

Senior Lions Leadership Institute

All About Lions Preparation Booklet

Dear Lions Leadership Institute Participant:

Congratulations on being selected for the Senior Lions Leadership Institute! This preparation booklet is designed to brief you on essential Lion Fundamentals. The booklet is an integral part of your Institute preparation. Please follow the directions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Leadership Division at leadership@lionsclubs.org or call (630) 571-5466 ext 597.

We look forward to seeing you at the Institute!

Sincerely,
The Lions Clubs International Leadership Division

DIRECTIONS:



- 1.** Go through the exercises in this booklet to sharpen your Lions Fundamentals. (approx. 1 hour)



- 2.** View course modules: "All about Lions" on the Lions Clubs International website. http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_all_about_lions.shtml If you do not have internet access you may skip this assignment or go to your local library or other location to log on.



- 3.** Gather 1 or 2 pictures of your club's most successful projects (like the picture below) and bring them to the Institute to use during the session. Please bring copies or pictures you are willing to donate to a 'Best Practices' file.

Sample: The Gardena Lions Club made 22 Christmas food baskets for needy families in their hometown of Gardena, California, USA



Code of Ethics

TO SHOW *my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation of quality of service.*

TO SEEK *success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.*

TO REMEMBER *that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.*

WHENEVER *a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.*

TO HOLD *friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.*

ALWAYS *to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.*

TO AID *others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.*

TO BE CAREFUL *with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.*

Vision Statement

TO BE the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Purposes

TO ORGANIZE, charter and supervise service clubs to know as Lions clubs.

TO COORDINATE the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

TO PROMOTE *the principles of good government and good citizenship.*

TO TAKE *an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.*

TO UNITE *the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.*

TO PROVIDE *a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.*

TO ENCOURAGE *service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.*

Organization Mission Statement

“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.”

THE MISSION:

Write a mission statement for your club, zone or district.



THE PURPOSES:

As Lions, the purposes of the association help us achieve our mission. Write the purposes that will help you achieve the mission you wrote for your club, zone, or district.



Life Situations – Applying the Code of Ethics

Directions: Decide which ethic applies to each of the following situations below.

1. A new Lion member helped fix the roof on an older Lion member's house saying, "What are friends for?" But then the newer Lion sent the older Lion a large bill and demanded payment.
2. A new club president is being very critical of several of the members.
3. She loves club meetings but she hates her job outside of Lionism. She says to another Lion, "Why should I care about quality when I'm at work. No one else cares!"
4. Each week she donates part of her paycheck to the eye clinic which provides free services to the poor.
5. A president of a company visits a Lions club and asks to join. The members wonder what to tell him because it is common knowledge that this president exploits his customers, trying to take advantage of them.
6. He has doubts about the fairness of what his hotel chain is doing. They are compromising on some of the food quality in order to make a larger profit.

Lions History

Make a timeline of all the significant events in Lions history.



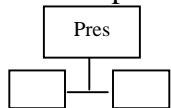
District Breakdown

1. My district number is _____.
2. My district governor is _____.
3. My district has:
_____ Regions
_____ Zones
_____ Clubs
_____ Members

Club Breakdown

1. My club name is _____.
2. My club was chartered in _____.
3. My club has _____ members.

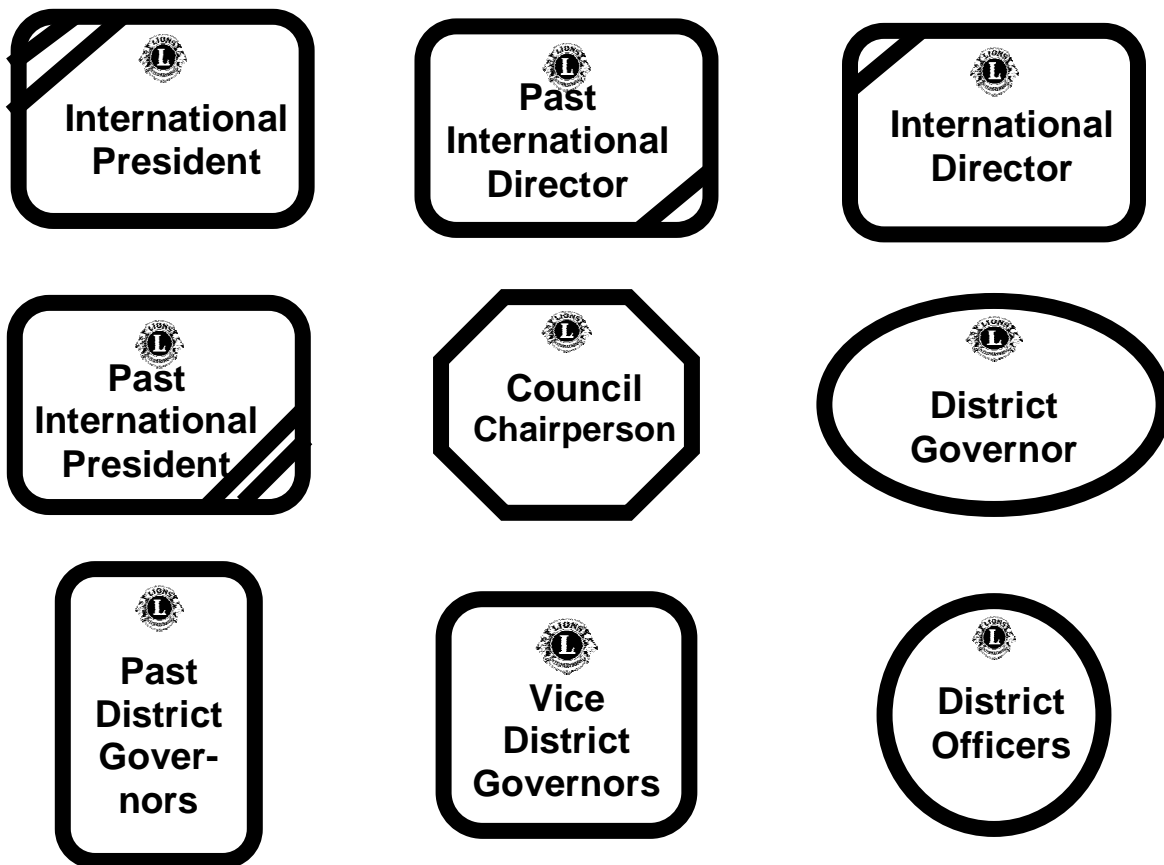
Example



Draw your District Structure.



Badge Study Guide



Lions Clubs International has designed its badges to make it easier to identify present and past officers at association events.

- Our international president wears a 3"x2" rectangle badge with two stripes in the upper left hand corner.
- When the international president becomes a past international president the stripes drop to the lower right hand corner.
- The first and second vice presidents and all international directors wear a badge with a single blue stripe in the upper left-hand corner.
- A past international director wears a badge with a stripe in the lower right hand corner.
- Council chairpersons, both current and past, wear octagonal badges.
- District governors wear an oval badge.
- Vice district governors and past vice district governors wear a square badge.
- Past district governors wear a vertical, rectangular badge.
- District cabinet secretaries, treasurers, region and zone chairmen wear a circular badge.

Awards

List each type of Lion Award that you have given to other people.

List all of the Lion Awards that you want to receive.

- What was the first Lion Award that you received?
 - How did you feel when you received it?

- Which award are you most proud of receiving?
 - Why?