2008 Highlights

Can you read a Biltmore stick, use a planting bar, or tell the difference between northern and southern red oaks? After a week at the 62nd annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, 78 Virginia students can! This year’s campers represented 42 Virginia counties and cities. Their 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, and sports and Lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured forest products, wildlife research and law enforcement, and even a talent show. By week’s end, the campers had attained not only new knowledge, skills and friends, but also an excellent introduction to diverse career fields in natural resources.

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 ten campers (as scored academically throughout the week) received awards of outdoor recreation supplies. The top-scoring camper, Sarah Collie from Washington County, also received a $100 savings bond for her efforts.

Five educators, representing elementary, middle school and non-formal programs, 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 included 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.

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 61 staff members and presenters served as “in kind” contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

For more information, please contact:

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What Do We Do At Camp...

we do it ALL!

Fly fishing

Emergency shelter building

Wood identification

Cross-cut saw competition

Engine operations

Arborist tree climbing

Canoeing

Fire suppression
2008 CAMP STAFF

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS
Drew Arnn – VDOF, Pittsylvania County
Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County

CAMP COORDINATOR
Ellen Powell – VDOF, Charlottesville

CAMP REGISTRAR
Becky Woodson – VDOF, Charlottesville

Instructors

Environmental Protection............................ Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Reproducing the Forest............................... Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
Tree Identification................................. Heather Dowling – VDOF, Dinwiddie County
Forest Measurements.............................. Amy Bigger – Smurfit-Stone Corporation, Keysville
Timber Harvesting.................................. Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Wildlife Management.............................. John Wright – VDOF, Bath and Highland counties
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt.............. Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
Forest Ecology and Management................ Erik Filep – VDOF, Orange County
Project Learning Tree............................. Ellen Powell – VDOF, Charlottesville; Becky Reiff – Hollins University
Skeet Shooting...................................... Ned Cain, Art Kasson, Ali Gerstenmaier and Frances Schmidt – Volunteers
Archery ............................................. Anthony Jackson – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Wilderness Survival............................... Beth Doty – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Canoeing............................................ John Lewis – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
GPS & Aerial Photo................................. Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Map and Compass.................................. Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Stream Analysis.................................... Tamara Arrington – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment................ Alex Williamson – VDOF, Halifax County; Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests
Furbearers and Wildlife Damage Control...... Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County

Program Presenters

Urban Forestry/Arborist Demonstration .... Bartlett Tree Experts; Davey Tree Experts
Bear Research....................................... Cale Godfrey – VDGIF, Farmville
Lumberjack Field Day............................... Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County
Bloodhound Tracking Team...................... Brad Whittington & Summer – VDOF, Mecklenburg County
Forest Products...................................... Charlie Becker – VDOF, Charlottesville; Pat Murphy – VDOF, Prince Edward County
Conservation Police................................ Chuck Stanley – Sawmill Owner, Cumberland County
Paper Mill Tour.................................... Marvin Tinsley – Greif-Riverville LLC
Remarkable Trees of Virginia.................... Jeff Kirwan, Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources

Counselors

Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County
Carl Belew – VDOF, Charlottesville
Chris Clayton – VDOF, Culpeper County
Ryne Conley – VDOF, Louisa County
Adam Cumpston – VDOF, Russell County
Heather Dowling – VDOF, Dinwiddie County
Erik Filep – VDOF, Orange County
Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Dirk Hillegass – VDOF, Pittsylvania County
Todd Kready – VDOF, Bedford County
Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools

John Murphey – VDOF part-time, Prince William County
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Zach Olinger – VDOF, Matthews State Forest
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Hanover County
Michelle Quesenberry – VDOF, Buchanan County
Randy Short – VDOF, Russell and Scott counties
Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County
Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Hilary Vild – Christopher Newport University
Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Public Schools
John Wright – VDOF, Bath and Highland counties

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### Agencies & Institutions
- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Department of Military Affairs
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources

### Business & Industry
- Aylor Forestry
- Bartlett Tree Experts
- C & L Logging
- Davey Tree Experts
- Domtar Paper Company
- EnviroFor LLC
- Forest Resources Management
- Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company
- Greif - Riverville LLC
- Henrico County Farm Bureau
- Huber Engineered Woods
- Lindsay Hardwoods
- MeadWestvaco Corporation
- Morgan Lumber Company
- Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
- Virginia Farm Bureau

### Organizations & Individuals
- Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- Bealeton-Remington Ruritan Club
- Float Fishermen of Virginia - Randy Carter Chapter
- Joyce and Steve Jost
- Powhatan Junior Woman’s Club
- Society of American Foresters – Robert E. Lee Chapter
- Society of American Foresters – Skyline Chapter
- Chuck Stanley
- Virginia Association of Consulting Foresters
- Virginia Forest Products Association
- Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
- Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
- Virginia Tree Farm Committee

### Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Appomattox River SWCD
- Blue Ridge SWCD
- Chowan Basin SWCD
- Halifax SWCD
- Henricopolis SWCD
- James River SWCD
- Loudoun SWCD
- Monacan SWCD
- Mountain SWCD
- Mountain Castles SWCD
- Natural Bridge SWCD
- Peaks of Otter SWCD
- Pittsylvania SWCD
- Robert E. Lee SWCD
- Shenandoah Valley SWCD
- Tazewell SWCD
- Thomas Jefferson SWCD
- Three Rivers SWCD
- Tidewater SWCD

*Remaining funds will be used for 2009 camp promotion.

## Budget Summary

**Income**
- Forest Industry/Business (11) .................. $3,050
- Soil & Water Conservation Districts (19) .......... $4,300
- Foundations, Associations, Organizations & Individuals (13) .......... $12,105
- Virginia Department of Forestry .................... $1,333
- Camper Registration Fees .......................... $4,680
**TOTAL INCOME** ................................. $25,468*

**Expenses**
- 4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facilities, Administrative) .................. $19,783
- Transportation ........................................ $800
- Notebooks, Nametags, T-shirts, Other Supplies .................. $1,913
- Academic Awards ..................................... $532
- Annual Report/Publicity ................................ $2,024
**TOTAL EXPENSES** .............................. $25,052*

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### 2009 Forestry Camp

The 2009 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 15-20. The camp is open to any Virginia girl or boy 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.

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"I can teach younger people what I learned here."