



# District-N



North Carolina Lions

# Monthly Gazette

July 2025



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## From your District Governor

July is here and I'm ready to be your District Governor. In my last newsletter I mentioned that I will promote "[Transparency and Sharing](#)". Allow me to define what I mean by that statement. Transparency is defined as; the quality of being easy to perceive or detect. You can be assured that I will always be honest and direct with you. I will offer you the best advice that my experience allows. If I do not have an answer for you, I'll do my very best to research an answer. Sharing is the ability to enjoy something with others. My hope is that we can share the experience of being a part of the greatest service organization in the world together. As I share with you my experiences of being a Lion, please reciprocate by telling me your stories.

The Childhood Cancer committee has been working hard on planning the fun run in Greenville "Brave LIL Steps" on October 25, 2025. Save that date we will be asking for your help. The grant paperwork has been submitted and we are now looking for sponsors. Congratulations to the Beaufort LC for inducting 5 new members. In June I had two busy and "HOT" weeks serving our VIP's at Camp Dogwood. Work is being done on the directory and it is now close to going to the printer. "Thank You" to all of you who have responded to me on your 2025-2026 presidents and secretaries. Please remember to enter that information into the portal.

PDG Mayra McCloud, our GET, is hard at work inspiring people to form two prospective new clubs. One in Eastover NC and one in the Fayetteville area. We're also trying to get a new club started in Washington NC.

We have a district training schedule planned for the 2025-2026 year, see the schedule in this newsletter. I cannot over stress the importance of these training sessions. They will make your job as a Lion easier because you will be more confident performing your job and in turn will improve the performance of our clubs. Please try to attend as many as you can.

If you have questions, need help, or have suggestions for me that will improve my performance as your district governor please contact me. I would love to visit your club.

Lion Gene Goetz

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# 2025-2026 Global Service Project

## Childhood Cancer

Lions from District 31-N and S have been working hard preparing for their councils 2025-2026 global service project. The plan is to raise grant funds to provide equipment and software to improve the diversion room at ECU Health in Greenville. The proposed LCIF grant will be for \$20,000 but half of that amount will be raised by Lions.

Don't miss the Childhood Cancer table at the Mid-Winter Convention where you can make a donation and learn how your club can **help kids and families cope with cancer**. For a \$20 donation you will receive this attractive pin.

Childhood cancer...

Is NOT something that is given to kids because they are strong enough to handle it.

Is NOT just happy kids with sweet shiny bald heads and brave smiles.

It's scary, it is dark.

It steals our children's childhood; our families joy and peace.

It can ruin families and lives. It marks us for life.

It is one of the most stressful, heart wrenching conditions in the world.

District Governor Gene Goetz



# SAVE THE DATE!

## “BRAVE LIL STEPS” fun run on Saturday, OCTOBER, 25, 2025

Through the “Barve LIL Steps” fun run the Lions of North Carolina hope to increase awareness of childhood cancer and the devastating effect it has on families with young children.

Funds raised from the run will be used to augment a \$20,000 grant from Lions International Foundation to The James and Connie Children’s hospital in Greenville.

The grant will allow the hospital to add diversion equipment to various locations throughout the hospital. This diversion equipment and software will ensure all patients, no matter the age, have something to distract them during procedures.

More information on how clubs can help will be sent out closer to the event date.

### The Childhood Cancer Committee

Gene Goetz

Joe Poth

Deangelo Jackson

Marilyn Jackson

Dwayne Turner, (District S)

Becky Bert, (District S)



## DISTRICT 31-N ZONE CHAIRS JULY 2025 Updated 5-31-2025

Club	Zone	Zone Chair	Zone Chairs Home Club
Lake Waccamaw	1	Kevin Toman	Shalotte
Oak Island L C	1	Kevin Toman	Shalotte
Shalotte	1	Kevin Toman	Shalotte
Southeastern NC Eyecare Interest	1	Kevin Toman	Shalotte
Southport	1	Kevin Toman	Shalotte
Clarkton	2	Derrick Mitchell	Fayetteville Community
Lumberton	2	Derrick Mitchell	Fayetteville Community
Pembroke	2	Derrick Mitchell	Fayetteville Community
Saint Pauls	2	Derrick Mitchell	Fayetteville Community
Anderson Creek	3	Scott Stephenson	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Lillington	3	Scott Stephenson	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Western Harnett	3	Scott Stephenson	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Dunn	4	Sherman McCutcheon	Wilmington
Dunn Mary Stewart Community	4	Sherman McCutcheon	Wilmington
Erwin	4	Sherman McCutcheon	Wilmington
Fayetteville Community	4	Sherman McCutcheon	Wilmington
Fayetteville Massey Hill	4	Sherman McCutcheon	Wilmington
Godwin	4	Sherman McCutcheon	Wilmington
Liberty	4	Sherman McCutcheon	Wilmington
Angier	5	Mike McCaskill	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Benson	5	Mike McCaskill	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Buies Creek	5	Mike McCaskill	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Coats	5	Mike McCaskill	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Pine Level	5	Mike McCaskill	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Prinston	5	Mike McCaskill	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Selma	5	Mike McCaskill	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Smithfield	5	Mike McCaskill	Fayetteville Massey Hill
Burgaw	6	Carl Danielson	Wilmington
Hampstead	6	Carl Danielson	Wilmington
Hanover	6	Carl Danielson	Wilmington
Jacksonville Host	6	Carl Danielson	Wilmington
Jacksonville New River	6	Carl Danielson	Wilmington
Wilmington	6	Carl Danielson	Wilmington
Clinton	7	Jerry Williams	Grifton
Faison	7	Jerry Williams	Grifton
Goldsboro Downtown	7	Jerry Williams	Grifton
Goldsboro Host	7	Jerry Williams	Grifton
Kenansville	7	Jerry Williams	Grifton
Mount Olive	7	Jerry Williams	Grifton
Pikeville	7	Jerry Williams	Grifton
Beaufort	8	Anne (Nan) Bejian	Beaufort
Jones County	8	Anne (Nan) Bejian	Beaufort
Kinston Host	8	Anne (Nan) Bejian	Beaufort
New Bern	8	Anne (Nan) Bejian	Beaufort
New Bern Twin Rivers	8	Anne (Nan) Bejian	Beaufort
Aurora	9	Catherine Revels	Aurora
Bath	9	Catherine Revels	Aurora
Farmville	9	Catherine Revels	Aurora
Greenville Host	9	Catherine Revels	Aurora
Grifton	9	Catherine Revels	Aurora
Snow Hill	9	Catherine Revels	Aurora

**DISTRICT 31-N AWARDS AND  
INSTALLATION BANQUET  
SATURDAY JULY 26, 2025 AT 2PM**



COUNTRY SQUIRE RESTURANT  
748 NC HWY 24 BUS &, NC-50, WARSAW, NC

*Special Speaker*

*P J D Harvey Whitley*

Use the form below to **RSVP by July 7** to Lion Betty Shingleton.

Bar opens at 1pm if you world like a wine tasting at  
your own expense please indicate below.

Send \$35 per person and registration form below to:  
Lion Betty Shingleton,  
214 Jessie T. Bryan Rd. Kinston, NC 28504  
emilysgigi2015@gmail.com

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Phone and/or email</b>
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Dinner will be Chicken Supreme

Check this box if you require a vegetarian meal.

Check this box if you're interested in the wine tasting.

IPDG Ana Elliott

DG Gene Goetz

# Brighter Vision Goal 2 Years in a Row



Lassoing The Bull!



## **District 31-N Shines Bright: Surpasses Brighter Visions Goal for Second Consecutive Year!**

In a year filled with challenges and uncertainty, District 31-N has once again proven that determination, compassion, and community spirit can achieve extraordinary things. We are thrilled to announce that we not only met our 2024–2025 Brighter Visions fundraising goal of \$90,000—we exceeded it by \$495, bringing our total to an inspiring \$90,495!

### **But that's not all:**

District 31-N was the **only district in the state** to reach and surpass its Brighter Visions goal this year. This marks the **second consecutive year** we've exceeded our target, a testament to the unwavering dedication of our clubs, members, and supporters.

### **What This Means**

Brighter Visions is more than just a fundraising campaign—it's a lifeline for individuals across North Carolina who benefit from the services provided by the North Carolina Lions Foundation. From vision screenings and mobile eye clinics to support for the visually impaired and disaster relief, every dollar raised helps bring light into someone's life.

### **A Collective Effort**

This achievement would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our club members, the generosity of our communities, and the leadership of those who championed the cause throughout the year. Whether you organized a fundraiser, made a donation, or simply spread the word—you were part of this success.

### **Looking Ahead**

Exceeding our goal two years in a row is more than a milestone—it's a movement. It shows what's possible when we unite with purpose and passion. As we look to the future, let's carry this momentum forward and continue to set the standard for service and impact. To every Lion, volunteer, and supporter who made this possible: **thank you**. You've helped us prove that when we work together, we can truly make visions brighter.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Carlie Metts  
Brighter Visions Chair



## **With Deepest Gratitude: A New Chapter Begins**

As I begin my journey as the new Executive Director of the North Carolina Lions Foundation, I want to take a moment to reflect, express my heartfelt thanks, and share a vision for the road ahead.

Serving alongside the incredible Lions of District 31-N has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Your passion, resilience, and unwavering commitment to service have not only inspired me—they've prepared me for this next chapter. Together, we've accomplished remarkable things, and I carry those memories and lessons with me as I step into this new role.

## **A District That Leads by Example**

District 31-N has always been a beacon of what's possible when service meets heart. This year, we didn't just meet our Brighter Visions goal—we exceeded it, raising \$90,495 and becoming the only district in the state to do so. And we did it for the second year in a row. That's not just success—that's leadership.

But our work doesn't stop there. As I take on this new responsibility, I'm keenly aware of the challenges we face and the opportunities they present.

## **The Road Ahead: Challenges We Embrace**

- **Brighter Visions Growth:** As needs across our state grow, so must our efforts. We'll need to think creatively, engage new supporters, and deepen our impact to ensure Brighter Visions continues to be a lifeline for those who depend on it.
- **Camp Dogwood Raffle:** This vital fundraiser directly supports the ongoing maintenance and improvements at Camp Dogwood—a place that holds deep meaning for so many. From facility upgrades to accessibility enhancements, the raffle helps ensure the camp remains a safe, welcoming, and enriching environment for all who visit. Increasing participation and awareness will be key to sustaining this beloved retreat.

- **Memorials and Honorariums:** These tributes are powerful ways to honor loved ones and support our mission. We aim to raise awareness about how meaningful and impactful these gifts can be, both emotionally and financially.
- **Clinical Eye Research:** Advancing eye health and treatment options is a cornerstone of our mission. We'll be exploring new partnerships and funding strategies to ensure North Carolina remains at the forefront of vision research and innovation.
- **KidSight Screenings and Certifications:** Our KidSight program continues to be one of the most impactful ways we serve children across North Carolina. Early detection of vision issues can change a child's life, and we are committed to expanding our reach. That means not only increasing the number of screenings we conduct, but also ensuring more Lions are trained and certified to perform them. Together, we'll keep striving to improve the quality, consistency, and accessibility of this vital service.

## **Thank You, District 31-N**

To every Lion who gave their time, energy, and heart—thank you. You've shown me what true service looks like. You've reminded me that leadership is not about titles, but about trust, teamwork, and tenacity.

I may be stepping into a new role, but I will always be a proud member of this district. I look forward to working with all of you in new ways, building on the foundation we've laid together, and continuing to serve with purpose and pride.

With gratitude and Lion-hearted determination,

**PDG Carlie Metts**

Incoming Executive Director

North Carolina Lions Foundation

## District 31-N Marketing Coordinator

Let's get excited about all the ways we can Market our Clubs to our Communities

After a few years of attending to various health issues, I am looking forward to working with everyone as our District Marketing Coordinator per DGE Gene.

I feel there are many ways we can all do our part to promote interest in our Communities and to the outstanding work, we as Lions are doing everyday in our Communities.

My goal is to visit each Zone and have a roundtable discussion of Marketing ideas that could work in your area.

During my year as District Governor in 2016-2017, we generated excitement and added 77 members and 3 Clubs.

We can do it together again!

Are you with me??

See you soon,



PDG Irwin Siegelwax

District 31-N Marketing Coordinator

2025-2026

# District 31N Upcoming Training

## Monthly Training

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 7:00 PM Zone Chair Training  
Tuesday, August 26, 2025 7:00 PM Reporting Service Projects  
Sunday, September 21, 2025 12 PM LCI Portal & Club Officer Training  
Tuesday, October 7, 2025 7:00 PM Intro to Lions for New Members  
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 7:00 PM Where Does the Money Go  
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 7:00 PM Mission 1.5  
Saturday, January 10, 2026 9:00 AM Club Officer Training  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 7:00 PM All About Leader Dog  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026 7:00 PM LCIF Grants  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 7:00 PM LCI Global Causes Part 1  
Saturday April 11, 2026 9:00 AM Officer Leader Training  
Saturday May 16, 2026 7:00 PM LCI Global Causes Part 2  
Tuesday, May 26,, 2026 7:00 PM LCI LCIF Grants

**\*\*All dates are tentative and subject to change\*\***

RSVP to PDG DeAngelo Jackson [m5djack@yahoo.com](mailto:m5djack@yahoo.com) or

text 910-747-5808

# Important Dates

## Data Knowledge Wisdom!

### **Awards and Installation Banquet**

Saturday, July 26, 2025 Country Squire Restaurant 748 Bus & NC-50 Warsaw, NC

### **Cabinet Meeting**

1st Cabinet Meeting Following Brighter Vision Kick-Off August 16, 2025, LIB Kinston, NC

2nd Cabinet Meeting October 2025

3rd Cabinet Meeting Mis-Winter Convention January 2026, Greenville NC

4th Cabinet Meeting State Convention April 2026, Greensboro NC

### **Officer /Leaders Trainings**

Sunday, September 21, 2025 12 PM LCI Portal & Club Officer Training

Saturday, January 10, 2026 9:00 AM Club Officer Training

Saturday April 11, 2026 9:00 AM Officer Leader Training

**\*\*All dates are tentative and subject to change\*\***



Lions Clubs International  
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# YOUR US\$100 GIFT CAN HELP LCIF...

- Provide vision screenings for 50 at risk youth through Vision Grants.
- Offer immediate relief to 39 victims of a natural disaster through Emergency Grants.
- House one family during their child's cancer treatment through Childhood Cancer Grants.
- Screen 98 individuals at risk for diabetes through Diabetes Grants.
- Improve access to food for 90 hungry people through Hunger Grants.
- Fund Lions Quest curriculum for one year for an entire classroom through Lions Quest Grants.

**100%** of your donation supports LCIF grants and programs.



▶ Donate Today | [lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive](https://lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive)



# **2025 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

## **DISCOVER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE ATLANTIC CITY FORUM!**

MARK MANSELL, EDUCATION CO-CHAIR

Lions and Leos, get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey of growth, leadership, and inspiration at the 2025 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Atlantic City! Once again, the Forum is your gateway to countless learning opportunities, equipping you with the tools and insights needed to strengthen your clubs, lead with impact, and serve your communities better than ever.

This year's forum offers a dynamic selection of seminars tailored to empower every attendee—whether you're a new member, an aspiring leader, or a seasoned Lion looking to take your service to the next level. Here's a glimpse at some of the incredible seminar topics we are planning for you when you arrive on the Jersey shore in September:

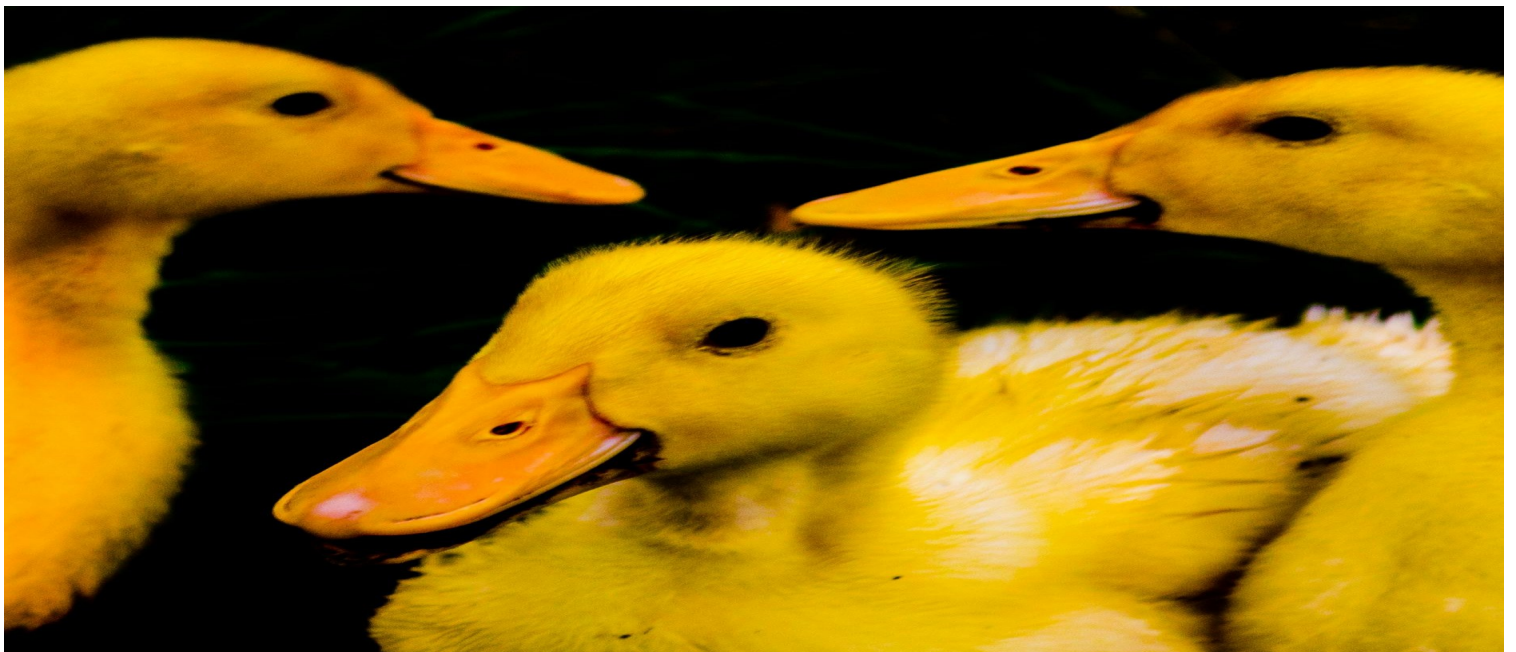
Link For Forum's Newsletter Below: **[Click here to download the newsletter](#)**

# **BOYS & GIRLS HOME OF NC**

**Rubber Duck Race  
Wednesday, September 10th  
Jungle Rapids, Wilmington, NC**

**Proceeds from duck sales will go towards purchase of a  
Van for the Lions Cottage boys.**

**Lion Scott Stephenson will have duck sales tickets  
information soon.**



North Carolina Lions  
*Camp  
Dogwood*

Camp Sessions

May 25th - May 29th

June 1st - June 5th

June 8th - June 12th

June 22nd - June 26th

June 29th - July 3rd

July 6th - July 10th

July 13th - July 17th





● Camp Dogwood

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help make a difference! Summer camp  
volunteers needed. Join us Summer 2025!

## Benefits

- Smiles
- lots of shared laughs
- sharing with others



828-478-2135



tammy@nclf.org

# NEW BERN & TWIN RIVERS

## LIONS CLUBS

*Invite Individuals or Teams to play in their*

14TH ANNUAL

# CHARITY GOLF

First 72 Spots Guaranteed

## TOURNAMENT

### FOUR PERSON SUPER BALL

Benefits the visually impaired in our community

**September 13, 2025**

Rain Date: To Be Determined

**Tee Time: 1:00 p.m.**

ENTRY FEE: \$75 per person/\$300 per team

Includes: Green Fee & Cart, Lunch

Prizes & Refreshment Cart

Call Alan Yoder, 603-494-9356

Carlton Metts, 252-259-4140

Deadline for Sign-up is September 6, 2025

[newbernlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:newbernlionsclub@gmail.com),



**We Serve**

**New Bern and Twin River Lions Club  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament  
Saturday, September 13, 2025  
The Emerald Golf Club  
New Bern, NC**



**We Serve**

The New Bern & Twin River Lions Clubs will host their 14<sup>th</sup> annual Charity Golf Tournament at The Emerald Golf Club on September 13, 2025. The tournament supports eye exams, screenings, and assistance with eye surgery. Our proceeds are used help fund visual services support for needy recipients in New Bern and nearby communities in Craven County.

We are asking for community support with donations of gifts, gift cards, and door prizes for players. We also seek key sponsors who will receive special recognition during the event. Sponsorship levels this year are:

**Platinum - \$500** Provides an Exclusive advertising banner on hole of choice; Lions Recognition Plaque; put company Logo items in gift bag; golf for two; & opportunity for on-site promotional activity.

**Gold - \$300** Provides a Tee-Sign advertising your business on one hole; Lions Recognition plaque; put company Logo items in gift bag, & golf for one.

**Silver - \$100** Provides a Tee-Sign advertising your business on one hole & put company Logo items in gift bag.

Please make checks payable to the Twin River Lions Club and mail to:

*Lion Anne Metts, 2001 Williamson Dr., New Bern, NC 28562*

We thank you in advance for your support and hope you will join us for a day of fun and fellowship to help the visually impaired.

Lion Alan Yoder, President  
New Bern Lions Club  
603-494-9356

Lion Carlton Metts, President  
Twin River Lions Club  
252-259-4140



## The Health Exam You Didn't Know You Needed

If you're like most Americans surveyed in a [Harris Poll](#), you probably thought you would notice a change in your vision if you had an eye disease. The fact is some of the leading causes of blindness—such as [glaucoma](#) or [diabetic retinopathy](#)—can begin without any symptoms. That's why **Wake Forest Lions Club** and the [American Academy of Ophthalmology](#) urge all healthy adults to get an [eye exam](#) at age 40, even if their vision seems fine. Early signs of disease and changes in vision may start to happen at this age.

“Even if you think you have 20/20 vision, set up a time to get your eyes checked. It may save your sight,” said Dianna Seldomridge, M.D., clinical spokesperson for the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Need more motivation to have your eyes examined? Here are four good reasons to see an [eye care professional](#).

Your brain adapts to vision loss, making some eye diseases go unnoticed until it is too late. Once vision is lost, it cannot be restored. Ophthalmologists can spot eye disease before vision is compromised and protect your sight.

Seeing an ophthalmologist can improve not just your eye health, but your overall health. Because the blood vessels and nerves in your eye are reflective of the rest of your body, ophthalmologists are sometimes the first to [diagnose diseases](#) such as diabetes, multiple sclerosis, or vitamin deficiencies.

Your eye health is dependent on different factors, including family history, ethnicity, age, and overall health. An ophthalmologist can help evaluate your personal risk factors and recommend the best steps for disease prevention.

Eye disease is also a looming problem for the U.S. healthcare system. As our population ages, the number of people afflicted with vision loss is expected to double by 2050.

For more tips and information, visit [www.eyesmart.org](http://www.eyesmart.org).

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# YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

# JULY 15<sup>th</sup>

## CAMP SCHEDULE

Ages 5 - 10 8:30am - 10:30am

Ages 11 - 14 11:00am - 1:00pm

### CAMP REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Official Camp T-Shirt
- Swag Bag with Sponsorship Items
- Camp Group Photo/Individual Photo
- **HOPE.COMMUNITY** Swag
- Complimentary Meal

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