



Missouri Lion

August-October 2024

Multiple District 26



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Missouri Lions Calendar

~Important Upcoming Events~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
January 25, 2025	Council of Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
February 10-14, 2025	DGE Training	St. Charles, IL
February 21-22, 2025	M1 District Convention	Rolla, MO
Feb. 28-March 1, 2025	M6 District Convention	Branson, MO
March 7-8, 2025	M5 District Convention	Warrensburg, MO
March 7-8, 2025	M7 District Convention	TBD
March 8, 2025	Mid-South Third Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, TN
March 14-15, 2025	M4 District Convention	Chillicothe, MO
March 21-23, 2025	M2 District Convention	St. Louis, MO
March 28-29, 2025	M3 District Convention	St. Clement, MO
April 4-5, 2025	Mid-South Visiting Lions Day	Memphis, TN
May 1, 2025	Council of Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
May 2-4, 2025	State Convention	St. Louis, MO
June 6, 2025	Mid-South Annual Golf Tournament	Olive Branch, MS
June 7, 2025	Mid-South Quarterly mtg./Cataract-A-Thon	Memphis, TN
July 13-17, 2025	International Convention	Orlando, Florida
July 26, 2025	Council of Governors Meeting	Jefferson City, MO
October 25, 2025	Council of Governors Meeting	Jefferson City, MO
April 23, 2026	Council of Governors Meeting	St. Joseph, MO
April 24-26, 2026	State Convention	St. Joseph, MO
July 3-7, 2026	International Convention	Atlanta, Georgia
September 3-5, 2026	USA/Canada Forum	Memphis, TN
July 2-6, 2027	International Convention	Washington D.C.
June 23-27, 2028	International Convention	Singapore

Youth Committee

FELLOW LIONS

Please reach out to your Youth Chairs for more information about the following:

M1: Lion Marilyn Reaves mdreaves63@gmail.com

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M3: Lion Cheyenne Porterfield cheyenneporterfield23@yahoo.com

M4: Lion Bethney Pedersen pedebet19@gmail.com

M5: District Governor Mickey Beach mbeach1960@gmail.com

M6: Lion Rosalie Watts rosalie879@msn.com

M7: Lion Bruce Berger bruce9949@aol.com

Leos: Cubs-4 yrs old to 12 yrs old (new age group)

Alpha - 12 yrs old to 18 yrs old

Omega - 18 yrs old to 30 yrs old

Peace Poster Contest-youths 11 yrs old to 13 yrs old by November 15.

Cost of the kit is \$11.95 Available Feb.- Oct. 1st.

There is a challenge from District M6 to have every club in Missouri participate!

Youth Camp Exchange - Looking for Missouri youths 15-22 yrs of age that qualify to participate in this program, with camps in over 42 countries.

Our MD26 YCE Camp will be accepting 12 youths ages 17-19 for arriving July 1, they will stay 10 days with two different Host Families unless the Host Family is interested the total 20 days. Camp is in St. James, Mo. July 20-27. Youths depart for home July 28-30.

We are looking for Lions to help out at camp besides being a Host Family.

For other helpful information, visit Lions International Website and look up Youth Camp Exchange



Become a Host Family

Is Hosting Right for Me?

Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and customs.
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture.
- You open a new world of thinking to the exchange youth.
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life.

If this sounds rewarding, you may enjoy being a host family for the Lions YCE Program! Please check out the following video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4M9d31AAJ0&ab_channel=LionsClubsInternational

Expectations of a Host Family

Room and Board - You are expected to provide room and board for the youth. It is recommended that youth be roomed with youth of similar ages and similar genders. Meals should be balanced and healthy.

Transportation - Typically, you are responsible for all the youth's transportation during the exchange. Travel may include but is not limited to, transfers to and from the airport or train station, transfers to other Host Families or International Camp, transportation to and from any planned activities by you and/or the Host Club.

Financial responsibilities - Payment for cultural activities is dependent on the agreement made between you, the youth, and the Host Club. Some programs offer stipends or scholarships for participating Host Families.

Selecting an Exchange Youth - Hosting a youth is dependent upon desired age, gender, interests, and nationality and upon the availability of the youth meeting those requirements. Your local YCE Chairperson will advise you of available youth. You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Family by checking out the [YCE Host Family Handbook!](#) Potential Host Families must be screened by the Host Lions Club and YCE Chairperson. Availability: It is important that you make sure your family's schedule allows accommodation to spend enough quality time with the youth.



Is the YCE Program Right for Me?

- Are you ready to embark on a life-changing adventure that will open your mind and heart?
- Curious about other cultures and ways of life?
- Want to develop your skills in a second language?
- Would you like to cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs than you?

As a YCE exchange youth you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural experience with Lions and Leo club members supporting your YCE journey. Your host family will treat you as a member of the family, expecting your engagement in typical daily routines and family meals. You will participate in social activities, possibly service projects and visit cultural places of interest. You are expected to familiarize yourself with the customs, expectations, and basic language of the host country prior to your visit and have a desire to learn more.

Benefits of Participation

- Live with a family in another country and/or attend camp with other young people
- Meet people your age from around the world
- Learn about what it means to be a Lion or Leo in another country.
- Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you.
- Learn how to foster peace and understanding among peoples of the world!

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Exchange Youth by checking out the [YCE Exchange Youth Handbook!](#) Programs are available in over 30 countries on six continents.

Participant Eligibility

YCE Exchange Youth must:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 22
- Be sponsored by a Lions Club
- Be ready to represent your community, country, and the sponsoring Lions Club
- Welcome the opportunity to explore the customs of another culture!
- Provide proof of insurance (health, medical, travel) and a liability release agreement
- Take initiative to learn the language of the host country (i.e. basic greetings and phrases)

What are the Costs?

Host Lions clubs cover the costs of room and board with a host family. Exchange Youth are typically responsible for:

*Round-trip airfare *Camp Fees *Health, medical and travel insurance

*Travel documents (such as passports and visas) *Spending money for gifts, souvenirs

For more information contact: Lion Mickey Beach @ mbeach1960@gmail.com

Something I've been working on for districts to use! Share these with your clubs to help spread the benefits of being on a social media platform. Sharing what we do makes membership growth so much easier, the more visible we are on a digital scale the more we will grow. Please feel free to take these and add your own QR and have them at your district events!!!

In the shields you can input your districts info as a QR Code that people can scan

and see your socials. If your district does not have one of these socials I would recommend adding internationals that way it's not blank.

These are designed to be printed on regular sized printer paper, I apologize if the font looks small on the screen, I promise it's bigger when you print!

Please feel free to DM if you have any questions!

Thanks!

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

SOCIAL MEDIA MEMBERSHIP ADVOCACY

INSTAGRAM FACEBOOK WEBSITE YOUTUBE TWITTER

KEY BENEFITS

- Increases Reach & Exposure
- Each share, like and comment amplifies the reach of our content, exposing it to a wider audience and attracting new followers.
- Creates Authenticity & Builds Trust
- Member Interactions add a personal touch, making our organization feel more reliable and trustworthy to prospective new members.
- Strengthens our Culture
- Engaging with posts encourages a sense of community and collaboration among colleagues thus strengthening our culture.
- Enhances our Reputation
- High levels of engagement reflect positively on an organization making what we do more attractive to prospective membership.

POTENTIAL REACH

100 Member advocates
 X 500 Followers
 X 10 Shares a month
 = 500K Touchpoints per month

HOW SOCIAL MEDIA MEMBERSHIP ADVOCACY HELPS CLUB GROWTH AND THE STEPS TO BE ONE!

92%

Studies show 92% of people trust recommendations from their peers over any other form of advertising

- 1 Follow International on your Social Media platforms
- 2 Like every International Post & Story you see
- 3 Comment & Engage with Lions International
- 4 Share International posts to your Page & Stories

Credit to Drew Perry for the article

I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING OUR 107TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MEXICO CITY. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO UNFORESEEN CHALLENGES, AND AFTER LENGTHY AND ONGOING EFFORTS TO SECURE CONTRACTS WITH ACCEPTABLE TERMS THAT PROVIDED THE CONFIDENCE WE NEEDED TO HOST A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION IN MEXICO CITY, WE ARE ANNOUNCING A CHANGE OF VENUE FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

WHILE WE ARE DISAPPOINTED TO SHARE THIS UPDATE, WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE A WONDERFUL NEW SITE IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, U.S.A. FOR THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. THE DATES FOR THE EVENT WILL BE JULY 13-17, 2025.

STAY TUNED FOR CONVENTION AND REGISTRATION UPDATES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A TRULY MAGICAL AND MEMORABLE CONVENTION EXPERIENCE IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATIONS!

SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR #LIONSCON25!

NEW DATES: JULY 13-17, 2025

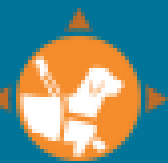
NEW LOCATION: ORLANDO, FLORIDA

PCC GEORGE WINKELER



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LEADING THE WAY



Leader Dogs for the Blind • Lions Newsletter

New Doors Have Opened

A GUIDE DOG STORY - KASSON W., NEW YORK

"I'm 37, I just lost my sight in 2020 just before the pandemic because I was attacked on the subway. I went from seeing to not, just in a day. I'm a people person, I'm a Leo, I used to bartend and I'm the life of the party. I have a close-knit family and I'm a protector. It's been a roller coaster since I lost my eyesight. During the beginning when it was also the start of the pandemic, I thought I would be able to see again, but the eye doctor told me I wouldn't be able to see again. At first, I didn't know there was life after being blind. I have a close-knit family and they tried to do everything for me, and I couldn't handle that. I needed to get past them doing everything which led me to feeling helpless. Then a new season began. It was rough in the beginning; I'm still getting through it... I'm still processing it, but sometimes I think maybe it was blessing because I'm doing things and experiencing things I normally wouldn't do. I feel like new doors have opened for me, everything feels right. I'm going with it and I'm not fighting against it. Leader Dogs for the Blind found me the best dog. I came to get Odyssey because I wanted to be heard. I motivate and inspire a lot of people and now I'm thinking about speaking and helping others."

The Road to Confidence

AN ORIENTATION & MOBILITY STORY - CAREY J., ILLINOIS

"This program has intensified my freedom and confidence. I needed to know to not be scared, and I'm not anymore. I have turned back since, and I have walked more in my town since returning from Leader Dogs for the Blind than I did when I was a child with vision. I've walked more routes, I've even gone to the store for other people, and I walk with confidence. I have never felt so free."



"HAVING MY LEADER DOG DOESN'T ONLY CHANGE THE WAY I SEE THE WORLD BUT CHANGES MY LIFE; I HAVE CONFIDENCE KNOWING THAT I'M NOT ALONE AND I'LL ALWAYS HAVE MY BEST FRIEND BY MY SIDE!"

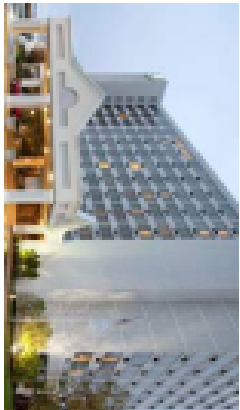
- LEA D., INDIANA -

**Did You Know
Leader Dog
has served
clients from all
50 states and
17 countries.**

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DoubleTree Hotel – Westport



Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging.

A block of rooms is being held until

April 10, 2025

DoubleTree Hotel – Westport

1973 Craigshire

St. Louis, MO 63146

314-434-0100

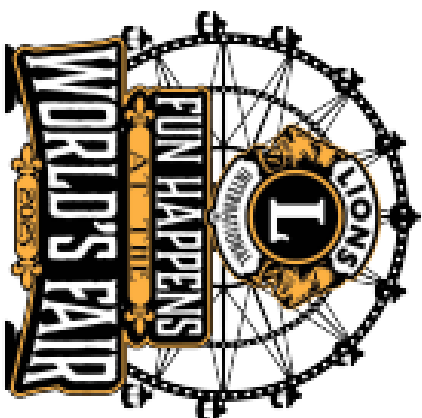
Mention you are with the MO

Lions State Convention Group

Code: CDTLMO

<https://group.doubletree.com/hTT5en>

Room prices \$119 + Tax



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For more information contact:

Co-Chair - PCC Gina Boettcher

573-368-1333

Co-Chair - PCC Kimberly Taylor

314-560-8383

State Convention Email Address:

2025convention@lions26m2.org

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103rd Annual

Missouri Lions

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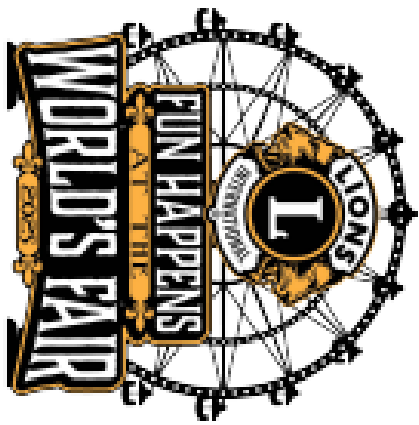


May 1st – 4th, 2025

DoubleTree – Westport

1973 Craigshire

St. Louis, MO 63146



2025 Missouri State Lions Convention Registration

Lion Leo Guest Name (as wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc) _____

Banquet Meal Choice: Beef Chicken Salmon

Special Dietary Needs? Yes Details: _____

District 26-M2 Lions
invite you to

come have fun at the
World's Fair

and enjoy hospitality,
fellowship and
learning

during the
103rd Annual
Missouri Lions State
Convention.

DoubleTree Hotel -
Westport St. Louis
May 1st - 4th, 2025

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Mail Registration Form & payment to:

PDG Devin Struttmann
770 Oakmont Lane
Union, MO 63084

Checks payable:

Missouri Lions 2025 State
Convention

(No refunds will be issued
after March 31, 2025)

Full Registration:	\$119.04	x	_____	=	_____
(Includes registration, luncheon, & banquet)					
Registration & Luncheon:	\$70.00	x	_____	=	_____
Registration & Banquet:	\$85.00	x	_____	=	_____
Registration ONLY:	\$35.00	x	_____	=	_____
After 4/15/2025, ADD	\$10.00	x	_____	=	_____
Grand Total:				=	_____

LIONS QUEST

☀️ LIONS QUEST, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION'S (LCIF) SIGNATURE YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, IS A SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING CURRICULUM THAT GIVES STUDENTS THE SKILLS TO NAVIGATE LIFE AND PREVENT BULLYING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

☀️ LIONS QUEST HAS BEEN USED BY SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR OVER 30 YEARS. THROUGH A SERIES OF SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) CURRICULUM LESSONS, THE PROGRAM PROMOTES POSITIVE STUDENT BEHAVIORS THAT LEAD TO GREATER ACADEMIC SUCCESS, A GREATER CONNECTION TO SCHOOL, AND IMPROVED SCHOOL CLIMATE.

☀️ SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS BUILT BY LIONS QUEST:

- PROBLEM-SOLVING AND DECISION-MAKING
- CRITICAL THINKING AND CREATIVITY
- ABILITY TO WORK IN A TEAM ENVIRONMENT
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH PEOPLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE AN ORGANIZATION
- LEADERSHIP AND THE ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY MOTIVATE OTHERS
- STRONG WORK ETHIC AND PERSEVERANCE



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