

Deep Creek Lake Lions Club
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Boat Donation Program

Dear Boat Owner,

Hello – I'm Chris Nichols, the Boat Donation Coordinator for the Deep Creek Lake Lions Club. I'm writing to you to tell you about our Boat Donation Program and how you can save money on your taxes AND help support a great cause.

What is the Deep Creek Lake Lions Club? Our club is a local affiliate of the Lions Club International, a charitable organization dedicated to helping the vision-impaired and supporting other humanitarian causes. The Deep Creek Lake Lions Club activities include: our Blind Skier and Camper Programs, operation of the county's only dog park and community assistance through scholarships and payment of medical expenses to the needy. As a registered charity, donations made to our Club are tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Code section 501 (c)(3).

What can I donate? We accept donations of recreational equipment and vehicles of all types, but focus mainly on boats, given our location. As long as we can get the vehicle or equipment to our park on Bumble Bee Rd in McHenry and there is a clear title (for motorized boats and vehicles) that can be signed over to the club, we'll accept the donation whatever the condition.

What happens to my donation? We typically sell these donated items at an annual auction each May. The proceeds from the auction then benefit our Blind Skier and Camper Programs, where we bring visually-impaired children to the Deep Creek Lake area to experience the recreational activities that we residents take for granted.

What can I deduct? Pursuant to the guidelines in [IRS Publication 4303](#), if we sell the boat, you are entitled to deduct the gross proceeds from the sale value of the boat. If we make significant use of the donation instead of selling it, you are entitled to deduct the estimated fair market value of the donated item. We will provide you with all of the paperwork that the IRS requires both when you donate the item and when we sell or use the donation.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our program and we hope that you can find a way to participate. If you would be interested in discussing this more, please feel free to contact me via email or phone and we can go over options in greater detail.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher J. Nichols".

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