

community, and your Lions Club. You may also want to have school counselors or adult leaders of youth groups help you select delegates to attend the conferences.

REGISTRATION

After you have selected potential delegates, give them a Delegate Registration Form and ask them to fill it out and return it to you as soon as possible. After you have received the completed form and confirmed that they will attend the conference, complete the bottom portion of the registration form by providing information for contacting your club's Youth Leadership Conference Chairman or other contact Lion and information regarding transportation arrangements. Any changes in this information should be forwarded to the Camp Chandler Office as soon as possible. After the registration form has been filled out completely, it should be mailed as soon as possible, along with a check in the amount of the Conference Fees, to the Camp Chandler Office. Upon receipt of the registration form and fees, the Camp Office will send out more detailed information regarding the conference to the delegate and your Lions Club chairman or designated Lion contact. The detailed information will include a list of personal items to bring to the camp, a suggested clothing list, directions to the camp, camp contact information, and a Delegate Information form that must be completed and returned by each delegate.

PREPARING DELEGATES FOR ATTENDING THE CONFERENCES

The sooner delegates are selected and registered for the conference, the better the delegates can be prepared for attending the conference. The information included in the conference brochure and the detailed information packet, and additional information that you and other Lions can provide will better prepare delegates for attending the conference and enhance their conference experience. You may want to invite delegates to attend one of your club meetings prior to attending the conference so they may learn something about Lions and what your club does to serve your community. You may also want to invite delegates to one of your club meetings after the conference to share their conference experience with members of your club.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARDS

An outstanding youth leader will be selected by the delegates from each cabin/team/small-group comprised of about 10 delegates. Each of these outstanding youth leaders (about 4 to 6, depending on the number of conference attendees) will be interviewed by a panel of Lions who will select an outstanding youth leader for each of the conferences. The outstanding youth leader from each conference will receive an invitation to attend an international youth camp and a \$1000 scholarship to apply to the cost of attending the camp. Since each of the international youth camps requires attendees to be at least 16 years old, each of the outstanding youth leaders selected will be at least 16 years old. Typically, the outstanding youth leader from the boys' conference will be invited to attend the Montgomery Lions International Youth Camp. This camp is approximately 6 weeks long and is attended by approximately 50 to 60 young men from 30 to 40 different countries. The camp is tentatively scheduled to begin in Washington, D.C. July 22 and end in Montgomery on July 29. The \$1000 scholarship will cover the total cost of the camp. The outstanding youth leader from the girls' camp will be invited to attend the Hawaii Lions International Youth Camp. This camp will begin with Lions host families on July 7 and continue with the camp on Oahu from July 15-29. With a camp fee of \$700 and airfare that can range from \$600 to \$1000, the scholarship will cover only two-thirds to one-half of the basic costs of attending the camp. Additional costs must be paid by the delegate. Frequently, the sponsoring Lions Club of the delegate will provide financial assistance to the delegate.

CONFERENCE PURPOSE / GOALS

The purpose of the conferences is 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. The goal of the conference is 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.