



Plans are well underway for the Lions sponsored “3<sup>rd</sup> Annual” LEO leadership retreat—better known as the “LEO Leadership Bash at the Beach.” Aside from inviting all the LEO Clubs in Delaware, we are extending an invitation to our eastern shore LEO Club neighbors in Maryland.

To accommodate the anticipated larger group, we have also moved the event to the spacious and gorgeously rural **Camp Barnes**—a Delaware State Police owned and operated camp, located in Sussex County, in Frankford, DE. (For further information on Camp Barnes, click [here](#).)

We will kick off the afternoon’s program at 1 PM sharp with a welcome from our Lions District Governor, Cheryl Jones. This will be followed by a fun filled, action packed afternoon of team and leadership building activities, including paddle bordering on Millers Creek (LEOs bring your bathing suits!), as well as a competitive certified obstacle course—which is a much touted staple at Camp Barnes. This will be followed by a group discussion on lessons learned and each club will have an opportunity to talk about their favorite and most successful community service project. At around 5:00 PM, the afternoon will be topped off with a BBQ and a “Corn Hole” competition between LEO Clubs... with the trophy won by the Milford LEOs last year, being awarded as the prize. The day’s events will conclude by around 6 PM.

**LEOS**

- We offer this opportunity free of cost, to current LEO Club officers and prospective LEO leaders... with a limit of no more than 10 per club;
- We need a firm count of participants, no later than Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>;
- Please also let us know shirt size of each participant, as custom made T-shirts will be provided;
- The theme this year is a **luau**, so participants are encouraged break out the hula skirts, Hawaiian shirts, leis and the hibiscus ☺; and
- Parents and chaperons are invited and welcome to stay for the afternoon of fun and the BBQ which follows. Please just let us know how many plan to stay.



**Lions**

- The Fenwick Island Lions Club is committed to making this event a success for the young folks and is acting as host for this event. We ask for your support:
- We need volunteers to help us set-up for the afternoon, oversee and guide the activities and help with cooking, serving and cleanup. We also need volunteers to do some baking of cookies for dessert! Please contact club LEO liaisons **Jim And Carol Miles to sign-up** for one of the tasks (302 537-0942) or at: miles0942@msn.com;
- Past experience suggests that this event will cost anywhere from \$1,300-1,500. We have applied for a \$500 grant from the Kusiak Lions Youth Foundation. This year our Lions District does not have room in its budget to help finance this endeavor;
- So, as we have done in the past, we are asking Lions Clubs who sponsor a LEO Club to consider a contribution of \$100, and other clubs to contribute as they see fit. Checks should be made out to the Fenwick Island Lions Club, with a memo line: “2014 LEO Bash.” Checks should be mailed to **Lion Bill Neimiller, Treasurer, South Ocean Dr. Ocean City, MD 21842.** Any excess funds will be set aside in an escrow account for future LEO leadership forums.

**We hope you agree that this is a good investment in our youth, our communities and ultimately for all Lions, as our LEOs are our future Lions.**