

DISTRICT 33Y EYEMOBILE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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HOW DO I as a LION, LIONESS, or LEO SCHEDULE (AND GET) THE EYEMOBILE FOR A CLUB EVENT?

FIRST TO APPLY, FIRST TO BE SCHEDULED

----Log on to the www.lions-33y.org---website and click on the EyeMobile site.

- Open the Excel file of *Qualified Drivers List*. Call and reserve a qualified driver preferably one from your Club, or a Club nearby-*this is to conserve fuel*;
- Click on the *calendar*, and if your schedule date is available, *fill out the form on the website*, Keep a copy for your Club, *and submit it to the First Vice President / Scheduler and Second VP of the EyeMobile*;
- *The scheduler will post your date on the website calendar and as soon as possible confirm your date*; if you do not get confirmation within a week call the President of the EyeMobile and complain; that confirmation will appear on the website EyeMobile calendar;
- Your driver should allow up to two hours to inspect and drive the EyeMobile to your event site; *a Lion navigator from your Club should accompany the driver*; *this will help find the ways around the low or overloaded bridges*;

----If you cannot log on, mail a completed application form to the First Vice President / Scheduler in a timely manner. *Your Club President received a copy of the blank form and the qualified drivers list in the District newsletter*. Your President and Secretary have a Directory with those officers listed. Wait two weeks for the snail mail to be processed.

DISTRICT 33Y EYEMOBILE OFFICERS :

----listed with contact information in the 33Y Directory and on EyeMobile Website.

WHO MAY DRIVE THE EYEMOBILE ? Listed on the 33Y EyeMobile website

----in order to conserve this rich resource to our District this equipment may only be driven by those who have been trained in safe operation. *Exception: any holder of a CDL license who has complied with the license copy, safe driving record check with the Registry, the eye care certification, and is properly badged.*

- *Each of those more than twenty drivers has made a copy of their driver's license for the confidential use of the EyeMobile Board only*. These will be checked through the Registry for safe driving record much as your car insurers will do;
- *Each driver must certify that their eyesight has been corrected within the last two year*;
- Each driver will have a special photo ID badge issued by DG-Elect Dennis Fountain which they must present to the management of *Diamond RV in Hatfield on US Route 5* where we centrally store the EyeMobile for security and maintenance. Drivers must log in a pre-flight check including *especially of the inner rear wheels* before operation.

THE DRIVER IS IN CHARGE OF THE EYEMOBILE AND THE SCREENING

REMEMBER ! this vehicle is 22,000 lbs. (11 tons) , is 12foot six inches high ! , and is very wide ! LEVEL only when stationary !

WHAT SCREENING EQUIPMENT IS ON THE 33Y EYEMOBILE ?

- AUTOMATIC BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR with blood oxygen and pulse readings;
- VISUAL ACUITY TESTER similar to that in the DMV which uses the “Illiterate E” test which is suitable for young children; all screenees should wear their own distance prescription glasses for this test;
- Depth of Perception test to find children with lazy eye that may be referred to our Orthoptic Clinic for early intervention by the parents professional;
- Color vision test to detect red / green color blindness;
- A tonometer to detect high internal eye pressure, a symptom of glaucoma;
- A digital camera to detect cataracts and retinal pathology such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma. No eyedrops are needed.
- Hearing acuity testing equipment.

SCREENING SUPPLIES :

- Paper towels ;
- Alcohol free, fragrance free, (Equate from Walmart) baby wipes to clean headrests, chin rests, and earphones of all equipment after individual use ;
- Screening forms – keep 200 copies on board at all times including school forms ;
- Lions Eye Health, Mass Eye Research , EyeMobile, Orthoptic Clinic, and Emergency Sight and Hearing brochures on board ;

WHO IS TRAINED TO OPERATE THE SCREENING EQUIPMENT ON THE EYEMOBILE ? THE DRIVER !

----to encourage the widest possible participation there will be annual training sessions held conveniently to all four Regions of 33Yas needed; most of the equipment requires only a few minutes to learn, and cross-training will be encouraged to maximize multiple skills. *Your Club is expected to provide a minimum of five workers to learn and help conduct the screenings; and a navigator to the event site that accompanies the driver. These may be volunteer Lions from other (adjoining?) Clubs (MUTUAL AID).*

The EyeMobile Board is not responsible for providing screeners.

----Clipboards and blank forms are on board. Please make certain that the screenee completely and legibly fills out contact information, so that screening information is transmitted to their chosen professional for any treatment indicated.

----How do we handle completed screening forms ? **CONFIDENTIALLY !**

- Assign a number to each (date of screening plus numbers -01, etc.) ;
- Have screenee fill out contact information and carry the clipboard with the form from work station to work station ; volunteer work station operators will fill them in with results ; trained screeners will review these and make recommendations confidentially and discretely ;
- Digital camera operator will use the contact information to build the screenee file into the computer file which will accompany the CD photos to the volunteer reviewers at Mass Eye and Ear.
- Screenee gets a copy and the EyeMobile keeps a copy.

PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING THE EYEMOBILE TO DIAMOND RV

----this equipment is owned and operated by all of the Lions of 33Y for the public good. It is a showcase for us to recruit new Lions. *Please clean it up, stow the screening equipment properly. Drivers please perform a complete vehicle post flight check before turning in the keys at Diamond RV.*

MAY OUR CLUB RUN A FUNDRAISER ON THE SITE WITH THE EYEMOBILE?

----NO ! *This is a community service.* Fundraisers not referenced at the EyeMobile in any way and out of sight of the EyeMobile are ok. Information about your Club and Lionism are ok. If anyone offers a donation, please accept this graciously and send it through your Club to the EyeMobile Clerk for the record. It will then be sent to the EyeMobile Treasurer.

MAY I SCREEN A CHILD?

----yes, *but only with the parents or school nurse present.* The visual acuity equipment may not effectively give good results for a small child. We are looking for more child friendly equipment.

----**school testing:** we'll have special forms for this...

IF A MOBILITY IMPAIRED PERSON WISHES TO BE SCREENED.....

----the EyeMobile is not presently equipped with an approved lift. Without a lift, the screenee must be able to stand and climb with some assistance, but may not be carried. We're in the process of seeking a grant for an approvable lift.

CERTIFICATE FOR SOLICITATION : keep aboard the bus for inspection.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS :

- **USER BOND:** the intent of the Board of Directors intends that the EyeMobile shall be free of fees to any Club in 33Y. Until we have actual operation costs, we are asking the Club for a user bond of \$100 for each use payable at the time of requesting a reservation. This will be refunded if the equipment is returned in acceptable condition. Any Club that wishes to make a donation at any time is free to do so.
- **WHEN ARE TRAINING SESSIONS ?** we'll try to schedule these at times and locations as convenient as possible to the Lions wishing the training.
- If you didn't get the EyeMobile for your date this year, are you automatically going to get it next year ? Assuming you lost out because you weren't first to request the EyeMobile for a specific date, yes, you will have first choice.
- **MISSION STATEMENT :**
The Lions Clubs of District 33Y with grants from the International Association of Lions Clubs and the District 33Y Lions Orthoptic Clinic operate the District 33Y

EyeMobile, a mobile van equipped with state of the art eye and hearing equipment, to screen the general public for eye and vision impairment.

- HISTORY of the 33Y EyeMobile...promoted by Past Council Chairperson Art Thomas during his term as DG 1998-99. Voted to approve the Corporation as a 501 (c) 3 District Corporation during PDG Pamela Tosi Hodgkins' term in May 2002. Donations from among the 33Y Clubs and grants sought and gained by PDG Pam raised \$75,000 during the following years. A matching grant request was filed in the spring of 2005 which was granted by the International Board in the winter of 2006 when we actually raised the \$75,000. The 2006 Winnebago was delivered in July of 2006. Ensuing grants and donations continued up to the Midwinter Conference of 2007 when the 33Y Lions Orthoptic Clinic Board approved and awarded a community outreach grant for \$50,000 to help complete the purchase of the screening equipment. The EyeMobile became fully operational in June 2007.