

Summer sessions are in Kerrville

Crippled, blind enjoy Lions camp

Most handicapped children do not do much swimming, camping or hiking. But at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, crippled, blind and deaf children have been enjoying these activities for 26 years.

Four two-week summer sessions sponsored by the Texas Lions Club are held for Crippled Children Inc., which also sponsors a summer camp for diabetic children and a blind training program.

Hannigan, a member of the Texas Station Noon Lions Club

and retired dean of students at Texas A&M University, says the handicapped campers enjoy a variety of activities at the camp near the banks of the Guadalupe River.

"Believe it or not," he said, "they go on short hikes with wheelchairs and so on. They thoroughly enjoy it."

Other activities at the camp, held for children ages 7-16, are swimming, crafts, sing-a-longs and other games handicapped children can enjoy.

"They all love it," Hannigan said. "We have lots of repeaters every year."

The children at the Texas Lions Camp for Diabetic Children participate in similar activities. The children learn how to manage their diets and give themselves insulin injections.

After the summer camp sessions are over, the facilities at Kerrville are used by the Texas Center for the Blind.

Clients stay at the center for three to four months and study a rehabilitation program which includes orientation and mobility, communicative skills, (like Braille and typing), handicrafts and home maintenance.

Last year 72 attended the Texas

Center for the Blind. Last summer 317 campers attended the camp for diabetic children, and 721 attended the camp for handicapped children.

John Stanislaw, chairman of the Noon Lions Club committee which selects candidates for the camps, said his group nominates as many candidates as they can find. "We won't turn them down unless they just run out of room," he said.

Stanislaw said he would especially like to see children from married students at Texas A&M attend. "That segment of the population has been left out," he said.

The six Lions Clubs in College Station and Bryan each sponsor three to four children. "All of us work together," Hannigan said.

All three programs are free to par-

ticipants. Donations to the Lions Clubs and member dues finance the programs.

Applications and specific dates for the camps are available at all Lions Clubs.

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In a press release, the station issued a plea to area merchants for donations of goods and services for the three-day event.

Proceeds from the telethon will be used to help continue operations at KAMU.

Station personnel and the "Friends of KAMU" will display, describe and auction-off all donated merchandise and services during the telethon. Viewers will hear the item's value and donor's name, and place a bid by telephone. The highest bid will be confirmed and the bidder will pick up the merchandise at an auction delivery point.

According to the release, KAMU will accept almost anything, from conventional to the highly imaginative, but it must be new (with exception of art and antiques) and should have a retail value of at least \$25.

Items donated for other public television auctions around the country have included boats and bathtubs, diamonds and diaper service, writers, toasters, televisions and trips, according to the release. Major gifts, those valued at \$200 or more or unique items with no other value, will receive special promotional treatment to enhance their desirability and to give special credit to donors, according to the release.

Within the next two to three weeks, members of the KAMU staff and volunteers from the "Friends of KAMU" will be visiting merchants throughout the Brazos Valley to discuss donations, or donors can contact Jean Wiesenburg at the station, 845-5611.

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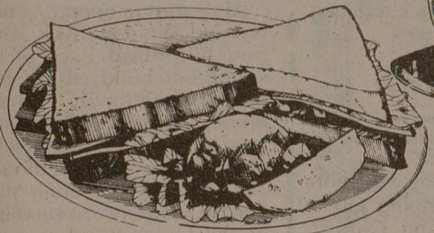
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