2012 Highlights

Change can be scary, unless it is viewed as a new opportunity. The 66th annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp embraced some changes while keeping true to its core mission. The loss of the venerable "climbing oak" in a storm last summer may have ended the long-running arborist program, but the schedule opening allowed for the addition of new in-depth classes. And although several veteran staff members were unable to attend this year's camp, new friends stepped in to fill their boots. One thing didn't change: the 59 Virginia teens who braved the heat of the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest had a week of fun-filled, field-based learning experiences in the Forestry Camp tradition.

This year’s campers represented 32 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, exploratory and "beyond the basics" classes, sports, swimming and Lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured presentations on forest health, natural resource careers, 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.

According to camper evaluations, most felt they improved their knowledge of the core subjects taught at camp. Many campers planned to share their new skills and knowledge 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 Flint Lewis from Lunenburg County.

For the sixth 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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What Do We Do At Camp...
**2012 CAMP STAFF**

**Administration**

**CAMP DIRECTORS**
- Drew Arnn – VDOF, Central Region
- Gale Washburn – VDOF, Central Region

**CAMP COORDINATOR**
- Ellen Powell – VDOF, HQ

**CAMP REGISTRARS**
- Becky Woodson – VDOF, HQ
- Jessica Carroll – VDOF, HQ

**Instructors**

- Environmental Protection ................................................................. Shannon Lewis – VDOF, State Forests
- Reproducing the Forest ................................................................. Shannon Lewis – VDOF, State Forests
- Tree Identification ................................................................. Amy Bigger – RockTenn
- Forest Measurements ................................................................. Wayne Harris – RockTenn
- Timber Harvesting ................................................................. Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
- Wildlife Management ................................................................. Katie Martin – VDGIF
- Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt. ........................................ Will Shoup – VDOF, Eastern Region; Justin Funk – VDOF, Nurseries
- Forest Ecology and Management ........................................ Karen Snape and Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Eastern Region
- Alternative Forest Products .................................................. Andy Hankins and Greg Frey – VSU
- Archery, Canoeing and Low Ropes ....................................... Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
- GPS and Aerial Photos ......................................................... Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools
- Insect and Disease Scouting .................................................. Andrew Brown – VDOF, Western Region
- Nutrition for the Trail .................................................. Donna Daniel - Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Skeet Shooting ................................................................. Art Kasson – Volunteer; Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
- Stream Analysis ................................................................. Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
- Wilderness Survival ......................................................... Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
- Wildfire Tactics and Equipment ........................................ Bill Perry – VDOF, Central Region; Rick Butler – VDOF, Central Region
- Wildlife Techniques ................................................................. Katie Martin – VDGIF
- Wood Identification ................................................................. Charlie Becker – VDOF, HQ
- Wood Turning ................................................................. Ray Deyo and Richmond Woodturners

**Program Presenters**

- Bear Research ................................................................. Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
- Conservation Police ................................................................. Zach Adams – VDGIF
- Forest Health Threats ................................................................. Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
- Lumberjack Field Day ................................................................. Gale Washburn – VDOF, Central Region
- Natural Resource Career Preparation ...................................... Christi Standley – NCSU
- Paper Mill Tour ................................................................. Jay Phaup – Greif-Riverville LLC
- Parents’ Program ................................................................. Rick Butler – VDOF, Central Region
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**Counselors**

- Andrew Brown – VDOF, Western Region
- Chris Clayton – Volunteer
- Erik Filep – VDOF, Central Region
- Justin Funk – VDOF, Nurseries
- Debbie Howe – VDOF, HQ
- Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools
- Shannon Lewis – VDOF, State Forests
- Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
- Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Eastern Region
- Will Shoup – VDOF, Eastern Region
- Karen Snape – VDOF, Eastern Region
- Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Eastern Region
- Jesse Tillack – VDOF Intern, Western Region
- Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Schools
- Dennis Woodson – Roanoke Valley Master Naturalist

**CAMP MEDICS**
- Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools
- Chris Clayton – Volunteer

**CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER**
- Janet Muncy – VDOF, HQ

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**Agencies & Institutions**
- North Carolina State University
- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech

**Business & Industry**
- Domtar Paper Company, LLC
- EnviroFor LLC
- Greif Packaging LLC
- Huber Engineered Woods
- Morgan Lumber Company
- MWV
- South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
- RockTenn
- Three Rivers Forestry LLC

**Foundations & Organizations**
- Amherst Farm Bureau
- Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter
- Henrico Farm Bureau
- Richmond Woodturners
- Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock 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
- John Marshall SWCD
- Lake Country SWCD
- Natural Bridge SWCD
- Peter Francisco SWCD
- Pittsylvania SWCD
- Robert E. Lee SWCD
- Shenandoah Valley SWCD
- Tazewell SWCD
- Thomas Jefferson SWCD
- Tidewater SWCD

**Budget Summary**

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* Additional funds will be used for promotion, equipment replacement and materials for 2013 camp.

**The best thing was firefighting by far – we actually had to put out a fire in the woods!**

– Hunter, Nelson County

Announcing 2013 Forestry Camp

The 2013 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 17-22, 2013. 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/camp/.

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