Certified Guiding Lion

Program Summary:

The Certified Guiding Lion course was developed to help the guiding Lion develop a practical and personalized training program for the new club and acquaint the guiding Lion with the latest tools and training so this key Lion can effectively support the new club.

The course may be taken individually or be facilitated by an instructor and covers five sections:

Section 1: The Skills of a Successful Guiding Lion: This section allows the participant to analyze the leadership skills needed to serve effectively and assess the skills that the Lion feels might need to be further developed.

Section 2: Get off to a Good Start – Become an Expert: This section acquaints the participant with the tools and training available that could be utilized as part of a personalized training program developed specifically for the new club officers.

Section 3: Develop a Club Officer Mentor Team: This section outlines how to incorporate other knowledgeable Lions, who have specialized skills that match the needs of the new club officers, into an effective support team for the new club.

Section 4: Design Club Officer Training: This section provides the guiding Lion with a training template that begins with the basics and provides a strong foundation for training offered by the zone or district.

Section 5: Guiding Lion Resources: Key resources for the guiding Lion and/or club officers including club meeting ideas, training checklists, and a "Guiding Lion Hotline" to support the unique needs of new Lions clubs.

Following the course, participants are asked to complete an exam and submit the Completion Verification Form and exam to LCI headquarters. Successful participants will receive a certificate to recognize their accomplishment and will be entered into a database of certified guiding Lions for the district governor's use. The district governor may utilize this list to appoint the most qualified Lion to serve a new club.

Please note that as of October 4, 2010 certified guiding Lions are required to retake the course every three years to remain certified.

Certified Guiding Lion Frequently Asked Questions:

Where can I find the course?

The course materials are available on the LCI web-site and can be found by typing Certified Guiding Lion in the search engine.

When should I consider taking the course?

When possible, complete the course before you are assigned to assist a new club. This will give you time to thoroughly understand the materials and create a development plan for the new club.

I have been a Lion for many years, why would I need to take the course?

Even experienced Lions benefit from the course because it features the most current support materials and the latest programs available to the new club. It also gives you a structured and detailed approach for developing your support plan so nothing will be overlooked.

When I finish the Course, will I automatically be assigned to assist a new club?

No, the Guiding Lion is assigned by the District Governor when a new club is chartered. However, the list of Certified Guiding Lions is available to the District Governor to aid him or her in assigning qualified Lions to the new club.

Materials Available:

- Course Packets (DA-CGL1)
- Instructors Manual (DA-GL9)
- PowerPoint Presentation

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