2010 Highlights

The poet William Butler Yeats once said, “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” For the 64th year, Holiday Lake Forestry Camp sparked the imaginations and kindled the interests of future natural resource professionals.

This year’s 56 campers represented 35 Virginia counties and cities. Their core classes were tree identification, forest measurements, sustainable forestry and 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, law enforcement, and even a talent show. By week’s end, the campers had obtained 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 the core subjects taught at camp. Skill confidence was highest in tree identification and tree measurement, and many campers planned to share these new skills with others. The campers took home excellent resource materials, and the top 10 campers (as scored academically throughout the week) received awards of outdoor recreation supplies. This year’s top-scoring camper was Rebekah Slabach from Halifax County.

For the fourth year, Monday’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.

The Virginia Department of Forestry gratefully acknowledges the contributions and services of the many groups and individuals whose generous support makes Holiday Lake Forestry Camp possible. Donations to the scholarship program enable 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.
What Do We Do At Camp...
We Do It ALL!

Dear Sponsor:

Thanks for supporting the Holiday Lake Forestry Camp. I had a great time learning about forests and the wildlife in them. I learned how to tell the age, species and value of trees. We also learned different techniques in harvesting and managing forests for money and wildlife. I had a great time at the event. Thanks for sponsoring!

Sincerely, Jared B., Suffolk, VA
2010 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

Environmental Protection........................ Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Reproducing the Forest........................... Shannon Lewis – VDOF, Appomattox 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 .............................. Drew Larson – VDGIF
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt. .......... Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
Forest Ecology and Management ............. Erik Filep – VDOF, State Forests
............................................................. Todd Kready – VDOF, Bedford County
Archery ................................................. Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Wilderness Survival ................................ Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Canoeing ............................................... Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Skeet Shooting ....................................... Art Kasson – Volunteer
Low Ropes Initiatives…………………….. Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
GPS and Aerial Photo ............................. Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Stream Analysis ..................................... Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment............... Adam Smith – VDOF, Campbell County; Jim Bowling – VDOF, Nottoway County
............................................................. Dave Houttekier – VDOF, Caroline County
Furbearers and Wildlife Damage Control ……Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County
Fly Fishing ............................................. Rob Thomas and other members – Fly Fishers of Virginia

Program Presenters

Urban Forestry Day .................................. Bartlett Tree Experts
............................................................. Jeff Kirwan – Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources
............................................................. Neil Clark – VCE
Bear Research......................................... Cale Godfrey – VDGIF, Farmville
Lumberjack Field Day ............................... Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County
Arson Dog Demonstration .......................... Brad Whittington and Summer – VDOF, Mecklenburg County
Forest Products ...................................... Jason Fisher – VCE
............................................................. Ray Deyo and Lee Scarbrough – Richmond Woodturners
Conservation Police ............................... Richard Howald – VDGIF, Appomattox
Paper Mill Tour ...................................... Marvin Tinsley – Greif-Riverville LLC
Parents’ Program .................................... Rick Butler – VDOF, Appomattox County; Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
............................................................. Pat Murphy – VDOF, Prince Edward County; Drew Larson – VDGIF
............................................................. Erik Filep – VDOF, State Forests

Counselors

Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County
Carl Belew – VDOF, Charlottesville
Andrew Brown – VDOF, Halifax County
Matt Claybrook – Virginia Tech
Chris Clayton – VDOF, Culpeper County
Erik Filep – VDOF, State Forests
Justin Funk – VDOF, Cumberland County
R.J. Garman – VDOF Retiree/Volunteer
Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Debbie Howe – VDOF, Charlottesville

Shannon Lewis – VDOF, Appomattox County
Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Hanover County
Sara Reilly – Virginia Tech
Elizabeth Smith – Tazewell County Schools
Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County
Justin Stauder – VDOF Intern
Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Public Schools

“I have learned more this week than I did all year in school.”
– Thayer N., Star Tannery, VA

“I truly loved my experience here and learned many new things.”
– Brenton M., Cumberland, VA
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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

**Business & Industry**
Aylor Forestry
Bartlett Tree Experts
C & L Logging
Domtar Paper Company
EnviroFor LLC
Forest Resources Management Inc.
Greif Packaging LLC
Morgan Lumber Company
Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
Three Rivers Forestry

**Organizations & Individuals**
Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
Fly Fishers of Virginia
Powhatan Junior Woman's Club
Richmond Woodturners
Rockbridge Area Forestry & Wildlife Assoc.
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 Farm Bureau Federation
Virginia Tree Farm Committee
Robert & Jane Wait

**Soil & Water Conservation Districts**
Appomattox River SWCD
Chowan Basin SWCD
Culpeper SWCD
Holston River SWCD
John Marshall SWCD
Lake Country SWCD
Monacan SWCD
Mountain SWCD
Mountain Castles SWCD
Natural Bridge SWCD
Peter Francisco SWCD
Pittsylvania SWCD
Robert E. Lee SWCD
Shenandoah Valley SWCD
Southside SWCD
Tazewell SWCD
Thomas Jefferson SWCD
Three Rivers SWCD
Tidewater SWCD

* Extra expenses were covered by remaining 2009 funds.

**Budget Summary**

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**Expenses**

- 4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facilities, Administrative)
- Transportation
- Notebooks, T-shirts, Other Supplies
- Academic Awards
- Annual Report/Publicity

2011 Forestry Camp

The 2011 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 13-18, 2011. 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.htm.