

## CAMP LEO 2006

“Gone Fishin’



Lion volunteers relax for a moment

### From PDG Jim (PB&J) LaBelle

On August 19, 2006 Camp Leo completed their 17<sup>th</sup> year of providing diabetes education, fun and nutrition for 102 campers, our largest group of campers ever to attend Camp Leo.

Camp Leo is dependent on volunteers to provide medical coverage, diabetes education, facts about nutrition and counselors to care for campers and staff to oversee activities like fishing, archery, crafts and to assist in the kitchen. Without these volunteers, Camp Leo could not provide the camping experience we offer. Some of these volunteers are Lions.

Camp Leo also relies on support from Lions in the form of monetary donations, to wash dishes and to clean up the mess hall. Lions of District C have stepped forward **BIG** time to help in these areas. To all Lions we say **“Thank You for your support!!”**

The Lions motto “WE SERVE” is exemplified by Lions volunteering their time at Camp Leo.

**THANKS!!!**



Campers having fun!



“How do I do this. Jim?”



“What a water slide!”



Arts & Crafts



“What can we do next?”

### From Lion Jan Norman

**Question:** What happens when you mix 86 diabetic children, ages 8 to 13 with 15 diabetic counselors and an equal number of teenage counselors in training, 18 sleep deprived medical staff and 160 Lions with dish-pan hands?? You get thunderous noise, radical fun and bonding friendships of **Camp Leo 2006 !**

Panhandle Lake 4H camp once again hosted Camp Leo – August 13-19, 2006. What made this camp an unprecedented success was the overwhelming Lions support to ensure smooth operations and time for everyone to have fun. Yes, the hours were long for the counselors that supervised the campers 24/7 and the medical staff that started with blood sugar checks and insulin shots at 8 AM, concluding at 11 PM, when the night round staff came on duty. It is this kind of attention to the needs of the campers that sailed Camp Leo through its 17<sup>th</sup> year without any mishap!

In all, 20 Lions Clubs participated this year. After a hard day of playing, the Lions were there to make sure everyone had a delicious hot meal and the kitchen was left spotless.

Lions that spend the entire week included **Art Weatherly, Jan Norman and Jim Pitchford** from Olympia Host, **Karl and Pauline Ostheller** from Poulsbo, **Rena Larson** from Graham Sunrise and **Jack Wittenborn** from Tumwater. **John Cameron** from Shelton, was there for 4 days. Dave Risley and Bill Emmons from Olympia Capitol were there for 3 days each.

Over \$29,000.00 was raised this year from Lions donations to provide scholarships for campers needing financial help. Camp Leo could not operate without the participation of Lions from District 19C.

*A Heart-full of Thanks from the children of Camp Leo*