

Metro Leo Newsletter

Together we make a world of difference

Feb 2023 - Issue 10 Metro Leos Club is open to 9th-12th Grade Students https://metroleosclub.wixsite.com/metroleosclub

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- 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

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Leadership Camps

The Boys and Girls Leadership Camps will be held at Lake Tiak O'Khata this year. If you plan on attending, forms need to be turned in to your local Lions Club for approval by this Friday, February 24th. There is no cost to the campers to attend because each local Lions club pays the \$100 camp fee and purchases a door prize for each camper sent. Slots are limited and typically available on a first come, first serve basis. The Girls Leadership will be held on March 10-12 and you can download the application here. The Boys Leadership camp will be held on March 17-19 and you can download the application here. Scan your completed application and return to Metroleosofms@gmail.com and I will forward to the appropriate club who can sponsor you and fill out the club contact information needed on the form. You can earn a scholarship to William Carey University by attending the leadership camp. The Metro Leo Club application is here if you need it.

Valentines Treats for the Home Place Retirement Home

The Metro Leo Club made Valentines cards, origami flowers and decorated cookies for the Home Place Retirement home on Saturday, February 11th. They then delivered the treats on Sunday, February 12th and provided some entertainment by singing songs that were appropriate for the holiday. There were some extra cookies and cards that were also delivered to the Madison Fire Station.



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.

Earth Day on the Rez 2023

The Meto Leo Club will provide some of the volunteer support for the 2nd Annual Earth Day on the Rez. We will have a sign up genius coming out in a few weeks to sign up to help with this event. The event will be held at the Reservoir Botanical Gardens located on Spillway Rd just past Grant's Ferry Road. It is in the same parking lot as the Reservoir Fire Station and library. The event will feature a plant swap hosted by the Master Gardeners, a scavenger hunt, and children's activities. Earth Day learning stations will be posted at various points along the trail. For instance, children will have a chance to learn how water quality testing is done and even get to sample some of the water of Mill Creek. They can see a real dinosaur bone that was found when the Ross Barnett Reservoir was dug and participate in a recycling relay race. You can see a video about last year's event here.

So go ahead and mark your calendars now for Sunday, April 23 so you can come help with the event and earn some community service hours.





For more information visit: https://keeptherezbeautiful.org



Around the World at the Madison Library

The Meto Leos will help Ms. Becky at the Madison Library plan a summer children's activity. The event is tentatively scheduled for June 8th and we will help come up with ideas for stations that feature a craft, food or an activity from different countries. The idea is to have some type of passport where the children can get a stamp or sticker from each country they are able to visit as they tour all the different stations. If you would like to help plan this event, let us know. Also, please mark this date on your calendar because we will need several people to help man the different booths.

Upcoming events

- March 10-12 Lions of Mississippi Girls Leadership Conference
- March 24-26 Lions of Mississippi Boys Leadership Camp
- April 23 Earth Day on the Rez (click for last year's video)
- May 19-21 Sea & Sun Camp at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi, MS
- 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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