**2009 Highlights**

Have you ever scaled an oak tree using only a harness and rope? Can you calculate the value of timber in a pine tree? Do you know how to identify the trees that provide food for wildlife? After a week at the 63rd annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, 80 Virginia students can answer all of these questions with a resounding “YES!” 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 Packaging’s paper mill, an afternoon of arboriculture demonstrations, exploratory classes, 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 not only attained 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 properly managed forests are actually a benefit to 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. This year’s top-scoring camper was Daniel Nadkarni from Albemarle County.

Four educators, representing high school and non-formal education programs, also attended forestry camp for professional development this year. In addition to all of the camp classes, they attended Project Learning Tree training 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. Participating 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 45 staff members and presenters served as “in kind” contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

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For more information, please contact:

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“Forestry Camp was amazing. I learned so much, and I got to do so many things that I have never had the chance to do.” – Brittany C.
2009 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

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

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER
Janet Muncy – VDOF, Charlottesville

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

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 and Wayne Harris – Smurfit-Stone Corporation, Powhatan
Timber Harvesting................................... Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Wildlife Management................................ Nelson Lafon – VDGIF, Verona
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt................ Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
Forest Ecology and Management.................. Erik Filep – VDOF, Orange County
............................................................ Todd Kready – VDOF, Bedford County
Project Learning Tree................................ Lisa Deaton – VDOF, Virginia Forest Education Center, Providence Forge
............................................................. Becky Reiff – Hollins University
Skeet Shooting....................................... Dave Sandman – NRCS
Archery ................................................. Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Wilderness Survival................................... Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Canoeing ............................................... Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Riflery Basics ........................................ Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Low Ropes Initiatives................................. Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
GPS and 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; Adam Smith – VDOF, Campbell County
............................................................. Dave Houttekier – VDOF, Caroline County
Furbearers and Wildlife Damage Control ...... Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County
Reptiles and Amphibians............................. Tamara Arrington – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

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 and Summer – VDOF, Mecklenburg County
Forest Products ....................................... Charlie Becker – VDOF, Charlottesville; Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
............................................................ Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools; Jason Fisher – Virginia Cooperative Ext.
Conservation Police ................................. Richard Howald – VDGIF, Appomattox
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
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Andrew Brown – VDOF, Halifax County
Chris Clayton – VDOF, Culpeper County
Adam Cumpston – VDOF, Russell County
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Justin Funk – VDOF, Cumberland County
R.J. Garman – VDOF Retiree/Volunteer
Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Debbie Howe – VDOF, Charlottesville
Todd Kready – VDOF, Bedford County
Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Hanover County
Adam Smith – VDOF, Campbell County
Elizabeth Smith – Tazewell County Schools
Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County
Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Hilary Vild – Christopher Newport University
Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Public Schools

“Thank you for sponsoring a camp that helps young people develop informed opinions about the environment.” – Zack H.

“I had a mind changing experience that I never thought I would agree with.” – Chelsea F.
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### Agencies & Institutions
- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Department of Military Affairs
- Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources
- Natural Resource Conservation Service

### Business & Industry
- Amherst County Farm Bureau
- Aylor Forestry
- Bartlett Tree Experts
- C & L Logging
- Davey Tree Experts
- Domtar Paper Company
- EnviroFor LLC
- Forest Resources Management
- Greif Packaging LLC
- Huber Engineered Woods
- Morgan Lumber Company
- Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
- South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
- Three Rivers Forestry

### Organizations & Individuals
- Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- Powhatan Junior Woman's Club
- Randy Carter Chapter of Float Fishermen of Virginia
- Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock Chapter
- Society of American Foresters – Robert E. Lee Chapter
- Society of American Foresters – Skyline Chapter
- Virginia Association of Consulting Foresters
- Virginia Forest Products Association
- Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- State Implementation Committee
- Virginia Farm Bureau Federation
- Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
- Virginia Tree Farm Committee
- Chris Wargo

### Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Appomattox River SWCD
- Blue Ridge SWCD
- Chowan Basin SWCD
- Culpeper SWCD
- Halifax SWCD
- Headwaters SWCD
- Henrico SWCD
- John Marshall SWCD
- Loudoun County SWCD
- Monacan SWCD
- Mountain Castles SWCD
- Natural Bridge SWCD
- Peter Francisco SWCD
- Pittsylvania SWCD
- Robert E. Lee SWCD
- Shenandoah SWCD
- Tazewell SWCD
- Thomas Jefferson SWCD
- Tidewater SWCD

“I have never been this close to nature.” – Caleb L.

**“It really gets us interested in the field of forestry while we learn in classes and have a really fun time in competitions.” – Sam C.**

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**Announcing 2010 Forestry Camp**

The 2010 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 14-19, 2010. 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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**Budget Summary**

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