



2004 ANNUAL REPORT

*Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Inc.
Located within the
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest*

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp

A "Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity" for Many Students

Written by Tom Snoddy, Virginia Department of Forestry Area Forester in Spotsylvania County and first-time camp counselor



The "Maples" take a break in between Arborist activities.

Camp has come and gone for the 58th time, and before the campers have all left, many of the counselors are asking each other "Will I see you here next year?" It's hard to say who had more fun at camp this year, the campers or the staff.

Although the forestry and natural resource classes were taught at a high school level, I found that I learned something new every day. The campers were exposed to a wide variety of topics in various nooks and crannies of a vast forest. All students learned about wildlife, reforestation, timber harvesting, forest ecology, forest management, dendrology, tree improvement, environmental protection and forest measurements. Quizzes and tests kept the students striving to do their best.

The teens were also offered a wide variety of outdoor recreation exploratory courses, ranging from the use of GPS units and aerial photographs to skeet shooting. Many students experienced these activities for the first time in their lives.

Sports were a highlight of the week, in particular the softball and volleyball competitions. Horseshoes were available, as well as a very nice pool, soccer, ping-pong, tennis and a game I had never heard of before- 'gua-gua' (pronounced gaa-gaa). I was very impressed with the sportsmanlike conduct of all the participants.

Each evening, the entire camp gathered for 'Reflections'- a few moments of silent time to collect our thoughts, followed by encouraging words or observations about the beauty of our environment. It was a peaceful break built in to a busy schedule.

A number of guest speakers gave presentations each night. One of the most memorable demonstrations was the rocket nets used to capture wild turkeys for wildlife research. On another evening, the camp watched Virginia Department of Forestry employees Mike Armstrong and his bloodhound, Levi, track a camp counselor to his hiding spot. Probably the most entertaining presentation was prepared by the campers themselves: the camp talent show. The students displayed quite a bit of talent after just a short period of time to prepare. A young

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A "Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity" for Many Students (continued)

harmonica player from Front Royal won the show, although he had some very tough competition. Other contestants included singers, instrumentalists and Vaudeville-style performers. We were even entertained by a pair of twin young ladies visiting our camp. They performed a song written for their recent kindergarten graduation.

Eighty-five students from 36 counties in Virginia attended camp this year, including 23 female students. Awards were given to the top 10 academic performers, with prizes consisting of flashlights, sleeping bags and other outdoor gear. This year's top academic performer was Allison Carlstrom from Stafford County, who walked away with a \$100 Savings Bond and some other nice gifts for her efforts.

As much as we all like to see students do well academically, it was equally rewarding to watch the students interact with each other throughout the week and exhibit qualities that are difficult to measure with tests. The entire camp staff was encouraged by the determination, drive, spirit, compassion, teamwork, responsibility, and good attitude displayed by the campers. It isn't easy to put our lives on hold for a week to stay in cabins without air conditioning and work the long camp days. But watching the campers leave with a better understanding of Virginia's forests and a trunk full of happy memories is indeed a rewarding experience.

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp is coordinated by the Virginia Department of Forestry and Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center with support from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources, Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, forest industries, conservation agencies and organizations, and individual forest stewards committed to youth conservation education.



Mike Hayslett, natural resource education coordinator at the 4-H Center, shared very special Nature Moments before lunch each day.



Campers search for aquatic life in a local creek during the Save Our Streams exploratory course.



The crosscut saw is one of several traditional forestry tools used during the Lumberjack Field Day.

2004 CAMP STAFF

CAMP DIRECTOR

Denny McCarthy - VDOF - Salem Region

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

Alan Craft - VDOF - Alleghany County

Gale Washburn - VDOF - Lunenburg County

CAMP REGISTRAR

Becky Woodson - VDOF - Charlottesville

Sue Tennant - VDOF - Farmville

Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)



Students learn which types of trees will be harvested in a series of commercial thinnings.

INSTRUCTORS

Environmental Protection	Karen Stanley – VDOF – Rockbridge County
Reproducing the Forest	Heather Sneade – VDOF – Dinwiddie County
Tree Identification, Insects, Disease	Amy Bigger – Smurfit-Stone Corporation – Keysville
Forest Measurements	Randy Ogle – Smurfit-Stone Corporation – Powhatan
Timber Harvesting	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Consulting Forester – Nelson County
.....	Terry Brennan – VDOF – Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest
Wildlife Management	Laura Polant – VDOF – Floyd County
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt	Paul Reier – VDOF – New Kent Forestry Center
Forest Ecology	Ward Robens – Dabney-Lancaster Community College
Forest Management	Pat Murphy – VDOF – Prince Edward County
Save Our Streams	Mike Hayslett – Holiday Lake Natural Resource Education Coordinator
Canoeing	Becca Barnett – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Skeet Shooting	Thomas Woodson and Antwan Rose, Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Archery	Aaron LaFleur, Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Climbing Tower	Chance Holder, Holiday Lake 4-H Center
High Ropes Initiative	Jason Piatt, Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment	Alex Williamson – VDOF – Halifax
.....	Mike Womack – VDOF – Appomattox–Buckingham State Forest
.....	Hal Myers – VDOF – Amherst County
Wilderness Survival	Sgt. Charles Horton – Virginia Army National Guard
Fly Fishing	Dan Genest and Billy Pearsal– Dominion Virginia Power
Map and Compass	Sgt. Charles Horton – Virginia Army National Guard
GPS Mapping/Aerial Photo	Michael LaChance – 4-H Nelson County Cooperative Extension
PLT Educator Training	Lisa Deaton – VDOF – Project Learning Tree State Coordinator
Urban Forestry Arborist Demonstration ..	Alan Jones – Bartlett Tree Experts
Lumberjack Field Day	Gale Washburn – VDOF – Lunenburg County
Bloodhound Tracking Team	Mike Armstrong and Levi – VDOF - Rockingham County
Rocket Net Demonstration	Gary Norman – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
.....	David Coffman – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Wildlife Calling Contest	David Coffman – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Game Warden Duties	Sgt. Bill Kidd – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Bear Research	Mark Puckett – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

COUNSELORS

Carrie Bellmore – Dabney-Lancaster Comm. Coll.
 Laura Polant – VDOF – Floyd County
 Karen Stanley – VDOF – Rockbridge County
 Debbie Howe – VDOF – Charlottesville
 Heather Snead – VDOF – Dinwiddie County
 Melissa Hooper – Virginia Tech Grad Student
 Carl Belew – VDOF – Charlottesville
 Todd Kready – VDOF - Henry County
 Scott Siebert – VDOF – Cumberland State Forest
 R. J. Garman – VDOF, retired

Will Shoup – VDOF – Lancaster/Northumberland
 Randy Short – VDOF – Scott County
 John Willoughby – VDOF – Louisa County
 Tom Snoddy – VDOF – Spotsylvania County
 David Groves – VDOF – HEARTH Homeschool
 Hylton Haynes – VDOF – Nottoway County
 Bill Macintosh – Mountain Castles SWCD
 Scott Detar – Georgia-Pacific Corporation
 Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools

2004 HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP SPONSORS

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Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Appomattox River	Monacan
Blue Ridge	Mountain
Culpeper	Mountain Castles
Halifax	Natural Bridge
Hanover	Peaks of Otter
Headwaters	Peter Francisco
Henricopolis	Piedmont
Holston River	Shenandoah Valley
J.R. Horsley	Tazewell
James River	Three Rivers
John Marshall	
Lake Country	

Budget Summary

The 2004 Camp cost \$250 per camper for meals, lodging and all other camp expenses. Campers paid a \$55 registration fee, and all 85 campers received a full scholarship for the remaining costs. There were 62 male and 23 female students this year. The 46 staff members served as "in-kind" contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time. The staff represented 16 organizations.

EXPENSES	
4-H Education Center	
Food and Facilities	\$14,845
Vans	\$250
Program Staff Fees	\$1,300
Administrative Fees	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$16,895
Camper and Staff T-shirts	\$1,273
Appomattox School Buses	\$450
Camper Notebook Printing	\$616
Academic Awards	\$461
Promotional Materials	\$1,532
SUBTOTAL	\$4,332
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,227

PERCENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BY CONTRIBUTOR CATEGORY		
12 Forest Industries	35%	\$5,800
3 Consulting Foresters	2%	\$300
4 Agencies	12%	\$2,077
10 Association and Individuals	32%	\$5,225
21 Soil & Water Conservation Districts	19%	\$3,150
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$16,552

REVENUE	
Sponsor Scholarships (detail above)	\$16,552
Student Registration Fee	
85 Students X \$55	\$4,675
TOTAL REVENUE	\$21,227



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NOMINATION FORM

59th Holiday Lake Forestry Camp

June 20 - 25, 2005

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Students must first be nominated to attend Forestry Camp. Acceptance is based on information submitted on this form. Prospective campers should have a desire to explore and experience activities in forestry and wildlife-related careers, or have a special interest in hands-on learning about natural resource conservation. Nominations are accepted from teachers, forestry and wildlife professionals, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, 4-H and Scout leaders, sponsor organizations, etc.

NOTE: Previous attendees are not eligible. Nominees must be 13-16 years of age.

A registration form and detailed camp information will be mailed to all nominees upon acceptance by MAY 13. All campers are awarded a \$200 scholarship to defray some of the cost of attending Camp. Campers need pay only a \$55 registration fee to confirm their attendance. The \$55 Registration Fee is due with return of the completed REGISTRATION FORM in May.

For more information and access to our NEW on-line nomination form, visit our Web site at:
www.dof.virginia.gov/coned/hol-lake-camp.shtml

Or, mail nominations to:
Virginia Department of Forestry, Attn: Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, 900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Questions? Contact Lisa Deaton at (804)328-3031 or lisa.deaton@dof.virginia.gov

DEADLINE: Nominations must be received by APRIL 22, 2005
(Please Print Legibly or Type)

Student Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Grade:** _____
(last name) (first name) (MI)

Address: _____
(mailing address) (city) (state) (zip code)

Phone No.: _____ **Student or Parent Email:** _____

School: _____ **Located In (county/city):** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINATOR (Please check one for each category to the best of your knowledge.)

Attitude: Fair Good Excellent
Scholastic Standing: Fair Good Excellent
Interest in Forestry, Wildlife or related Conservation Activities: Fair Good Excellent

JUSTIFICATION FOR NOMINATION (Person nominating must give *brief* written justification of why he / she feels the student will benefit from and contribute to the Camp and state why the student wants to attend. *Check or list other activities that demonstrate interest and qualifications.*)

4-H FFA Scouting Envirothon Ecology Club Jakes Sports

Other Activities: _____

Qualifications / Justification: _____

Nominated By: Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Organization, Company, School, etc.: _____ **Phone No.:** _____

Address: _____
(mailing address) (city) (state) (zip code)

Email: _____



59th ANNUAL FORESTRY CAMP

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Introducing... Forestry Camp

For almost 60 years, Holiday Lake Forestry Camp has introduced young Virginians to the knowledge and skills needed for managing the forest resources we use and enjoy every day. Administered by the Virginia Department of Forestry in cooperation with natural resource conservation agencies and organizations, the Camp is designed for students who:

- ▲ Want to explore and experience activities in forestry and wildlife-related careers
- ▲ Participate in forestry and wildlife judging teams, Envirothon competitions, or ecology clubs
- ▲ Have a special interest in hands on learning about natural resource conservation

Camp is held at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center located within the 20,000-acre Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. This working forest provides a vast outdoor classroom for interactive learning. Classes are taught in the woods by professional foresters, wildlife biologists and conservation resource specialists. Courses include:

- ▲ Sustainable Forest Management Practices
- ▲ Timber Harvesting and Reforestation
- ▲ Tree Measurements
- ▲ Environmental Protection
- ▲ Wildlife Management and Habitat Improvement
- ▲ Tree Identification

Field trips are taken to an active logging operation, arborist training, and a modern paper mill. Exploratory classes are offered in ecology, forest fire equipment and tactics, wilderness survival, canoeing, skeet marksmanship, and high ropes initiatives. Evening programs feature presentations by area game wardens, wildlife researchers, and forest firefighters. A LUMBERJACK FIELD DAY provides group competition in crosscut sawing, log-rolling and other traditional outdoor skills contests. Recreation and athletics are led by a qualified director and Red Cross lifeguards. Included are swimming, softball, volleyball and horseshoe pitching.

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Scholarships are available for educators to participate in Camp classes and activities. Teachers will also receive training in the Project Learning Tree curriculum and 40 hours of re-certification points.

Scholarships Provided

The Camp is financed through contributions from forest industries, conservation agencies and associations, and individual sponsors committed to educating tomorrow's young leaders.

Campers are selected from nominations made by teachers, forestry and wildlife professionals, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, 4-H and Scout Leaders and partner sponsoring organizations.

All students selected to attend Camp are awarded a \$200 scholarship to defray some of the cost (such as food, facilities and activity materials) of attending Camp. Campers pay a \$55 registration fee to confirm their attendance and acceptance of the scholarship.

Criteria for nomination and matching scholarship:

- ▲ an interest in forestry, wildlife or related conservation activities
- ▲ potential for benefiting from the Camp
- ▲ age 13-16
- ▲ good academic standing
- ▲ Previous attendees are *not eligible*

Nomination forms and other Camp information may be obtained on our Web site:

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ATTN: Holiday Lake Forestry Camp
900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800
Charlottesville, VA 22903

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
APRIL 22, 2005.**

Selection and notification of all nominees are completed by
MAY 13, 2005.

Questions? Call (804) 328-3031

OR

Email lisa.deaton@dof.virginia.gov

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp programs are open to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability. EEO/AA 1/18/2005