2011 Highlights

These days, there is a lot of talk about “being green.” That’s nothing new in the field of forestry, which has been green for a long time! Conservation of natural resources was woven through the 65th annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, which brought Virginia teens to the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest for a weeklong, field-based learning adventure. The campers’ experiences prepared them for further study in natural resource conservation and, hopefully, nurtured what will be a lifelong love of the woods.

This year’s 52 campers represented 33 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, and sports and Lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured a map and compass treasure hunt, an arson dog tracking demonstration, wildlife research and law enforcement presentations, 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 the core subjects taught at camp. As in previous years, skill confidence was highest in tree identification, and many campers planned to share their 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 and reference books. This year’s top-scoring camper was Gus Hollberg from Staunton.

For the fifth 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.

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“I found this experience fun, entertaining and life changing.”  
— Rick P., Alexandria, VA
What Do We Do At Camp...

We Do It ALL!

Tree Measurements

Wood Turning

Tree Identification

Firefighting

Forest Management

Cross-Cut Saw Competition

Tree Planting
2011 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 MEDICS
Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
Chris Clayton – VDOF, Fauquier County

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER
Janet Muncy – VDOF, Charlottesville

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

Instructors

Environmental Protection............................. Hylton Haynes – Volunteer
Reproducing the Forest............................... Shannon Lewis – VDOF, Appomattox County
Tree Identification................................. Amy Bigger – RockTenn
Forest Measurements......................... Wayne Harris – RockTenn
Timber Harvesting............................ Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Wildlife Management.................... Dan Lovelace – VDGIF
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt.. Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
Forest Ecology and Management............ Karen Snape – VDOF, King George 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
Stream Analysis ................................ Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment ....... Jim Jarvis – VDOF, Campbell County
.................................................. Rick Butler – VDOF, Appomattox County
.................................................. Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests
Reptiles and Amphibians....................... Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Furbearers and Trapping....................... Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County
Wood Turning ..................................... Ray Deyo and Richmond Woodturners

Program Presenters

Urban Forestry Day.............................. Bartlett Tree Experts
.................................................. Neil Clark – VCE
Bear Research ................................... Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
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 ......................... Zach Adams – VDGIF
Paper Mill Tour ................................. Jay Phaup – Greif-Riverville LLC
Parents’ Program ............................... Rick Butler – VDOF, Appomattox County
.................................................. Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests

Counselors

Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County
Carl Belew – VDOF, Charlottesville
Chris Clayton – VDOF, Culpeper County
Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Shannon Lewis – VDOF, Appomattox County
Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Hanover County
Elizabeth Smith – Volunteer, Tazewell County
Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County
Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Public Schools

“I think all nature enthusiasts will love this camp.”
– Gavin B., Staunton, VA

“Now I’m positive I want to go into this career.”
– Madison G., Crewe, VA
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## Agencies & Institutions

- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Cooperative Extension

## Business & Industry

- Aylor Forestry
- Bartlett Tree Experts
- EnviroFor LLC
- Forest Resources Management Inc.
- Greif Packaging LLC
- Huber Engineered Woods
- Morgan Lumber Company
- South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
- RockTenn
- Three Rivers Forestry LLC

## Organizations & Individuals

- Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter
- Henrico Farm Bureau
- Powhatan Junior Woman’s Club
- Richmond Woodturners
- Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock Chapter
- Society of American Foresters – Skyline Chapter
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
- Virginia Association of Consulting Foresters
- Virginia Farm Bureau Federation
- Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
- Virginia Tree Farm Committee

## Soil & Water Conservation Districts

- Appomattox River SWCD
- Blue Ridge SWCD
- Chowan Basin SWCD
- Culpeper SWCD
- Holston River SWCD
- Lake Country SWCD
- Monacan SWCD
- Natural Bridge SWCD
- Peter Francisco SWCD
- Piedmont SWCD
- Robert E. Lee SWCD
- Shenandoah Valley SWCD
- Southside SWCD
- Tazewell SWCD
- Thomas Jefferson SWCD
- Three Rivers SWCD
- Tidewater SWCD

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## Budget Summary

### Income

- Forest Industry/Business (6) ......................... $1,200
- Soil & Water Conservation Districts (17) ........ $3,900
- Foundations, Associations, Organizations & Individuals (13) .................. $10,630
- Virginia Department of Forestry .................. $475
- Camper Registration Fees ........................... $3,825

**TOTAL INCOME** .................................. $20,030*

### Expenses

- 4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facilities, Administrative) ................ $14,935
- Notebooks, T-shirts, Other Supplies .................. $740
- Academic Awards .................................. $415
- Annual Report/Publicity .......................... $1,315

**TOTAL EXPENSES** .......................... $17,405*

* Additional funds will be used for promotion, equipment replacement and materials for 2012 camp.

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"My favorite part was getting to talk to foresters who truly had a passion for what they do."

– Lucy R., Harrisonburg, VA

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**2012 Forestry Camp**

The 2012 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 18-23, 2012. 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.