

2000 Square Foot Pavilion with Fireplace (Remodeled April 2017)

The Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp, Inc., is a non-profit public service organization supported by the Lions Clubs of District 24L. Its purpose is to provide free camping facilities to any youth group accompanied by adult leaders and supervisors. All Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 24L are free to use the facilities for club picnics, outings, etc. All groups or clubs using the facilities must schedule their visit from the CAMP SCHED-ULER: Lion PHIL SCHRACK of Woodbridge Lions Club via email nvlyci@gmail.com

The Camp Site is located on a mountain west of the Town of Paris and the Appalachian Trail and just east of the Shenandoah River in Clarke County, Virginia. Facilities include a 2000 square foot Pavilion with fireplace and picnic tables, seven cabins, a modern wheel chair oriented bathhouse with toilets, hot and cold water showers, wash facilities for both male and female, a large playing field and a caretaker's house.



Amphitheater

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Over the years youth groups, such as Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and church groups, have used the camp. Lions clubs have had picnics and overnight stays and shared lots of good fellowship. Boy Scout Eagle projects such as the Amphitheater, Orienteering Trail, Horseshoe pits, Maintenance building, bunk beds, and picnic tables have improved the camp.



Woodbridge Cabin

History

In 1958, Richard Kohlway, a member of the Herndon Lions Club was instrumental in obtaining support from his Club, Chantilly and Oakton Lions Clubs, to form a Virginia Corporation, the Northern Virginia Youth Summer Camp, Inc. A committee searched in Rappahannock and Clarke Counties for an appropriate campground site and recommended a 99 acre farm on a mountain in Clarke County, the present campground site. The site was purchased for \$10,000, after some very trusting Lions signed personal notes to secure a loan. The Pavilion was built on the site of the old home place and remodeled and dedicated in April 19, 2017 in memory of PID Lion Wayne Davis and wife, Lion Marge Davis . A 1979 survey showed the camp have 120 acres. From 1958 to 1972 nine Lions Clubs supported the project, raised money from various fundraising drives, paid off the loans, built three cabins, a nice pavilion, and improved the property. From 1986 to 1996 further improvements have been made to the roads and cabins; a pond, picnic tables at the pavilion and a bathhouse has been constructed.

In 1995 the Falls Church Lions Club donated \$10,000 to the Youth Camp in memory of Lion James Durant to build the James Durant Dining Hall. At the same time Engleside and Merrifield Lion's Clubs donated money to help and the Lions of Virginia Foundation gave a matching



James Durant Hall

grant. In the same year Clifton, Baileys Cross Roads and Engleside Lions Clubs built cabins. At the request of the Falls Church Lions Club the Dining Hall was renamed the James Durant Meeting Hall.

A new formal corporation was formed with its present title and an I.R.S. 501.3c tax exemption was obtained allowing donations to the camp to be fully tax deductible.



Fairfax Host Cabin

We have been financially supported by Lions and Lionesses of District 24-L, individual Lions' labor, Eagle Scout projects, a \$20,000 noninterest bearing loan and grants from Lions of



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Warrenton Sunrise Cabin





Directions

- From Winchester Interchange US-50 and I-81 (Exit 313) travel east on US-50 approximately 13 miles crossing the Shenandoah River Bridge, turn right unto Rt 638 (east side of the Shenandoah River bridge), go 1.6 miles on Rt. 638 and turn left at the Lions sign. (Lions Lane) Go 1.4 miles to the Pavilion.
- From Fairfax take US 50 west (approximately 38 miles from 1-66), turn left on Rt. 638 (east side of the Shenandoah River bridge), go 1.6 miles on Rt. 638 and turn left at the Lions sign (Lions Lane). Go 1.4 miles to the Pavilion.
- Hunting and shooting are prohibited on camp property.
- Other than at the Pavilion and permanent fire pits, open fires are prohibited except by written permit.
- All materials/trash brought in must be carried out....No tracks in the sand.

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Bathhouse



Caretaker's Cabin



Park West Cabin



Baileys Cross Roads Cabin



Vienna Host

The Northern Virginia Lions



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