2014 Highlights

Many articles have been written in recent years about young people’s lack of engagement with nature. On a positive note, Virginia still has teenagers who seek out experiences in the natural world. At the 68th annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, 68 of them braved ticks, heat and lack of cell phone service to forge lasting connections with nature. In one short week, these campers gained not only new knowledge, skills and friends, but also an introduction to diverse career fields that can help them maintain that valuable nature connection.

This year’s campers represented 35 Virginia counties and cities. Their field-based learning experiences on the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest included classes in Tree Identification, Forest Measurements, Sustainable Forestry and Wildlife Management, Tree Improvement, Forest Ecology, Forest Management, Environmental Protection and Reproducing the Forest. Exploratory and “Beyond the Basics” classes included archery, wilderness, survival, wildlife biology techniques and firefighting, to name a few. Other experiences included a field trip to Greif Packaging’s paper mill, sports, swimming and Lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured presentations on American chestnut restoration, natural resource career preparation, black bears, wildlife law enforcement and even a talent show.

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:

✰ 1st – Emma-Marie Dulong – Henrico County
✰ 2nd – Jacob Pratt – Pulaski County
✰ 3rd – Russell Schmidt – Charlotte County
✰ 4th – Matthew Tignor – Chesterfield County
✰ 5th – Jacob Mazuch – Culpeper County
✰ 6th – Brandon Womack – Buckingham County
✰ 7th – Jacob Bailess – Pittsylvania County
✰ 8th – Katie Henk – Isle of Wight County
✰ 9th – Joey Talley – Amelia County
✰ 10th – Shannon Parente – Shenandoah County

For the eighth 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?

Cross-cut Sawing
Wood Identification
Tree Improvement
Firefighting
Woodturning
Tree Measurements
Canoeing
Tree Planting
Bow Saw
“There’s more to forestry than knowing which tree is which.”
– Hunter, Amherst Co.
2014 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 53 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
Lara Nichols – 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
Sustainable Forestry ............................ Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Wildlife Management ........................... Katie Martin – VDGIF
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt. .......... Paul Reier – VDOF
Forest Ecology and Management .............. Karen Snape, Erik Filep – VDOF
Archery, Canoeing, Ropes Course .......... Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Map and Compass Navigation, First Aid... Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools
Insect and Disease Scouting .................... Andrew Brown – Plum Creek
Lakeshore Trail Hike, Forest Soils .......... Jaclyn Hall – R.E. Lee SWCD
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, Mike Womack, Blair Dalton, Jon Willoughby – VDOF
Wildlife Techniques ............................. Katie Martin – VDGIF
Wood Identification ............................ Charlie Becker – VDOF
Wood Turning ................................. Ray Deyo and Richmond Woodturners

Program Presenters

American Chestnut Restoration............... Matt Brinckman – American Chestnut Found.
Bear Research ..................................... Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
Conservation Police .............................. Andrew Howald – VDGIF
Lumberjack Field Day ............................ Gale Washburn – VDOF
Natural Resource Career Preparation ...... Robert Barricelli – West Virginia University
Paper Mill Tour ................................. Jay Phaup – Greif-Riverville LLC
Parents’ Program ................................. Rick Butler, David Powell and Mike Womack – VDOF

Counselors

Carl Belew – VDOF
Mary Bigger – Volunteer
Jennifer Bowry – Mecklenburg County Schools
Kyle Dingus – VDOF
Erik Filep – VDOF
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Andy Schmitt – Buckingham County Schools
Will Shoup – VDOF
Karen Snape – VDOF
Tom Snoddy – VDOF
Shirley Sypolt – Hampton City Schools
Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Schools

“It gives me a more in-depth look at the forests in Virginia.”
– Sierra, Chesapeake

“I now see the importance of forestry.”
– Nick, Salem

“This hands-on experience proved that I really do love firefighting.”
– Joey, Amelia Co.
### 2014 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp Sponsors

#### Agencies & Institutions
- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
- West Virginia University

#### Business & Industry
- Aylor Forestry
- EnviroFor LLC
- Greif Packaging LLC
- Huber Engineered Woods
- Morgan Lumber Company
- MWV
- Plum Creek
- South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
- RockTenn
- Virginia-Carolina Forest Products, Inc.

#### Foundations, Organizations & Associations
- American Chestnut Foundation
- Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- Beaton-Remington Ruritan Club
- Charles City-James City-New Kent-York Farm Bureau
- 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
- Society of American Foresters – Skyline Chapter
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
- 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
- Halifax SWCD
- Headwaters SWCD
- Henricopolis SWCD
- John Marshall SWCD
- Lake Country SWCD
- Monacan SWCD
- Mountain SWCD
- Mountain Castles SWCD
- Natural Bridge SWCD
- New River SWCD
- Northern Neck SWCD
- Northern Virginia SWCD
- Peter Francisco SWCD
- Pittsylvania SWCD
- Robert E. Lee SWCD
- Shenandoah Valley SWCD
- Tazewell SWCD
- Tidewater SWCD

### Budget Summary

#### Income
- Forest Industry/Business (7) ......................... $2,600
- Foundations, Associations & Organizations (12) ............... $10,375
- Individuals (2) ........................................ $1,185
- Soil & Water Conservation Districts (22) .................. $5,085
- Virginia Department of Forestry .................. $190
- Camper Registration Fees ......................... $5,610

**TOTAL INCOME** ....................................... $25,045*

#### Expenses
- 4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Support, Administrative) .................. $20,041
- Transportation (Field Trip) ................................ $278
- Notebooks, T-shirts, Equipment, Supplies .................. $1,130
- Academic Awards ........................................ $457
- Publicity ....................................................... $720

**TOTAL EXPENSES** ................................... $22,626*

* Remaining funds will be used to purchase equipment and promotional materials for 2015 camp.

### Announcing

#### 2015 Forestry Camp

The 2015 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 15-20. 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.

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"We had great teachers with real experience in forestry."

– Brian, Chesterfield Co.

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