2007 Highlights

The 61st annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp was another fun-filled, learning-packed success. Ninety campers from 47 counties joined us this year, representing a 38 percent increase over 2006. The core classes were tree identification, forest measurements, timber harvesting, wildlife management, tree improvement, forest ecology, forest management, environmental protection, and reproducing the forest. Other experiences included a field trip to Greif Brothers’ paper mill, an afternoon of arboriculture demonstrations, exploratory classes, sports and Lumberjack competitions, and special evening programs. By the time the campers have gazed down into a vat of wood pulp, hung from a tree in rope gear, and used a fire rake on a real prescribed burn, they surely have a new perspective on trees and forestry!

Comments on camper evaluations indicated that most campers significantly improved their knowledge of forestry and other natural resource subjects. Many were surprised to learn that forests can be managed and still benefit a healthy environment. The campers took home excellent resource materials and were encouraged to share their new skills with others. The top 10 campers (as scored academically throughout the week) received awards of outdoor recreation supplies. The top-scoring camper, Ethan Osborne from Grayson County, also received a $100 savings bond for his efforts.

Four teachers, representing elementary through college instructors, also attended forestry camp for professional development this year. In addition to all of the camp classes, they attended Project Learning Tree sessions each afternoon. They were extremely pleased to have learned so much that they could use with their students.

This year’s program featured, for the first time, a Forestry Field Day for campers’ parents. Twenty-five parents experienced short versions of tree identification and forest measurement classes and toured Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest to see forest management in action. They took home information to use on their own property and to share with neighbors.
“Before, I thought that forestry was boring. I was wrong.”

“Parents tour the State Forest”

“I am considering being a forester now.”

“I learned how much foresters care about the environment.”

“Bow saw competition”

“We made learning fun…by teaching us in a hands-on forest environment.”

“Increment boring is never boring!”

“Just hangin’ around”
2007 CAMP STAFF

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS
Drew Arn – VDOF, Pittsylvania County
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Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County
Denny McCarthy – VDOF, Region 5

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Becky Woodson – VDOF, Charlottesville

CAMP MEDIC
Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula

4-H CENTER LIAISON
Nate Mahanes – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

CAMP COORDINATOR
Ellen Powell – VDOF, Charlottesville

Instructors

Environmental Protection............................ Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Reproducing the Forest............................. Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
Tree Identification .................................. Amy Bigger – Smurfit-Stone Corporation, Keysville
Forest Measurements ............................... Randy Ogle – Smurfit-Stone Corporation, Powhatan
Timber Harvesting .................................. Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Wildlife Management ................................ Terry Brennen – VDOF, Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt............. Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
Forest Ecology and Management ............. Patti Nylander – VDOF, Augusta County
Project Learning Tree............................... Ellen Powell – VDOF, Charlottesville
Skeet Shooting ........................................ Elizabeth Smith – Tazewell County Public Schools
Archery .................................................... Mike Christian – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Wilderness Survival ................................. Dirk Hillegass – VDOF, Pittsylvania County
Low Ropes Initiatives .............................. Chris Fields-Johnson – VDOF Intern, Region 3
Canoeing ................................................. Jennifer Lane – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
GPS & Aerial Photo ................................. Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Map and Compass .................................... Shannon Lewis – VDOF, Halifax County
Stream Analysis ....................................... Leticia Villareal – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment ............... Alex Williamson – VDOF, Halifax County

Program Presenters

Arborist Demonstration.......................... Bartlett Tree Experts (Alan Jones and staff), Charlottesville
Lumberjack Field Day ............................. Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County
Bloodhound Tracking Team ....................... William Neff & Roxy – VDOF, Lee County
Game Warden Presentation ..................... Richard Howald – VDGIF, Appomattox
Paper Mill Tour ...................................... Marvin Tinsley – Greif-Riverville LLC

Counselors

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Todd Kready – VDOF, Bedford County
Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
Shannon Lewis – VDOF, Halifax County
Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools

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Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Patti Nylander – VDOF, Augusta County
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Hanover County
Jon Pine – VDOF, Culpeper County
Brian Schneider – VDOF, King William County
Adam Smith – VDOF, Campbell County
Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County
Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Elizabeth Smith – Tazewell County Public Schools
Brad Wireman – VDOF, Middlesex County
John Wright – VDOF, Bath and Highland counties

“We have learned many new things dealing with the importance of the forest industry and, I'm sure, a new respect for it.”
2007 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp Sponsors

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions and services of the many groups and individuals whose generous support makes Holiday Lake Forestry Camp possible. Donations to the scholarship program allow campers to attend at a minimal personal cost. The 50 staff members and presenters served as “in kind” contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

Agencies
Virginia Department of Forestry
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
Virginia Department of Military Affairs

Business & Industry
Amelia Lumber Company
Aylor Forestry
Bartlett Tree Experts
C & L Logging
EnviroFor LLC
Forest Resources Management
Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company
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Henrico County Farm Bureau
Huber Engineered Woods
Lindsay Hardwoods
MeadWestvaco Corporation
Morgan Lumber Company
South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
Virginia Farm Bureau
Weyerhaeuser

Organizations & Individuals
Association of Consulting Foresters
Ned Cain
Charlottesville Area Community Foundation - Ballyshannon Fund
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Float Fishermen of Virginia - Randy Carter Chapter
Powhatan Junior Woman’s Club
Quality Deer Management Association – Shenandoah Chapter
Society of American Foresters – Robert E. Lee Chapter
Society of American Foresters – Skyline Chapter
Virginia Forest Products Association
Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative
State Implementation Committee
Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
Virginia Tree Farm Committee

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Blue Ridge SWCD
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Henricopolis SWCD
Holston River SWCD
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Lake Country SWCD
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Loudown SWCD
Mountain SWCD
Mountain Castles SWCD
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Pittsylvania SWCD
Robert E. Lee SWCD
Shenandoah Valley SWCD
Tazewell SWCD
Thomas Jefferson SWCD
Three Rivers SWCD
Tidewater SWCD

Budget Summary

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* Remaining funds will be used for 2008 camp promotion, supplies and equipment.

2008 Forestry Camp

The 2008 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 16-21. The camp is open to any boy or girl aged 13 to 16 who has an interest in natural resources and who has not attended before. The nomination process will begin in January. For more information and on-line nomination, visit www.dof.virginia.gov/edu/camp.shtml