

### **Conference Purpose / Goals**

To give high school students of Alabama an opportunity to strengthen their leadership, organization and service skills, to build relationships, and to network with other leaders, both youth and adult, from across the state.

To encourage, motivate and empower youth to return to their communities as advocates for positive change and service through understanding and action based on effective, ethical and compassionate leadership.

### **Conference Overview**

For the past 40 years, Lions have sponsored more than 8,700 young people from all parts of the state of Alabama in attending the Alabama Lions High School Camps. Now, through the Alabama Lions Youth Leadership Conferences, intellectually stimulating seminars will be presented by speakers with wide-ranging experiences in various positions of leadership in education, business, government, military service, volunteerism, and community service who will inspire, motivate, encourage, and empower you. Through topics such as communication, vision, commitment, integrity, personal responsibility, team building, and goal setting you will receive practical, specific skills and tools that you will be able to apply daily to help you become a more successful, extraordinary leader and be a positive influence for change in our world.



Small-group interaction and reflection facilitated by Lions Club leaders who have a sincere and solid belief that young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow but are leaders right now will provide opportunities for the open exchange of ideas. Combined with physically rigorous activities such as team sports competition, individual high ropes and climbing courses, canoeing, and team challenge courses, you will put to practice important leadership and team-building skills. You will be placed in situations that will give you a chance to practice, test, refine, measure, and improve your leadership skills through structured group and individual activities such as talent and skit presentations, devotionals, and campfire programs that you and your fellow delegates will plan and present.



### **Location**

The conferences will be held at YMCA Camp Chandler situated on Lake Jordan. Camp Chandler provides comfortable, air-conditioned lodging facilities at its conference center and an ideal environment for outdoor activities, fun, and fellowship. Camp Chandler is located nine miles north of Wetumpka off U.S. Highway 231.



### **Delegates**

High school students (9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades) who have demonstrated leadership qualities, have a sense of personal responsibility in their school, church, and community service, and are interested in discovering their natural leadership abilities, developing their leadership skills, and improving their capacity for taking effective action, individually and in groups such as sports teams, student government organizations, service clubs, and other groups, may be selected for participation in the conferences as delegates by sponsoring Lions Clubs.

