

33rd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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July 30, 2026

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX

All GIFTS will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000
in 2025-2026 by **James Avery Artisan Jewelry®**
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Ben and Aiden Gardner
Camper Ambassador Family for 2026

SPONSOR ONE OR MORE HOLES

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs, associations & corporations may sponsor a hole(s). All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized on signage and publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website: www.lionscamp.com. **Deadline to ensure recognition/publication is July 10, 2026.**

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

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James Avery Artisan Jewelry

provides \$50,000 Challenge Grant to honor children
with special medical conditions and their families.

— Named Title Sponsor for 33rd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament —

Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry® has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to honor and support children with special medical conditions and their families attending Summer Camp 2026. Every gift designated for the 33rd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. With this challenge, the company has been named the Title Sponsor for the 2026 Golf tournament.

John McCullough, CEO of James Avery Artisan Jewelry® noted, "James Avery is pleased to continue our partnership with Texas Lions Camp by offering this annual challenge grant program. We are proud to encourage donors across Texas to partner with us in supporting the beauty that Texas Lions Camp offers to children and their families through this unique and educational summer camp experience. Our founder, James Avery, believed 'giving is what it's all about.' We continue that philosophy today because of his commitment and because it is just the right thing to do. For seven decades, we have forged partnerships with charitable organizations that reflect our core values and enrich lives, which helps make our communities better places to live."

President & CEO, Stephen Mabry, shared, "For the past seven years, James Avery Artisan Jewelry® has been the cornerstone donor by contributing more than \$425,000 through a challenge grant program which has encouraged Lions across Texas and friends of TLC to help TLC raise more than \$1.6 million. The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament began more than 32 years ago and is a vital part of our annual program to raise funds to help children with disabilities, vision-hearing impairment, Down syndrome, cancer, and Type 1 diabetes attend Texas Lions Camp at no cost to their family."

Mabry added, "Funds raised are put to work each year helping Texas children attend Summer Camp at TLC. In Summer 2025, TLC provided a camp experience for a total of 1,169 campers and camper family members (892 campers/families, 47 campers for Camp David/Texas Burn Survivors, and 230 campers for Camp Discovery/children with cancer) and they originated from 100 counties or nearly 40% of the state's 254 counties."

About James Avery

James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company offering finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, bronze and gemstones. James Avery jewelry is designed in the Texas Hill Country, with more than 90 percent of our pieces crafted in Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with over 140 James Avery stores in seven states. Our jewelry is also available at [JamesAvery.com](https://www.jamesavery.com), at 284 Dillard's and Von Maur locations across 36 states, Dillards.com, and VonMaur.com. You can also find our designs at airport stores in Houston and Nashville.

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About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

Texas Lions Camp, Inc. provides, without charge, a camp for children who are physically disabled, have Down syndrome, cancer, or Type 1 diabetes from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin. The organization was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, the organization is recognized with a Four-Star rating by Charity Navigator and a Bronze Level Seal of Transparency from Candid.

More than 85,000 Texas children with special medical conditions have attended the program since TLC was founded more than 75 years ago in 1949. Through this mission, TLC's goal is to introduce children to the "Can Do" philosophy and position them to step into their calling with maximum personal growth and self-esteem.

To learn more about contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp, please visit www.lionscamp.com or phone 830-896-8500 for more information.





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July 30, 2026

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The 2026 Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador Family is the Gardner Family

Ben Gardner was born and raised in Kerrville, so he had always had some awareness of Texas Lions Camp simply because it has always been part of the community. He became more familiar with it after joining the Kerrville Host Lions Club, which gave him a deeper understanding of the camp's mission and impact.

Ben and his son, Aiden, have attended Family Camp for the last four years, and this upcoming summer will be their fifth year. Aiden is autistic, which can mean many different things, but for him it means he doesn't speak in full sentences or hold conversations in a typical way. He wants to be around others and participate in social gatherings but often doesn't quite know what that looks like. Anxiety and an intense need to know everything about a subject are pretty constant parts of their daily lives.

Because of those challenges, Ben wasn't sure whether a traditional summer camp experience would ever be possible for Aiden. Thanks to the structured and predictable environment at Texas Lions Camp, he is able to attend, interact with other kids, and truly experience summer camp — complete with s'mores, horseback riding, and all the things kids should get to enjoy.



Ben shared, "While nothing about our experience has been dramatically life-changing in a single moment, watching Aiden's continued growth in that environment has been incredibly meaningful." These kids progress at their own pace, and Ben always reminds people of that. The first year they attended, Aiden only completed the practice ropes structure. By the third year, there was a friend he wanted to impress, and that motivation helped him overcome his fear and anxiety. He climbed the pole, trembling and yelling down the whole time, made it to the top, and rode the zipline. When he landed, the first person he looked for was that friend, just to make sure they saw what he had accomplished.

Aiden truly loves everything about the camp, but his favorite activities include farm life—especially seeing the baby animals up close—and swimming, which he absolutely enjoys. As a family, one of their favorite memories is a "Family Feud"–style activity the camp hosted on opening night a few years ago. It was a lot of fun, and Aiden even surprised everyone with some of his answers.

The Kerrville Host Lions Club has had a significant impact on their lives. The members are always looking for ways to be more involved in the community and are generous with their time and labor. They genuinely want to make a difference, and it shows.

Over the years, Ben and Aiden have met so many incredible counselors at Texas Lions Camp. While they may not always remember every name from year to year, every counselor consistently shares the same amazing Lions Camp spirit. Everyone is inclusive and always goes out of their way to make sure families are having a great experience and getting the most out of their time at camp.

There are so many special memories that it's hard to choose just one — from Aiden conquering the ropes course, to drawing back a bow on his own for the first time last year, to countless other "firsts." Ben shared that his personal favorite memory, though, is the first time they participated in farm life. Aiden absolutely loved the baby goats, cows, pigs, and other animals. He petted them, booped their noses, and was completely immersed in the joy of the experience.