



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

*Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest*

***"Forestry is now in a totally different light for me."
– Lexi P.***

2016 Highlights

"I used to think forestry wasn't important in our lives, but now I know it affects us all." This quote from a 2016 camper's evaluation expresses the positive impact of Holiday Lake Forestry Camp. Learning about forestry was relevant to the mostly rural boys who attended the first camp in 1946. The program has evolved over the years, but we still teach forestry - and it's still relevant to the boys and girls from all over the state who attend today.



This year's 56 campers represented 34 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 basic" classes, sports and a Lumberjack competition. Evening programs featured forestry career preparation, wildlife law enforcement, wildlife issues 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.

On the post-camp evaluation, campers said they learned the most about tree identification and forest management. Tree reproduction class provided the most surprising information, and tree measurement was the most challenging skill to master. On the whole, the campers enjoyed trying new things, especially in the company of so many new friends. The campers took home excellent resource materials, and the top 10 campers (as scored academically throughout the week) received awards of outdoor recreation supplies.

The first day of camp also 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.



*Audrey Root,
Top Camper*

Top 10 Campers:

- ☆ 1st – Audrey Root, James City Co.
- ☆ 2nd – Cody Mewborn, Appomattox Co.
- ☆ 3rd – Anna Song, James City Co.
- ☆ 4th – Rachel Smith, James City Co.
- ☆ 5th – Blake Boyd, Chesterfield Co.
- ☆ 6th – Kayleigh Jumper, Albemarle Co.
- ☆ 7th – Ben McIntire, Albemarle Co.
- ☆ 8th – Tucker Harber, Lee Co.
- ☆ 9th – Ronald DiLeo, Mecklenberg Co.
- ☆ 10th – Jay Harris, Petersburg



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The Forestry Camp Experience...

Forest Ecology & Management



Forest Management Planning



Bow Sawing



Tree Planting

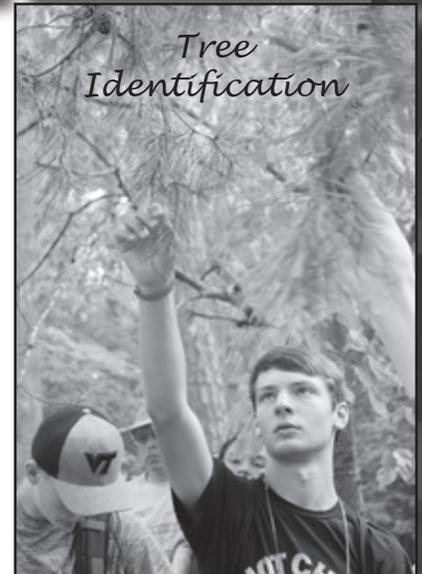


Camper Letter

Dear Sponsor:
Thank you for providing me and other teenagers the opportunity to come to Forestry Camp. Forestry Camp hasn't been the experience I expected, but I did get the experience I wanted. I heard "test" and daily classes and was feeling a little bit worried about the "fun" I would be having, but I was happily surprised. The classes are interesting, useful in the real world and fun! I love the interactive nature of the overall camp, and I'm so glad I got to come here with friends I knew and new friends I made.

Thanks, Audrey R.

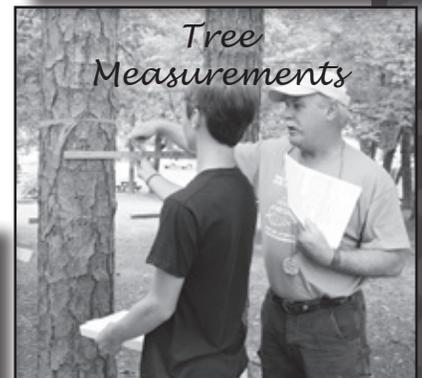
Tree Identification



Woodturning



Tree Measurements



Canoeing



Firefighting



Forest Ecology & Management



2016 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 enable campers to attend at a minimal personal cost. More than 40 staff members and presenters served as “in-kind” contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

*“This will surely help me toward my desired career in forestry.”
– Hunter O.*

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF

CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF

CAMP REGISTRATION

Jessica Carroll – VDOF

CAMP MEDIC

Paul Reier – VDOF

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF

4-H CENTER LIAISON

Heather Benninghove – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

- Environmental Protection Justin Funk – VDOF
- Reproducing the Forest..... Justin Funk – VDOF
- Tree Identification Amy Bigger – Volunteer
- Forest Measurements Wayne Harris – WestRock
- Sustainable Forestry Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
- Wildlife Management Dan Lovelace – VDGIF
- Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt. Paul Reier – VDOF
- Forest Ecology and Management Karen Snape – VDOF; Andrew Brown – Plum Creek (Weyerhaeuser)
- Archery, Canoeing, Ropes Course Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
- Forest Health Scouting..... Lori Chamberlin – VDOF
- Map and Compass Navigation..... Shannon Lewis – VDOF
- Primitive Technologies Al Lookofsky – Volunteer
- Reptiles and Amphibians Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
- Skeet Shooting..... Art Kasson – Volunteer
- Stream Analysis Page Hutchinson – VDOF
- Wilderness Survival Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
- Wildfire Tactics and Equipment..... Adam Smith, Henry Womack, Matt Hall and Devin Griles – VDOF
- Wildlife Techniques Blair Smyth – VDGIF
- Wood Identification Charlie Becker – VDOF
- Wood Turning Richmond Woodturners

*“I can’t wait to use my knowledge in Envirothon.”
– Joanna S.*

Program Presenters

- Forestry Career Preparation John Gray Williams – Virginia Tech
- Wildlife Issues in Virginia Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
- Conservation Police Stephen Ritchie – VDGIF
- Lumberjack Field Day Tom Snoddy – VDOF
- Paper Mill Tour Jay Phaup and staff – Greif Packaging
- Parents’ Program..... Rick Butler and Shannon Lewis – VDOF

Counselors

- J.D. Baker – VDOF
- Amy Bigger – Volunteer
- Mary Bigger – Volunteer
- Barb Dunbar – Volunteer
- Justin Funk – VDOF
- Page Hutchinson – VDOF
- Stephen Jasenak – VDOF
- Lucas Kerns – VDOF
- Sarah Long – VDOF
- Micah Parr – VDOF
- Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
- Jon Perry – VDOF
- Tom Snoddy – VDOF
- Will Shoup – VDOF
- Trevor Simmons – VDOF
- Karen Snape – VDOF

2016 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp Sponsors

Thank you to our many sponsors, both financial and “in-kind”, who make camp possible.

Agencies & Institutions

Virginia Department of Forestry
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
Virginia Tech

Business & Industry

Aylor Forestry
Bob Warring Forestry Services
Forest Investment Associates
EnviroFor LLC
Greif Packaging LLC
Huber Engineered Woods
Morgan Lumber Company
Plum Creek (Weyerhaeuser)
South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
WestRock

Foundations, Associations, Organizations & Individuals

Association of Consulting Foresters
Ballyshannon Fund of Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
Charles City-James City-New Kent-York Farm Bureau
Josh and Sherry Harrell
Henrico Farm Bureau
Richmond Woodturners
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
Rob and Jane Wait

Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Blue Ridge SWCD
Colonial SWCD
Culpeper SWCD
Eastern Shore SWCD
Halifax SWCD
Hanover-Caroline SWCD
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Mountain SWCD
Mountain Castles SWCD
Natural Bridge SWCD
Peter Francisco SWCD
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Pittsylvania SWCD
Robert E. Lee SWCD
Shenandoah Valley SWCD
Tazewell SWCD
Thomas Jefferson SWCD
Tidewater SWCD

Budget Summary

Income

Business & Industry (6).....	\$1,385
Foundations, Associations & Organizations (12)	\$8,600
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (20)	\$5,270
Virginia Department of Forestry.....	\$196
Camper Registration Fees	\$4,760
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,211*

Expenses

4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Support, Administrative)	\$17,253
Transportation (Field Trip)	\$279
Notebooks, T-shirts, Equipment, Supplies.....	\$1,643
Academic Awards	\$274
Publicity.....	\$730
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$20,179*

* Funds remaining will be applied to 2017 camp expenses.

Announcing 2017 Forestry Camp

The 2017 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 19-24. 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, visit dof.virginia.gov/camp.

“I got excited about my future!”
— Blake B.



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