

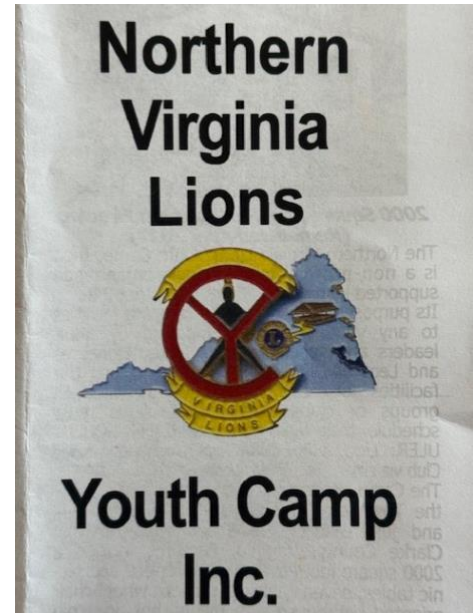
Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp

An Investment in Youth, Leadership, and Lionism

The Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp is a long-standing Lions-supported program dedicated to serving children and teens by providing a safe, inclusive, and enriching outdoor experience. The camp focuses on building confidence, independence, teamwork, and lifelong friendships—especially for youth who benefit most from a structured, supportive environment.

The camp was founded in 1958 on approximately 120 acres in Clarke County just east of the Shenandoah River near Paris, VA. Facilities include a dining hall, the newly constructed Arcola Education Center designed as a climate-controlled learning environment, amphitheater, a large picnic pavilion, several cabins accommodating 10-22 campers each, and a recently renovated bath house offering bathroom and shower facilities that are handicap-accessible.

There are newly installed roofs, siding, insulation and flooring in several cabins due to a generous community grant provided by Home Depot. The caretaker's cottage has been renovated with a new kitchen, main floor and basement rooms, with new siding and front deck. The caretaker is onsite 24/7 providing facility security and oversight.



Every year, the campers gain social and leadership skills, families receive respite and support, and Lions demonstrate hands-on service aligned with our mission to serve youth and strengthen communities. The camp also offers individual Lions clubs the facilities to hold retreats or picnics in the pavilion as a summer get-away and change of pace. All district clubs are highly encouraged to take advantage of these facilities by contacting the youth camp scheduler.

The camp also creates opportunities for Lions and Leos to volunteer, mentor, and directly witness the impact of their service dollars. An upcoming opportunity for all Lions clubs to help the camp is to participate in our annual Earth Day Clean up. This year the youth camp is hosting a camp cleanup on Wednesday, April 22nd, the world-wide Earth Day celebration. Please contact the youth camp scheduler at email: NVLYCI@gmail.com.

The youth camp website is: <http://nvlyc.org>

Sustaining the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp requires consistent financial support. Club budget contributions help cover essential operating costs such as staffing, facilities, program

materials, accessibility accommodations, and camper scholarships. Every dollar invested ensures that no child is turned away due to financial barriers and that the camp continues to meet high standards of safety and quality. By including support for the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp in annual budgets, Lions clubs are investing in one of our most visible and impactful youth service programs. This support not only changes lives today but also reinforces Lions' commitment to youth development, community leadership, and service that truly make a difference.

District Lions Clubs are encouraged to include a dedicated contribution to the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp in their annual budgets to ensure the program's continued success and accessibility for all youth.