

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 (9th -12th 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.



Outstanding Leader Awards

Delegates who demonstrate outstanding leadership during the conferences will be given the opportunity to attend a Lions International Youth Camp in the summer of 2007.

A delegate from the Boys' Conference will be invited to attend the 40th Montgomery Lions International Youth Camp and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to apply to the cost of attending the camp. The six-week camp that is attended by young men from around the world begins in Washington, D.C. and includes visits to points of interest throughout the southeast.



A delegate from the Girls' Conference will be invited to attend the Lions International Camp in Hawaii and will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 to apply to the cost of attending the camp.

Cost

Delegates are selected and sponsored by Lions Clubs and attend the conferences at no cost. All costs of attending the conferences are paid by sponsoring Lions Clubs.

Transportation

Arrangements for travel to and from the Alabama Lions Youth Leadership Conference will be provided by the sponsoring Lions Club for each delegate.

Registration

Delegates must complete a Delegate Registration Form and submit the completed form to their sponsoring Lions Club. When the completed application is received by the Camp Office, detailed conference information will be sent to each delegate and his or her sponsoring Lions Club. The detailed information will include a list of personal items to bring, 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. Delegates and sponsoring Lions Clubs should submit registration forms as soon as possible to make sure detailed conference information is received by delegates in advance of the conference dates.

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To Build and Strengthen Leadership, Relationships, and The Power to Serve Among Youth in Alabama



40th Annual

Alabama Lions

Youth Leadership Conferences



Boys' Conference

April 13-15, 2007



Girls' Conference

May 4-6, 2007

