



Lions of Virginia District 24-A Visitation Award Requirements 2016-2017

Purpose

The Visitation Program is intended to promote fellowship and provide an opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow Lions and Lionesses. Visitation is intended to facilitate an exchange of ideas at the Club level and to foster support and friendship between Clubs.

General Guidance

Clubs are encouraged to make their Visitations early in the Lion Year. The Club Visitation Chair is requested to provide his or her name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to **District Visitation Chair, Lion Marie Davis no later than September 24, 2016**. The information may be mailed or e-mailed to:

Lion Marie Davis
2001 Griffith Road
Falls Church, VA 22043
[**misjenny1@verizon.net**](mailto:misjenny1@verizon.net)

Dates

The Visitation Program begins **July 1, 2016** and ends **June 30, 2017**.

Visitation Reports

A Visitation Report is due to the District Visitation Chair by **July 31, 2017** reporting all visits made by Club members during the Lion Year 2016-2017 Visitation Program period. The Report must include Club Name, number of active members, names of members making visits, names of the Clubs visited and dates of the visits. The Report must specify the award(s) for which the Club is qualifying. Club Visitation Chair should maintain this information on an ongoing basis during the Lion Year to facilitate creating this end-of-year report.

Qualification Requirements for a Visitation

Individual Visitations

1. Qualifying Individual Visits toward the 100% Member Visitation Award include visits to any official Club Meeting of another Club or attendance at a District or State Lions Convention, the District Visitation and Awards Dinner, Fall and Winter Conference and Pin-Swaps. **Attendance at Joint or Multi-Club Meetings will count as an Individual Visitation to each of the sponsoring Clubs that is not your home Club. For example, attendance at Tri-State would count as a Visitation to Lovettsville Lions Club, Brunswick Lions Club and Harpers Ferry-Bolivar Lions Club. A Visitation to a joint meeting of Park-West and Manassas Lioness Lions Clubs would count as an Individual Visitation to both Clubs. Youth Camp Picnic, Work Days, Club Reverse Raffles, Spaghetti Dinners, Shrimp Feast, Crab Feast, Pancake Breakfasts and any Fund raisers or Scheduled Service Projects, also count as a Visitation.**
2. A President's or Secretary's attendance at a Zone Meeting at a Club in the Zone will count as a qualifying Individual Visit. Zone Meetings not conducted at a Club Meeting will also qualify as an Individual Visitation.
3. Visitations where a Lion is an honored guest (Zone or Region Chair official visit, a Visit by a District 24A cabinet member, or where a Lion gives the Program) also qualifies as an Individual Visitation. **Visits to informal gatherings of Lions do not qualify as a Visitation.**
4. **An Individual Visitation can also be counted toward the requirements for the Club Visitation Award if a member is visiting a Club Meeting of another Club and the team size requirement for his/her Club has been met (see Club Visitation below). If a single member visits another Club on his/her own it will count only as an Individual Visitation, not a Club Visitation, unless his/her Club's team size requirement specifies otherwise.**

Club Visitations

1. Team size for qualifying Club Visitations is based on Club size. Clubs with an **active** membership of 25 or more must have two or more Lions members in a Visitation team for a Qualifying Visit. Clubs with an active membership of less than 25 may make qualifying Visits with a single member. Regardless of Club size, any member attending a Meeting at least 50 miles from his/her Club or a Meeting in another District will qualify as a Club Visitation.
2. **Visitation team attendance at Joint or Multi-Club Meetings will count as a Club Visitation to each of the sponsoring Clubs that is not your home Club. For example, attendance at Tri-State would count as a Club Visitation to Lovettsville Lions Club, Brunswick Lions Club and Harpers Ferry-Bolivar Lions Club. A Visitation to a joint meeting of Park-West and Manassas Lioness Lions Clubs would count as a Club Visitation to both Clubs.**
3. **An Individual Visitation can also be counted toward the requirements for the Club Visitation Award if you are visiting a Club Meeting of another Club and the team size requirement for your Club has been met.**
4. **Clubs are encouraged to have joint meetings as part of the Visitation Program.**

100% Member Visitation Award

1. **Each active member** on the Club roster as of July 1, 2016 and members joining prior to [April 1, 2017](#) must make one Visit during the period of the 2016-2017 Visitation Program.
2. Clubs that lose an active member during this period need not show a Visitation for this Lion, provided the dropped member has been properly reported on the Monthly Membership Report to Lions Clubs International.

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2. Each Club must make at least 16 qualifying Club Visits **(to 16 different clubs)** to qualify for the “Club Visitation Award.” A Visitation to each Lions and Lioness Club in its Zone is required. **Regardless of the number of members visiting as part of the Visitation team, it will only count as one Club Visitation to that particular Club in that Lion Year.**
3. **An Individual Visitation may be counted toward qualification requirements for both the “100% Member Visitation Award” and the “Club Visitation Award” as long as criteria for both are met.**

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