

LIONS CAMP BADGER PRE-SEASON REPORT...

Buildings and Grounds: The buildings and grounds at the Camp are in good order despite the flooding we had in the fall. Some flood damage will need to be repaired before Camp opens. Most of this work involves roadway repair, clearing of trees and brush from drainage ditches and repair of the small bridge over the stream.

The buildings are old and some are in need of extensive repair and maintenance. For the safety and comfort of our campers our two largest cabins are being addressed first. The cost for this work is an estimated \$40,000. We have secured some funding through local grants but we also need the financial support of the Lions of MD-20 to complete the job.

Camp Staff: All but one of our Camp Staff positions have been filled including 4 foreign exchange volunteers; 2 from UK, 1 from Mexico and 1 from Columbia. We are looking for volunteer drivers and hosts to assist us in getting staff from Ithaca Airport to the Camp. If you are available, please call our Business Manager Cynthia Reuter at the Camp (607-589-4800).

Camp Program: This year Lions Camp Badger will offer five programs over six weeks for children and young adults with functional differences and intellectual disabilities; including a program for individuals with severe emotional and behavioral challenges requiring one-on-one attention. We will also partner again with Camp Abilities for a weekend session for visually impaired and blind campers.

In addition to the many activities we regularly have for our campers, several new activities will be included. Square dancing, Mardi Gras Night, Cafe Night with a professional singer and the travel zoo from Animal Adventure Park. We will also have a volunteer service opportunity with "Sole Hope" to provide shoes for kids in Uganda.

Lions Camp Badger Golf Tournament: The annual golf tournament will be held on Friday, September 20 at the Wellsville Country Club, Wellsville, NY. Fliers will be available on-line and at our booth at the Convention in Binghamton.

Board of Directors Election: Each District is entitled to two Lions as District Directors on the ESSNE Board of Directors. One Director is elected each year. If you would like to serve as a member of the Board please advise your District Governor and submit your name to PDG Dennis Hardy at hiker305@gmail.com.

PCC Andy Umreiko, President

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