

District 24-D Traveling Leo Contest

July 1st 2017 – April 30th 2018

I. Purpose: To encourage visitation among clubs of District 24-D, fostering a spirit of friendship, fellowship, understanding, and sharing, which leads to club strengthening and improved service to those in need.

II. Rules: The traveling Leo Award will be a District Governor's award given to each club that completes the requirements listed below.

- A. Minimum number of clubs to be visited
 - 1. All clubs must visit at least four (4) clubs to qualify for the Traveling Leo patch.
 - 2. Clubs in Zone A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H must visit at least three (4) clubs. Three (3) visits are required in different zones outside the club's zone and one (1) visit within the club's zone to qualify.
 - 3. Clubs in Zone I must visit at least four (4) clubs with two (2) of those visits being to clubs outside of Zone I.
- B. Minimum number of Lions required to make a Traveling Leo visit:
 - 1. For Clubs that have a membership of twenty-five (25) or fewer members as of June 2017 MMR, a minimum of three (3) Lions are required to make a traveling Leo visit.
 - 2. For Clubs that have a membership of twenty-six (26) or more members as of June 2017 MMR, a minimum of four (4) Lions are required to make a traveling Leo visit.
- C. The traveling Leo Trophy will be awarded to the club which accumulates the most combination of points earned.
- D. Traveling Leo Points.
 - 1. Ten points for each club visited.
 - 2. Two points for each club visited over the Bay Bridge Tunnel.
 - 3. One point for crossing tolled bridges or roads.
 - 4. One point for each mile traveled.
 - 5. One point for each trip in excess of 50 miles from the visiting clubs meeting location to the visited clubs meeting location.
 - 6. One point for one (1) additional Lion only beyond the minimum requirement going on the visit.
- E. MapQuest is the one source guide to determine mileage for obtaining points for miles traveled. Mileage for all trips will be calculated using MapQuest with shortest time as the default setting.
- F. Credit will be earned only once for visiting an individual club during the contest period.
- G. Clubs may be visited at Regular Meetings, Charter Nights and other Social Events.

- H. Visits must be coordinated with the clubs President or Secretary at least 48 hours prior to visit, but initial contact a week out is recommended to facilitate caterers and reduce potential conflicts. A final coordination cutoff date between clubs can be negotiated.
- I. To complete a visit, visiting Lions must be present at the time the bell is rung to begin the regular meeting and must remain until the meeting is adjourned.
- J. Traffic back-ups at bridges, tunnels, and on major highways will be judged on an individual basis by the Host Club President.

III. Rules of Conduct:

- A. The Lions code of ethics shall be followed and the club & /or personal equipment of the clubs shall be respected at all times.
- B. No “special fees” shall be imposed on the traveling Leo club beyond the usual fines, which may be assessed against all present.
- C. Cost of meals to the traveling Leo Club shall be no more that the cost of the meal to the host club members.
- D. Visiting Lions are encouraged to be seated next to host club Lion or a Lion from another visiting club. No visiting club should be seated as a group among themselves.

IV. Responsibility of the Traveling Leo Club:

- A. Contact the visiting club Secretary or President at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting and receive agreement to visit at that time and date.
- B. Have at least the minimum number of Lions required for a Traveling Leo visit present for the entire meeting. (See II. Rules, paragraph B.)
- C. Ensure that all traveling Lions pay for their meals at the time of visiting (no charging).
- D. Bring the completed the Traveling Leo Visit form at the time of the visit. It is the responsibility of the traveling club to have a form with them. Send a copy of the form within two (2) weeks of the visit to the Traveling Leo Chairperson as identified in District Directory. (Lion Bambi Martin at lionbambi.martin@gmail.com)

V. Responsibility of Visited Club:

- A. Agree, whenever possible within the listed rules, to the request for a Traveling Leo Visit.
- B. Certify the visit and the listed number of Lions on the Traveling Leo form.
- C. Assist in any seating arrangements to allow for the mingling of the host and visiting club Lions.

VI. Award:

- A. The winning club will receive the Traveling Leo Trophy to display for one year and a check from the Traveling Leo Sponsor, Wards Corner Lions Club. The Trophy will be presented during the annual District Meeting in June 2018. The check from the Wards Corner Lions Club will be sent to the club secretary with instructions on its use. Engraving the trophy is the responsibility of the winning club.

- B. The Wards Corner Lions Club sponsors the Traveling Leo Contest and awards a check to the winning club. Their rules and requirements for the use of the fund will circumvent any policy stated in this letter. Funds awarded to the winning club must be used for 501(c)(3) charities. Funds cannot be used to reimburse travelers; pay for meals, gas, oil, or tolls; or any other non-charity expense not previously approved by the Wards Corner Lions Club.

VII. Controversy: Controversies will be resolved promptly by the Traveling Leo Chairperson in consultation with the District Governor.

SAFE TRAVELS AND ENJOY!

DG Beth Stevens