

Camp Woods & Wildlife Information

June 17-22, 2019

73rd Year!
New Name!
Formerly known as
*Holiday Lake
Forestry Camp*

Where is the camp held?

Holiday Lake 4-H Center, near Appomattox, VA

Who can attend?

Boys and girls ages 13-16 with an interest in natural resources, who are nominated to attend, who live in Virginia, and who have never attended Holiday Lake Forestry Camp

Who can nominate campers?

An adult not related to the student, who is aware of the student's interests. Some examples include teachers; scout, church or other youth group leaders; natural resource professionals; and guidance counselors.

What happens at camp?

This is a residential (overnight) camp with a structured, academic focus. Campers enjoy outdoor field experiences on the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. The program centers on classes such as forest management, wildlife and environmental protection, supplemented by special presentations from natural resource professionals.

What is meant by “academic focus”?

The focus of the camp is on learning, and all campers should be prepared to participate fully. Campers receive study materials and instruction from experts in their field. There are daily quizzes and a final exam. The camp provides excellent preparation for those interested in pursuing natural resource careers.

Are there also “fun” things to do?

Yes! There are exploratory classes of the camper's choice, sports, a lumberjack competition and some free time and swimming each day. Meeting new friends with similar interests is a highlight for many campers. Most campers find the learning activities fun as well!

What is the cost?

The cost to the camper is only \$85 for the entire week, thanks to generous sponsors whose donations offset the cost of camp. The fee is not due until a camper is notified of selection.

What is the deadline for nominations?

Nominations open in early January and close April 10. The nomination form can be downloaded from www.dof.virginia.gov (see Education section). Completed forms may be emailed to ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov or mailed to:

Virginia Department of Forestry
ATTN: Ellen Powell
900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800
Charlottesville, VA 22903

What happens after a student is nominated?

Students will be required to complete a short questionnaire verifying their interest in attending. After they return the form, campers will be notified of selection and will receive detailed information and a registration packet.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Call Ellen Powell at (434) 220-9083 or email ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov.