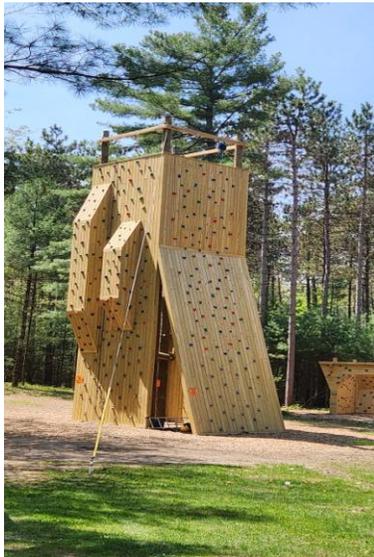


District Cabinet Meeting – Sunday August 3, 2025

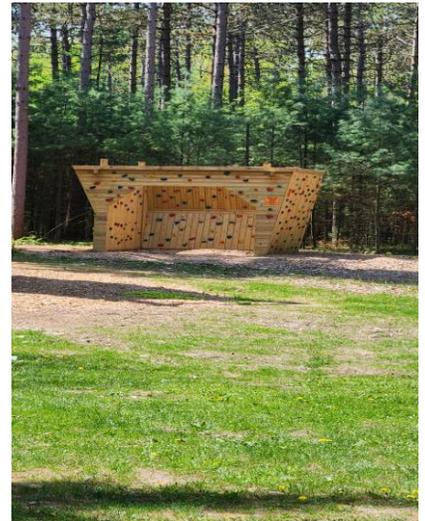
Wisconsin Lions Foundation Report

The five projects administered by the Wisconsin Lions foundation had another successful year in 2024-2025.

Attendance at your Lions Camp continues to increase each year with 924 campers attending the 10 sessions during the summer of 2024. The number of campers attending the 2025 summer sessions will even be higher. The campers come from a diverse group of people who are Blind or Visually Impaired (Adults & Youth), Diabetes Youth, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Epilepsy, and Intellectual Disabilities or Autism. Our District sent 138 camps to your Lions camp in the summer of 2024. Remember that your annual Club donations make it possible for those campers to enjoy a week at your Lions Camp FREE OF CHARGE for them.



A new climbing tower was built in the spring of 2025 to replace the original tower that was no longer safe to use. A smaller climbing structure was also built in the spring.



The Eyeglass Recycling Center continues to collect more used eyeglasses each year. The Center is one of only 19 Lions Clubs International Certified recycling centers in the world. During 2024 1.2 million pairs of eyeglasses were collected in the Center with 211 thousand pairs shipped to mission organizations around the world. The 6 new Lensometers allows staff and volunteers to process more eyeglasses in-house rather than using the prison system. Broken plastic frames and loose lenses are being shipped to a plastics recycler in California who is paying WLF for the plastic.

The Vision Screening Project is run in partnership with KidSight USA with the objective to screen all children ages six months through age 18. The emphasis is on children in daycares and preschools to catch vision problems early. Our District does a great job of conducting vision screenings in our communities. With the partnership with local Shopko Optical shops we are able to provide a free eye exam and eyeglasses for the children who are referred during the screening sessions through their

voucher program that is administered by WLF. Remember to report your vision screening numbers to Scott Grover, our District Vision Screening co-chair.

The Hearing Project encompasses the collection of old hearing aids for recycling and assisting individuals (Children & Adults) who meet the eligibility criteria for free or low cost hearing aids through WLF. In 2024 7,948 hearing aids were sent for recycling credit. Of the 72 applications received asking for assistance, 46 were approved. Our District had 4 individuals who were approved for new hearing aids.

Diabetes Awareness materials are available from WLF to help raise awareness and educate individuals about their risk for diabetes. All material is free of charge to Clubs for use in educating our communities at local events. Our District has partnered with Hy-Vee Supermarkets to provide A1C screening to customers shopping at the stores. Diabetes material is also available for customers to learn more about their diabetes risk. The screenings take place in November each year.

We want to thank all the District Lions Clubs who made donations to WLF for the five service projects this past year. It was great to see several Clubs make a donation to your Lions Camp who have not made a donation recently. It takes all of us to continue to make the WLF successful. As WLF Directors representing our District, we take great pride in being a part of WLF knowing that what we all do is making a difference in the lives of people living in our communities.

If your club would like to have a WLF presentation at one of your meetings please contact us.

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