



Metro Leo Newsletter

Together we make a world of difference

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Metro Leos Club is open to 9th-12th Grade Students

<https://metroleoclub.wixsite.com/metroleosclub>

LEO

L - Leadership - develop skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader

E - Experience - learn how teamwork, cooperation and collaboration can bring exciting change to your community and the world

O - Opportunity - make friends and feel the rewards of community service

Board Members

Avery Smith, President - MS School of the Arts

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Samantha Wong, Board Member, Madison Central High School

Advisors: Betsy Landers, Ken Hackman & Dee Collins

Sea and Sun Camp

The Lions of Mississippi is a sponsor for the Sea and Sun Camp held at Camp Wilkes on Biloxi Bay in Mississippi. This year's camp will be held May 19-21 and the Metro Leo Club has been invited to provide some volunteers for the event. If you are interested in volunteering you can download a [2023 Volunteer form](#). To find out more about the program you can download this [brochure](#). We will work to arrange transportation to the camp from Madison on Friday and back to Madison on Sunday for the Metro Leos would like to go. You can stay at Camp Wilkes and your meals while you are volunteering will be provided.

The Sea and Sun Camp allows children with visual impairments a chance to participate in fun camp activities. They get paired with volunteers who help them with activities from archery, swimming, kayaking, luaus, biking, fishing, bowling and more! It will be a really fun and rewarding experience if you can help.

If you are interested in attending this camp as a volunteer, please email your form to metroleosofms@gmail.com ASAP so we can finalize plans for this trip.

Madison Library Summer Program - Around the World Day

The Metro Leos are helping Ms. Becky with an Around the World Day that will be part of the summer program activities for kids. Students attending the program will receive a passport then get the opportunity to visit the different stations featuring a tri-fold board about a specific country and it will have an activity or food item for the student to try. Around the World Day will be held Thursday, June 8th from 10:00 to 11:30 am at the Madison Library. You don't have to be present that day to help plan the event. We have had several planning meetings but you can still help on Tuesday, April 16 and May 2 where we will work on tri fold boards displaying info on the featured countries and planning activities for the day. You will earn community service hours for the planning you do at home and attending meetings. If you have ideas for crafts, food, dances, or activities or are familiar with a specific country let us know your ideas. Join the planning [GroupMe](#).

So mark your calendar now for April 16, May 2nd and June 8th and come if you can!

Metro Leos Win 1st Place from Keep Mississippi Beautiful for Youth/Education Award

Keep the Rez Beautiful nominated the Metro Leos for the Youth/Education Award for their work helping plant bulbs, picking up limbs and planning/volunteering at Earth Day on the Rez in 2022. Ben, Kendrick, Audrey and Molly attended a banquet at the Country Club of Jackson to accept the award on behalf of the club. It was a fun event and a really delicious lunch (and also it was Ms. Betsy's birthday!) Hope you had a great day Ms. Betsy!



Earth Day on the Rez 2023!

Thanks to everyone who helped at Earth Day on the Rez 2023! We had a great turnout. There were lots of visitors who came out to the Reservoir Botanical Gardens to participate in the fun activities, walk along the Braille Trail and explore the Earth Day learning stations. WLBT came out and did a news story - [link to WLBT website](#) or [youtube](#). To see information and more photos on the Earth Day stations download this [press release](#).

The Metro Leos helped by providing the thumbprint art for the plant a seed activity, provided camellia information and coloring sheets for stop 6 View sasanquas and other camellias, and created the “How Plants Protect Themselves” activity for stop 9. They also helped by creating the [flyer](#) and getting the word out about the event, helped make signs for each stop, helped stuff wildflower seed packets that were given away and made and printed the [map/scavenger hunt](#) handouts for the event. If you have more photos from the event, please send to metroleosofms@gmail.com. I am missing photos of many who attended (next year we will assign a photographer role! - I didn't do a good job of getting photos of everyone who was there).



Help Spread the Word - Lions Club of Madison Golf Tournament

The Lions Club of Madison will hold a golf tournament on June 15 at Lake Caroline Golf Club. They need your help to spread the word about the tournament. If you know of anyone who would be interested in sponsoring a hole or other area you can download the [sponsorship form](#) and send to them or have them contact Betsy Landers. If you know of a golfer who might like to play in the tournament download the [player registration form](#). All players will have a chance to win a million dollars along with some other great prizes. Golf tournament profits are used to fund the many community activities such as free vision screenings and will also help fund a recently created Lions Club of Madison scholarship. Seniors or community college students can apply to receive the scholarship that will be provided to the college of their choice in Mississippi.

If you know a senior who lives in the areas served by the Lions Club of Madison (there are different clubs for different regions/areas), please tell them to fill out an application for the 1st ever [Lions Club of Madison Scholarship](#). One lucky senior will receive \$3,000 to go towards their education at their choice of university in Mississippi.

Market On Main

The Lions Club of Madison was asked to help direct vendors to their booths at Madison the City's Market on Main event held on Saturday, May 15th. In exchange for the help, the Lions Club of Madison was given a booth. The Metro Leo Club provided a free thumbprint art activity for kids attending Market on Main until the booth was shut down a little early because of incoming rain.



End of Year Banquet

The Metro Leos has tentatively scheduled Thursday, May 25 to hold the End of Year Banquet. Please remember to check your emails for information about this that will be sent when we get plans and location finalized. We would like to recognize our existing board and make plans to select a new board for the 2022/23 school year. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact metroleosms@gmail.com and let us know or let one of the existing board members know your interest. Ideally, we would like to see several schools represented on the board.

The Lions Club has a learning center where you can develop leadership skills. They have some online courses you may want to check out during the summer. See [link](#) for more information - this [link](#) takes you to courses where you will need to sign in to access courses.

Upcoming events

- May 5-6 - Lions State Convention in Columbus
- May 13 -10:00 am Bags to Mats at Madison Library at 10:00 am
- May 16 - Around the World Planning at Madison Library at 4:00 pm
- May 19-21 - Sea & Sun Camp at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi, MS
- Tentative For May 22 or 25 - Leo End of Year Banquet
- June 8 - Around the World at the Madison Library Summer Program (Leos will plan and provide help for this event)
- September 16 - Cooper Young Festival (Mid-South Lions Carnival booth)

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