2013 Highlights

In *A Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold wrote, “A conservationist is one who is humbly aware that with each stroke he is writing his signature on the face of the land.” Perhaps no land better displays the signature of conservation and good management than the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. At the 67th annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, 80 teens explored the relationship between people and land as they took part in field-based learning experiences on the “AB” – once eroded and unproductive farmland, now a well-managed working forest.

This year’s campers represented 40 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 introduction to diverse career fields in natural resources.

According to camper evaluations, most improved their knowledge of the core subjects taught at camp, and many 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 equipment. This year’s Top 10 campers were as follows:

- 1st – Noah Williams, Southampton County
- 2nd – Jacob Gray, Richmond County
- 3rd – Tadek Kosmal, Falls Church
- 4th – Jesse Carter, Nelson County
- 5th – Holden Staton, Bedford County
- 6th – Keri Knott, Henry County
- 7th – Will Parker, Fauquier County
- 8th – Kyle Lanier, Bedford County
- 9th – Jake Wood – Fluvanna County
- 10th – Hunter DeShazo – Henry County

For the 7th 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 others.

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What Do We Do At Camp...

“I was taught about degrees and careers to consider.”
– Elijah C. Poquoson

“I loved every day I spent here.”
– Natasha K., Palmyra

Cross-cut Sawing
Forest Products
Wildlife Techniques
Forest Management
Wood Identification
Stream Analysis

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2013 CAMP STAFF

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 allow campers to attend at a minimal personal cost. The 51 staff members and presenters served as “in kind” contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS
- Drew Arnn – VDOF
- Gale Washburn – VDOF

CAMP COORDINATOR
- Ellen Powell – VDOF

CAMP REGISTRATION
- Jessica Carroll – VDOF

CAMP MEDICS
- Paul Reier – VDOF
- Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER
- Janet Muncy – VDOF

4-H CENTER LIAISON
- Heather Benninghove – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

Environmental Protection ................. Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF
Reproducing the Forest ...................... Justin Funk – VDOF
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. ........ Paul Reier – VDOF
Forest Ecology and Management ....... Karen Snape – VDOF
Archery, Canoeing, Ropes Course ...... Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Map and Compass Navigation ......... Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools; Will Shoup, VDOF
Insect and Disease Scouting .......... Andrew Brown – VDOF
Nutrition for the Trail ....................... Donna Daniel – Virginia Cooperative Extension
Primitive Technologies .......................... Al Lookofsky – Volunteer
Skeet Shooting ................................. Art Kasson – Volunteer; Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
Wilderness Survival .......................... Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment ........ Adam Smith, Al Brooks, Mike Womack, Blair Dalton, Derek Keiser – VDOF
Wildlife Techniques ........................ Katie Martin – VDGIF
Wood Identification ......................... Charlie Becker – VDOF
Wood Turning .................................. Richmond Woodturners

Program Presenters

Bear Research ............................... Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
Conservation Police ....................... Eric Rorabaugh – VDGIF
Forest Health Threats ..................... Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
Lumberjack Field Day ..................... Gale Washburn – VDOF
Natural Resource Career Preparation ... Kyle Dingus – Virginia Tech
Paper Mill Tour .............................. Jay Phaup – Greif-Riverville LLC
Parents’ Program ........................... Rick Butler, Pat Murphy and Mike Womack – VDOF

Counselors

J.D. Baker – VDOF
Andrew Brown – VDOF
Winny Chen – Volunteer
Lisa Deaton – VDOF
Erik Filep – VDOF
Justin Funk – VDOF
Matt Hall – VDOF
Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools

Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF
Margaret Owens – Volunteer
Will Shoup – VDOF
Karen Snape – VDOF
Andy Schmitt – Buckingham County Schools
Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Schools

“I want to do a job that is outdoors and around nature.”
- Ben L., Mechanicsville

“My experience will allow me to advise my family on things like tree thinning.”
- Tadek K., Falls Church
2013 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp Sponsors

**Agencies & Institutions**
- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Virginia Tech

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

**Foundations & Organizations**
- Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- Bealton-Remington Ruritan Club
- Ned Cain
- Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter
- Henrico Farm Bureau
- Richmond Woodturners
- Society of American Foresters – R.E. Lee Chapter
- Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock Chapter
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
- Virginia Farm Bureau Federation
- Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
- Virginia Tree Farm Committee
- Robert Wait
- Chris Wargo

**Soil & Water Conservation Districts**
- Appomattox River SWCD
- Blue Ridge SWCD
- Chowan Basin SWCD
- Colonial SWCD
- Halifax SWCD
- John Marshall SWCD
- Lake Country SWCD
- Mountain SWCD
- Mountain Castles SWCD
- Natural Bridge SWCD
- Northern Neck SWCD
- Peter Francisco SWCD
- Piedmont SWCD
- Pittsylvania SWCD
- Robert E. Lee SWCD
- Shenandoah Valley SWCD
- Southside SWCD
- Tazewell SWCD
- Thomas Jefferson SWCD
- Three Rivers SWCD
- Tidewater SWCD

**Budget Summary**

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*Some equipment and supplies were purchased with remaining funds from 2012 camp.

2014 Forestry Camp

The 2014 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 16-21, 2014. 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 dof.virginia.gov/camp/

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2014 Forestry Camp

“I never knew trees were so diverse and slightly confusing.”

– Holden S., Forest

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