

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION

Convention Location

Cedar Creek Lodge
Columbia Falls, Montana

Convention Host Club

Columbia Falls Lions Club

Convention Dates

April 17–18, 2026

Registration

Registration will be in the
Ballroom Lobby of Cedar Creek Lodge.



Convention Rules and Protocol

This District Convention shall operate in accordance with:

1. The **Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International**
2. The **Multiple District 37 Constitution and By-Laws**
3. District 37 policies
4. **Robert's Rules of Order (Latest Edition)** where not otherwise specified.

The District Governor shall preside over all official sessions.

Delegate Credentials

Only certified delegates registered with the **Credentials Committee** are eligible to vote.

Each club in good standing is entitled to voting delegates as defined in Lions International governing documents.

Speaking Privileges

Delegates wishing to speak must:

1. Approach the microphone
2. Be recognized by the chair
3. State their name and Lions club

Speakers are limited to **two minutes** unless extended by the chair.

Motions and Debate

All motions must be:

- Properly moved
- Seconded
- Recognized by the chair

Debate shall follow **Robert's Rules of Order**.

Elections

- ✓ Officers to be elected:
 - District Governor
 - First Vice District Governor
 - Second Vice District Governor
- ✓ 2027 District Convention Location

Voting will occur during the designated voting period on Saturday, April 18 from 12-1pm in the Breakfast Room.

Ballots will be counted by the **Elections Committee**, and results will be announced during the Saturday afternoon session at approximately 3:15.

Convention Schedule of Events

Friday, April 17, 2026

Leadership Training

9:00 AM

General Club Officer Training

Cedar Creek Lodge

10:00 AM

Zone Chair Round Table

10:30 AM

Split-Off Officer Training

- Treasurer Training
- President Training
- Secretary Training

Registration

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Registration Opens

Ballroom Lobby

Tours

Transportation departs from **Ballroom Entrance**

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Lake McDonald Lodge Tour

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Northwest Montana History Museum Tour

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Remodeled Glacier International Airport Tour

Evening Social and Auction

“Montana Aloha Luau”

...Hawaiian Attire Suggested...

5:00 PM

No-Host Bar Opens

Silent Auction Begins

Grazing Table Opens

Music by **DLO Big Band**...dancing encouraged!

6:00 PM

Governor's Welcome

Governor Corinna Christensen

Sponsor Recognition

7:00 PM

Silent Auction Closes

Live Auction Begins

9:00 PM

Music by **DLO Big Band**...dancing encouraged!

10:00 **HOSPITALITY ROOM**

Hosted by **Past District Governors** in the Ballroom Lobby

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Registration

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration Opens

Ballroom Lobby

8:00 AM **Opening Session**

Welcome by Governor Corinna Christensen

Introduction of Vice District Governors

Introduction of Global Action Team

Introduction of Zone Chairs

Invocation

Flag Presentation:

Columbia Falls American Legion Post 72

National Anthems: Performed by **Craig Blair**

In respect to the ceremonial nature of the National Anthems, we kindly ask that guests please rise and refrain from singing a long as our soloist presents the anthems. Your attention and respectful silence are appreciated as we honor this tradition.

Welcome: Columbia Falls Mayor Don Barnhart

Convention Rules and Protocol

Featured Presentations:

Miss Montana – **Haley Joy Tate**

Miss Teen Montana – **Marygrace Knuffke**

Hosted by **Lion Gene Hill**

Leader Dog Program: Jess VandenBoom

Manager of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement

Break

10:30 **Convention Business**

Business Overview: District Governor Corinna

Marketing Plan: Wendt Marketing

Nomination of Officers

- District Governor
- First Vice District Governor
- Second Vice District Governor

2027 Convention Site Presentations

2026 Leadership Retreat: PDG Mike Collins

Memorial Service: Presented by

VDG Jon Kimble & 2VDG Gary Lewis

12:00PM – 1:00 PM **Lunch and Voting**

Lunch – Ballroom

Voting – Breakfast Room

...remember that your Lions Membership Card is required to vote!

Afternoon Sessions

1:00 **Speed Learning**

Speed Learning is a fast-paced, interactive session where participants rotate through a series of short presentations or discussion stations, each focused on a different Lions topic. In just a few minutes at each stop, you'll gain quick insights, share ideas, and learn practical tips from fellow Lions.

This dynamic format encourages engagement, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas—allowing you to walk away with a wide range of knowledge in a short amount of time.

2:15 **Break**

2:30 **Parade of Green**

During the *Parade of Green*, each participating member is invited to proudly announce their **Club Name** and **Charity of Choice**.

To ensure an inclusive and celebratory experience for all, we kindly ask that **donation amounts are not announced**.

This allows clubs of all sizes to share in the pride of giving without comparison.

Every act of service and every contribution is valued and appreciated.

Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

- Presentation
- Side-by-Side Raffle Drawing

Columbia Falls Lions Gift Card Raffle

Voting Results

Parade of Green Results

Lions Service and Aloha Spirit

Open Conversation with **PID Deb Weaverling**

4:30 Break

Convention Banquet

“Montana Formal Attire” Suggested...Dress up as nice as you wish...no judgement.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Social Hour** – No Host Bar

6:20 PM: **50/50 Drawing**

Proceeds Benefit the Montana Leos

6:25 PM **Banquet Welcome**

by Governor Corinna Christensen

6:30 PM Banquet Dinner Served

7:30 PM **Keynote Address**

Past International Director Weaverling

Governor’s Response: DG Corinna

Awards

Official Thank You

Close of Convention

HOSPITALITY ROOM

Hosted by **Past District Governors** in the Ballroom Lobby immediately following the official Close of Convention

Sunday, April 19, 2026...all meetings in the Cedar Creek Lodge Ballroom

8:00 **PlusOptics Community Engagement Workshop**...led by **Lion Cory Sena** and **Lion Dave Falcon**

9:00 **District Cabinet Meeting**

12:00 **Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Meeting**

The Convention Agenda is Subject to Updates