lions Camp, there is no cost or fee for camp. Campers should not bring money to camp.

MEDICAL CARE: Medical and therapeutic care is provided 24 hours a day by highly skilled professionals including physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists and others.

STAFF: All staff are volunteers. Each is screened for qualifications and standards set by the American Camping Association, L.P.D.C.I. and the Louisiana Lions League. All are highly motivated and dedicated to the service of children. Staff to camper ratio is approximately 1:1.5.

ACTIVITIES: Arts and crafts, swimming, field sports, archery, putt-putt, campfires, hiking, a carnival, a talent show and much, much more! A rest period is provided each day after the noon meal.

KEEP THIS INFORMATION, YOU MAY NEED IT!

AWARDS PROGRAM: Campers and their groups receive awards throughout the week and at the Friday night awards program. Parents are welcome to attend the Friday night awards program at 7:00 P.M. Campers may check out between 6:00-6:45 P.M. or after the program. **Campers will not be allowed to check out during the program**.

INSURANCE: Campers are automatically covered by group medical insurance during the camp session. Parents and/or their own family health insurance are responsible for all medical bills not covered by the camp group insurance.

MEDICATIONS/EQUIPMENT: If your child is accepted as a camper for the pulmonary session, you will receive a health form and medicine bags prior to attending camp. The package will include instructions. All medication must be checked in with the medical staff. It must be clearly labeled, and you must send enough for the entire week. For more information about medication or health care, you may contact Malinda Ferrell (Nurse Lyn) at (504) 309-3556.

All compressors, concentrators and equipment must be brought to camp with your child. Please label them with your child's name. A limited number of concentrators are available for camper use, but this must be arranged prior to coming to camp.

TRANSPORTATION: Once again, we have devised a transportation system that we feel will be helpful for everyone in order to assure every camper transportation to and from camp. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THE APPLICATION. Bus space from the New Orleans area is VERY limited due to the large number of campers in that area! The Louisiana Lions Clubs will also be assisting with transportation.

TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION

OWN: Parents will be responsible for providing transportation to and from the campsite in Leesville, Louisiana. No assistance will be necessary.

BUS: NEW ORLEANS, HOUMA, THIBODAUX AND BATON ROUGE AREA CAMPERS

Campers may ride the bus provided by the Louisiana Lions to and from camp. Parents will be responsible for transporting campers to and from the bus at the designated bus stops. Please remember that bus space is limited due to the large number of campers from this area. Return your application immediately to assure bus space.

OTHER: If you need assistance with transportation, please indicate this on the FORM. Other types of transportation may include Lions-assisted

transportation or car pooling. Also, if you are interested in car pooling in your area, please let us know. All campers needing assistance must have a sponsoring Lion.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the application ONLINE at www.camppelican.org. All questions must be answered and all parts must be completed. (Paper applications are available by request only, but online is preferred.)

CAMPER ACCEPTANCE: Once we have processed the application and determined that your child is eligible to attend camp, we will send you an acceptance package. This will include the rest of the information you will need as well as a confirmation card which must be returned immediately. Medication bags and health forms will be sent at a later date. **Please pay attention to deadlines** and **keep this information** sheet for your reference.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call:

CATHY ALLAIN, ASST. DIRECTOR (888) 617-1118 (new number) LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE CAMP PELICAN VOICE MAIL or E-Mail Cathy at camppelican@gmail.com

Return applications to:

Cathy Allain-Camp Pelican 3808 San Francisco Drive Destrehan, LA 70047 Fax# 1-866-295-3803

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CAMPPELICAN.ORG

Information may be downloaded from the website!