



2000 Square Foot Pavilion with Fireplace

The Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp, Inc., is a non-profit public service organization supported by the Lions Clubs of District 24A.

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 24A are free to use the facilities for club picnics, outings, etc. All groups or clubs using the facilities must first obtain approval of their local Lions Club and then schedule their visit and obtain the gate code from the CAMP SCHEDULER: Lion NANCY HETZEL of New Baltimore Lions Club via email nvlyc@yahoo.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, six 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.

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.



James Durant Meeting Hall

The Pavilion was built on the site of the old home place. A 1979 survey shows we have 120 acres.

From 1958 to 1972 nine Lions Clubs supported the project, raised money for

roads and cabins; a pond, picnic tables at the pavilion and a bathhouse have 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 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.

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.



Herndon/Fauquier Host Cabin



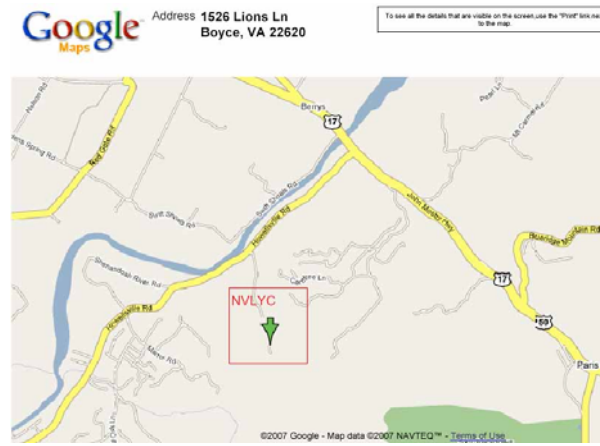
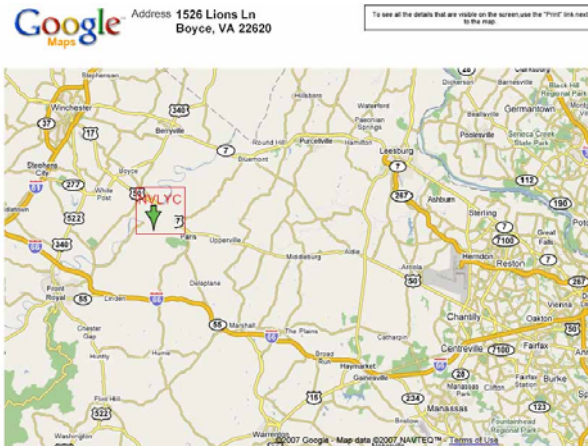
New Baltimore/Harold D. Smith II Cabin

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.

We have been financially supported by Lions and Lionesses of District 24-A, individual Lions' labor, Eagle Scout projects, a \$20,000 non-interest bearing loan and grants from Lions of Virginia Foundation totaling \$133,000.



Clifton Cabin



Park West Cabin

The Northern Virginia Lions

Directions

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. Go 1.4 miles to the Pavilion.

Hunting and shooting are prohibited on camp property.

Other than at the Pavilion and permanent fireplaces, 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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Founded 1958



Bathhouse



Caretaker's Cabin



Baileys Cross Roads Cabin



Vienna Host/Engleside Cabin