

Below, you will find the general information for Camp Pelican. If your child has been to camp before, you know how great the experience is. The information this year is a little different, so please read carefully.

Dear Parents,

We have great news! We **WILL** be having Camp Pelican this year.

Camp will be held from May 28-June 3 at the Louisiana Lions Camp.

The following guidelines/procedures will be required to attend camp in 2023.

Vaccinations are not required but are strongly encouraged. With the population of campers we serve, our medical committee feels that it is the best way to protect your child at camp.

Guidelines:

The following guidelines are what we have put in place at this time. They are subject to change based on CDC guidelines, state guidelines or decisions made by our Medical Committee.

- Testing will NOT be required unless the medical staff feels that it is necessary. At this time, testing would be instituted based upon the development of symptoms while at camp or campers/staff presenting to the departure site with symptoms.
- Campers will NOT be required to wear masks on the buses or at camp.
- We will be providing and using hand sanitizers, washing hands, etc. throughout the day.
- Camp activities will be made as safe as possible. (limiting #'s in buildings, providing outside activities, etc.)
- If anyone tests positive at any time, they will be isolated and sent home. (Someone will need to pick them up). Your plans for the week your child is at camp should account for the possibility of needing to travel to pick them up or making appropriate arrangements for someone to pick them up if you will not be available (e.g. cruise etc.). These arrangements must be made known to Camp Pelican administration prior to camp and approval granted.

- There will be a family program on Friday night. Parents and visitors are welcome. If you are sick, please respect that we are holding camp for children with pulmonary conditions and refrain from attending.

Thank you for always trusting us with your children and allowing us to provide this great opportunity for them.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Camp Pelican Team

Louisiana Lions-L.P.D.C.I.-Camp Pelican Information 2023

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.

CAMP DATES: Sunday, **May 28, 2023** through Saturday, **June 3, 2023**

SUNDAY: Camper check-in: 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. at the campsite
Bus check in information will be in the next mailing!

SATURDAY: Camper check-out is 10:00 AM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2023

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.**

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.

COST: 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: Our families are invited to attend the Friday night program at the campsite! Campers may be checked out before or after the program. **CAMPERS WILL NOT BE CHECKED 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 AREA ONLY

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. **All campers needing assistance must have a sponsoring Lion.**

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

LION SPONSORSHIP:

Please try to find a sponsoring Lion for your child. This helps to speed up the processing of the application. If you know someone in your area, you may contact them, check your local phone directory or call the Lions Camp office at 1-337-239-6567 for assistance.

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

LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE CAMP PELICAN VOICE MAIL
or E-Mail Cathy at camp pelican.org

Please fill out application
online at www.camp pelican.org

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.CAMPPELICAN.ORG

Information may be downloaded from the website!

