

27D1 Vision Committee Report  
January 12th, 2025 Cabinet Meeting

Cabinet Members,

As we reach the end of another calendar year and the middle of our Lions fiscal year, we are doing well in our District with steady efforts of getting our vision screenings done. We are currently setting at 9,152 children screened for 2024-25 and 844 referred for follow-up care with eye care professionals. That puts us at 9.22% referrals. I believe that there is currently a trend for some locations to shift their screenings to the fall from previous winter/spring screenings. This is great as it allows the teachers and nurses to have more time to see that students are getting their glasses.

We currently have 126 Lions certified in vision screening and who have experience using the cameras in 27D1. I have been looking into how well our training has been doing and what type of questions have been reaching me regarding vision screening. As our 2025 27D1 Convention is coming up in March 28-29 2025, I wanted to determine what type of training is needed. Some of the questions are listed below –

- What can we do to be successful with outside vision screening at community events and control IR lighting?
- How can I control inside lighting in larger rooms without multiple lighting switches?
- What options are there when the windows do not have enough curtains or blinds?
- I am having difficulty screening kids with glasses, what can I do?
- How do we report our results for vision screening?
- We have a couple of Lions in our club that would like to get certification training, how can they get this done?

Although I still have some requests for vision screening training, the majority of questions have been related to lighting. So, I have made a request to District Governor Ron Wright and the District Convention committee to change the normal training of vision screening at our convention in 2025, to allowing us to set up our 10'x20' tent purchased for vision screening, at this year's convention for both days and allow Lions having questions about using the tent and other lighting issues to stop by and have these conversations. I have been working on some light blocking aids that can help lighting issues.

I am happy to report that District Governor Wright has stated that we would plan to go in this direction.

In addition to working on the lighting issues, I have been working with Lions clubs to help make training videos and manuals available for new screeners and for refreshing Lions skills online. This information is available online 24 hours a day on any day that is available to them. By having Lions go through this online information, it streamlines the efforts and time for our 27D1 "Train the Trainer Certified Lions" to review the hands-on with a camera and allows them to register these Lions as certified vision screeners with a 5-year certification with WLF. This also allows anyone to review their skills at their convenience – anytime! (please see the 2 additional attachments).

Any Lion who goes through these online review lessons prior to the convention, can come to our tent and have our trainers work with you on a camera and certify you for your vision screening certificate.

Thank you everyone who participates in the Lions Vision Screening program.

Respectfully submitted,  
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