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.

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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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.
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.

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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

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

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Tom Snoddy – VDOF
Will Shoup – VDOF
Trevor Simmons – VDOF
Karen Snape – VDOF

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

“I can’t wait to use my knowledge in Envirothon.”
– Joanna S.
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Thank you to our many sponsors, both financial and “in-kind”, who make camp possible.

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Budget Summary

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* 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.