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## INVITATION for Visually Impaired Adults from Colorado, Wyoming and Montana

You are cordially invited to apply for the 2025 Wyoming Lions Adult Summer School for the Visually Impaired, which will run from **Sunday, August 17 through Thursday, August 21**, on Casper Mountain.

This Camp experience is hosted by the Wyoming Lions Foundation and the Montgomery Trust Foundation and is open to visually impaired adults, age 19 and up. There is no charge to attend.

The Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp is nestled in the pines of Casper Mountain at 8,000 feet elevation, just nine miles from downtown Casper, Wyoming. The mission of the summer school staff is to incorporate the Expanded Core Curriculum for visually impaired adult students into a fun "summer camp" experience in a beautiful setting.

If you are ready to make new friends, discover new interests and hobbies, learn new skills and have an awesome time... this is the place for you!!!

To be a part of this exciting week, please complete the attached application and provide a current statement or report from your eye physician telling us about your vision, and email to garyroadifer@rtconnect.net, or mail as soon as possible to:

Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp PO Box 436, Casper, WY 82602 c/o Gary Roadifer

The Director for the Allen H. Stewart Lions Visually Impaired Camp is Gary Roadifer at 307-421-7247. Please feel free to call with questions or further information.

Applications will be considered on the basis of individual need, space available and date application was received.

Please return your application as soon as possible, no later than August 1, 2025. Students from Wyoming, Montana and Colorado are invited, so there is limited space available.



#### **SELECTION PROCESS**

If there are more applicants than space, selection will be based on the following:

(1) Earliest date of application received

(2) Need of the applicant for specific vision related services based on discussion with his/her teacher of the visually impaired

(3) Past attendance at the summer school

Upon acceptance, a packet will be mailed, or emailed, to you, depending on your stated preference.

This packet will include directions to the camp, a detailed list of items to bring, a more thorough overview of activities and events, and forms/releases to participate.

Please remember you must provide a current report from your eye doctor along with your application.

We look forward to a great week together on Casper Mountain!



## **APPLICATION**

#### August 17 – August 21, 2025

## Wyoming Lion's Adult Summer School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

| Name              |           |                             | Birth Date |  |  |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|--|--|
| Last              | First     | Middle Initial              |            |  |  |
| Address           |           |                             |            |  |  |
| City              |           | State                       | Zip        |  |  |
| Phone             |           | T-shirt Size: Adult: SM_LXL |            |  |  |
| EMERGENCY CONTACT | <u>rs</u> |                             |            |  |  |
| Name              |           | Relationship                | Phone      |  |  |
| Name              |           | Relationship                | Phone      |  |  |
| Personal Doctor   |           |                             | Phone      |  |  |

#### Note:

All Attendees must have medical insurance to attend Summer Camp and have completed the medical information forms & release forms, which will be sent with the acceptance letter



## **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

1. Student must be visually impaired, as defined by school district or state guidelines, and provide a medical report from his/her eye doctor within the last year with application packet.

2. Attendees must be nineteen years or older.

3. All attendees must be independent in the care of their basic bodily needs (i.e. toileting, eating, dressing, showering, etc.)

4. Attendees must be able to provide transportation to/from Summer School, arriving and departing at the appropriate times.

5. All applications must be received by August 1, 2025 and will be accepted in the order they are received.

6. Attendees must be physically able to stay at the 8,000 feet elevation of Allen H. Stewart Lion's Camp

7. All medical needs must be reviewed on an individual basis by the registered nurse and staff prior to acceptance to Camp. (Please note medical concerns on application and/or director will call if needed.)

\*\*Note: There is no discrimination based on age, sex, national origin or religion\*\*

## COST

There is no cost to the student to attend this Summer School, other than transportation to/from the Camp. The Summer School is funded by the Wyoming Lions Foundation and the Montgomery Trust Fund.

## TRANSPORTATION

All students are asked to furnish their own transportation to the summer school.

- Attendees need to arrive between 1:00pm and 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 17, 2025
- Students will depart on Thursday, August 21, 2025 after the Talent Show. Attendees
  may leave at approximately 7:30 pm after all activities have been concluded. All projects
  need to be picked up and individual dorm spaces must be cleaned prior to departing
  camp.
- Transportation to-and-from camp might be available for attendees in some cases. Talk to Gary Roadifer about this possibility.



#### MEDICATION

Each participant *must* bring enough medication for his/her stay at the summer school. Refrigeration is available. No medication is provided by camp personnel.

ALL medication must be checked into the nurse upon arrival Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, and must be in the original container--including nonprescription pain relievers such as Tylenol, Advil, etc. Please remember EpiPens if applicable as well.

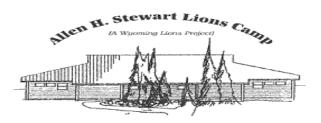
#### MONEY

All meals at the camp are provided free of charge. However, each student is encouraged to bring money to purchase pop, candy, snacks or other similar items if we go into Casper for an evening activity. The summer camp cannot assume responsibility for money brought to the summer camp.

#### **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Party providing transportation \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number at which transportation party can be reached during transportation: email address:



#### WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF THIS SUMMER SCHOOL

Please help us make your learning experience as productive as possible for yourself and our staff by answering the following questions as honestly and completely as possible.

#### Attendees:

What are the greatest challenges that you face as a result of your sight loss?\_\_\_\_\_

What skills would you like to learn that you feel would help you most?\_\_\_\_\_

What are your hobbies, skills, and interests? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or concerns that you would like to share to help the staff better understand you:

Preferred medium for literacy: braille, print, large print (what size), etc.\_\_\_\_\_



### **CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

On the following lines please list the names of the classes for which you would like to register *in your order of preference*. Every effort will be made to see that you are placed in most of the classes you request. (See class descriptions attached)

| 1 | 5 |
|---|---|
| 2 | 6 |
| 3 | 7 |
| 4 | 8 |

Note: You may be required to take certain classes as deemed appropriate by staff to increase your independence while at the Summer School. Examples of such classes may include *Orientation and Mobility, Low Vision, Braille, Techology* and *Aids to Daily Living.* 

Please indicate which class you would like to be enrolled in for the last period of the day:

Recreation\_\_\_\_ Music\_\_\_\_ Hiking\_\_\_\_ Creative Writing\_\_\_\_\_ Photography

#### **ON SITE NURSE INFORMATION**

A nurse is on staff and present on the Mountain at all times. If a doctor is needed, participants will be transported to the Emergency Room at the Wyoming Medical Center. Please help us deal with your medical needs by providing the following information. Attach additional medical pages as necessary.

| Allergies: _ | Yes            | No         | If yes, please list allergies and possible |
|--------------|----------------|------------|--|
| reactions/i  | ntervention ne | eds, inclu | Iding EpiPens                              |

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_\_

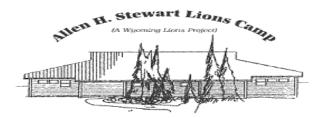


Existing conditions such as diabetes, depression, cardiopulmonary difficulties, migraines, etc.: \_

Significant medical problems you have been treated for in the past:

Please list names, amounts and purposes of all your medications. All medications <u>must be</u> in their original containers. Be sure to bring enough for your entire stay at the summer school.

Do you administer your own medications at home? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_No



#### **STUDENT WAIVER**

| I understand that even after reasonable precautions are taken, there may be hazards<br>connected with summer school and the camp experience, and I release the Wyoming Lior<br>Summer School for the Visually Impaired, its directors, agents and employees from liabilit<br>any accidents which may occur in connection with summer school activities. |       |
|---|-------|
| I certify that I am physically able to attend a camp at 8,000 feet elevation and have no me<br>issues that have not been discussed thoroughly with summer school nurse and staff.   | dical |
| I grant permission for necessary emergency treatment by a medical doctor or hospital in t<br>event such an emergency arises and prompt treatment is required. I understand that the<br>summer school will contact my emergency number immediately.  |       |
| I grant permission to use photographs, videotapes and sound reproductions in publicity authorized by the summer school, which may contain pictures of my child during normal summer school activities. PLEASE check one:YESNO   |       |
| I authorize my eye report to be released to summer camp staff.  |       |
| Signed Date   |       |



# **Summer School Class Descriptions**

## Independent Living Skills

**Aids to Daily Living/Cooking**: This class introduces students to household and daily living skills. Cooking techniques, using kitchen appliances and utensils safely, and basic meal preparation and clean-up are practiced. Students in this class will also take part in the preparation and serving of dinner on Family Night.

**Assistive Technology/Computer**: Explore new technology, learn to keyboard or word process, or advance your skills on the Internet or with social networking. This class is for any level of computer user and is student-need based. It includes the use of games, Braille, screen readers or low vision technology to increase computer competency.

**Orientation and Mobility**: Becoming a safe and efficient traveler is one of life's greatest skills as a visually impaired individual. O & M helps develop or advance skill and confidence in independent travel. Lessons are individualized to meet the needs of each student, and may include residential or business travel in and around Casper. Use of the white cane and low vision aids are taught, but this class is not limited to white cane users.

## Arts, Crafts and other Hobbies

**Crafts**: Crafts of various types will be explored in this general crafts class. Each student will have a project to take home at the end of the week, as well as a great feeling of accomplishment. Perhaps, a new leisure hobby will be discovered.

**Creative Writing**: This is a literacy class for those that utilize both braille and print. Class instruction will include all levels of braille, both reading and writing. Instruction is based on the needs of each individual student and can serve as an introduction to braille or more advanced instruction for the experienced braille student. Students will work on fun and engaging writing assignments.



**Digital Photography**: Students will be loaned a digital camera for this class and encouraged to explore different aspect of photography. The use of low vision devices will enable students with limited vision to view their work and each student will be given their photos at the end of the week.

**Lapidary**: One of the favorite classes at Summer School! Lapidary is the art of making beautiful jewelry or projects from rocks and precious stones. Students will complete each step of this process interdependently, from choosing to the stone to mounting the finished product in a setting. Each student will have project to take home at the end of the week.

**Music**: If you love music, this class if for you!! Discover your hidden talent or bring your favorite instrument to further instruction and have fun. You don't have to be a musician for this class, just enjoy and appreciate any type of music!

**Outdoor Adventures**: If you love camping, hiking and nature, this is the class for you! Learn a new and exciting skill that will help you learn about the wonders of the great outdoors. Acquire the skills necessary to navigate through the wild, build shelters from scratch, and live off the land, all while leaving no trace!

**Recreation/Physical Activity**: Individual and group physical activities are experienced in this class—developing strength, confidence and movement. Individual instruction is given to students with special interestd. Do you want to ride a tandem bike, play a game with teammates, learn to swing a bat or hike? Any interest in movement makes this a great class!

**Woodworking/Shop**: This class teaches safe use of basic shop and woodworking tools. It incorporates measuring, cutting, painting and other woodworking skills as students construct a special project to take home.