



2002 ANNUAL REPORT

*Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Inc.
Located within the
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest*

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp

TO OUR PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION EDUCATION...



Bartlett and Davey Tree Services experts helped students get hooked up to learn how to safely climb and prune trees.

David Coffman, Camp Coordinator
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On behalf of the staff, sponsors and many partners committed to the continuance of the Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, we are excited to confirm that the 57th Forestry Camp will be held *June 16-21, 2003*.

In the December planning meeting of the Forestry Camp Advisory Council, the Virginia Department of Forestry [VDOP], in response to State budget and education program cuts, transferred the administrative sponsorship for Forestry Camp to the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center. Representatives of the Advisory Council, 4-H Center Board of Directors, VDOP, sponsors, and Camp Staff agreed by consensus for the change in administration in order to continue this valuable youth and educator conservation training program.

Preston Willson, 4-H Interim Center Director, noted that the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Inc, was in a unique position, traditionally, geographically and with the necessary facilities to continue the Forestry Camp as a keystone program for the Center's growth. The 4-H Center, with approval from the Advisory Council, has contracted with David Coffman to serve as the Forestry Camp Coordinator. Denny McCarthy with VDOP, will continue to serve as "on-site" Camp Director. Coffman has contacted all of the former Staff members, representing 20 different partner organizations and *all* have eagerly agreed to participate in 2003.

Many sponsors have already pledged their continued support. It is with great pride and excitement that we share this great news regarding the continuance of Forestry Camp. If you have any suggestions for improving the Camp or can help in this transition year, please contact any Staff member.

We deeply appreciate your continued commitment to conservation education through the variety of programs offered at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center. We hope to see you at Forestry Camp 2003 and beyond!

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp is sponsored by the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center with support from the Virginia Department of Forestry, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources, Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, forest industries, conservation agencies and organizations, and individual forest stewards committed to youth conservation education.

**2003 Forestry Camp Nominations
Due April 20**

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NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2003

Any student of nature knows that *change* is ever constant. *Forestry Camp 2003* will experience some major changes in administration, but the proud traditions, commitment to excellence, dedication of the Staff and generous sponsor support will continue as they have for over half a century!

Forestry Camp is much more than a “one week event”... with 150 students and educators taking to the woods the third week of June to learn how to manage and sustain our forest resources. This one week of time is a small investment compared to the valuable dividends returned over the years.

The new 15 member Advisory Council met January 29, with the Camp Executive Staff to develop the curriculum and activity modifications recommended in evaluations from last year’s Campers

FORESTRY CAMP TRAINS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

The *Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest* was the training site for 90 teenage students and 48 educators and staff from throughout Virginia attending the *56th Annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp* held the third week of June 2002. The Camp is designed for students who want to explore and experience activities in forestry and wildlife related careers, or are interested in conservation and outdoor activities. Most of the 13 to 16 year old campers participate in Envirothons, forestry and wildlife judging teams through 4-H or Agricultural Education, Scouting, or ecology clubs.

Through a special conservation education grant from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, scholarships were awarded to 15 classroom teachers and volunteer youth educators to attend Camp and participate with the students in classes, gaining hands on training in Project Learning Tree [PLT] activities. The educators were able to attend classes with students adding to their knowledge and understanding of scientific, sustainable natural resource management and actually participate in the PLT activities in a class situation.

Camp is held at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center located within the 20,000 acre *Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest*. This working forest provides a vast “outdoor classroom” for interactive learning. Classes are taught in the woods on traditional forestry and wildlife management subjects by natural resource specialists. The all volunteer staff instructors and counselors, represent more than 20 different cooperating sponsor companies, agencies, organizations, graduate students, and Agriculture and Environmental Science teachers.

The Camp is financed through contributions and in-kind services from forest industries, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia Forestry Education Foundation, U.S.D.A. Forest Service grants, local businesses, consulting foresters, conservation agencies and associations, and individual forest stewards committed to educating tomorrow’s leaders.

Twelve *Honor Campers* from 2001 were selected to return by invitation to participate in the “Group Leader Training Program”. These Group Leaders gain leadership training opportunities and assist the adult Counselors in organizing group activities and orienting new students to the Camp activities. Campers are selected

and Staff. Several new exploratory courses will be added to take advantage of programs uniquely offered at the 4-H Center.

VDOF has pledged to continue to provide many of the in-kind services as in the past and will encourage interested employees to participate as counselors and instructors. Key sponsors have been updated on the transition plan and the need for continued financial and in-kind support from a large group of partners. The response has been very supportive from all organizations contacted and a number of new supporters will be contacted throughout the year.

We look forward to working with both old and new partners to make the 2003 Forestry Camp better, with the changes necessary for it not only to continue, but to flourish and provide a rewarding and enriching experience for all participants.

from nominations made by local educators, sponsor organizations, or forest industry cooperators. All students selected to attend Camp are awarded a \$100 scholarship to cover Camp expenses and materials. Campers pay a \$35 registration fee to confirm their attendance and acceptance of the scholarship.

Special activities unique to Forestry Camp included field trips to Grief Brothers paper mill; a controlled burn to learn fire tactics; VDOF bloodhound search team; Arborist Field Day with tree climbing, pruning, felling and tree health; wildlife calling contest; programs on wildlife research techniques, game warden duties and wilderness survival; and classes in stream quality monitoring and skeet marksmanship. A computer lab was set up for students to use CDs to research information and view interactive virtual reality programs. A camper notebook provides basic course information to students and gives them an opportunity to take a record of their experiences back to their schools and communities. The last day of Camp featured a comprehensive final exam and a Lumberjack Field Day which included team competition in traditional forestry skills like log rolling.

During the Sponsor Recognition Day, Ed Rodger, retired VDOF, was honored for his 30 plus years of service as Camp Director. Richard Pulliam, retiring 4-H Center Director, was also recognized for his guidance and support of the many new programs now available at Camp. Two trees were planted in their honor near the Camp entrance. At the Awards Program, Camp Director, Denny McCarthy, presented awards of outdoor sports equipment to participants who completed outstanding work and for competition in the Lumberjack Field Day events. Matt Allen, Blacksburg Middle School, was awarded Outstanding Camper Honors and presented with a \$100 Savings Bond and backpack. All students received a t-shirt and copy of the new Virtual Tour of the Forest CD and Teacher’s Guide to take back to their school and present to their nominating teacher or science class.

For the Staff and many former campers, the experience of *Holiday Lake Forestry Camp* has been a great influence on their career choices and success. Hopefully, in addition to memories of a fun week, the campers will also return home with a better understanding of the importance of scientific resource management and a stewardship ethic to sustain both the economic values and environmental benefits of our renewable natural resources.



Timmy Goodbar, logger with Two Brothers Logging and former camper, volunteers as counselor and Lumberjack coach. He times the cross-cut saw team.

HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP STAFF

- CAMP DIRECTOR**
Denny McCarthy - VDOF - Salem Region
- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**
Alan Craft - VDOF - Alleghany County
- CAMP ASSISTANT**
Jeremy Harold - VDOF - Augusta Forestry Center
- CAMP REGISTRAR**
Becky Woodson* - VDOF - Charlottesville
- CAMP COORDINATOR**
David Coffman - VDOF - Charlottesville

INSTRUCTORS

Environmental Protection	Drew Arnn – VDOF - Pittsylvania County
Reproducing the Forest	Heather Barrar – VDOF - Chesterfield County
Tree Identification, Insects & Disease	Amy Bigger* – Smurfit-Stone Corporation - Keyesville
Forest Measurements	RANDY OGLE* – Smurfit-Stone Corporation - Powhatan
Timber Harvesting	Billy Newman – Consulting Forester
.....	Terry Brennen* – VDOF -Appomattox-Buckingham St. For.
Wildlife Management	Nelson Lafon - Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
Tree Improvement \ Nursery Mgt.	Paul Reier – VDOF - New Kent Forestry Center
.....	Paul Le Duc – VDOF - New Kent Forestry Center
Forest Ecology	Ward Robens – Dabney Lancaster Community College
Forest Management	Walter Perkins – Westvaco Corporation
Save Our Streams	Mike Hayslett* – Holiday Lake 4-H Center Staff
.....	Carissa Lee – DCR Watershed Education - Warrenton
.....	Dana Roberts* – Virginia Assoc. of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Forest History & Ecology	David Coffman – VDOF - Charlottesville
Wildfire Tactics & Equipment	Alex Williamson* – VDOF - Halifax
.....	Mike Womack* – VDOF - Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest
.....	Hal Meyers* – VDOF - Amherst County
.....	BARB STEWART* – National Park Service - Charlottesville
Wilderness Survival	JEFF PEASE* – Virginia Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries
High Ropes Initiative	Brian Branch* – Holiday Lake 4-H Center Staff
Urban Forestry – Arboriculture Demo	Alan Jones* – Bartlett Tree Service - Charlottesville
Lumberjack Field Day	Gale Washburn – VDOF - Lunenburg County
PLT Educator Training	Lisa Deaton – VDOF - PLT Coordinator
WILDLIFE CALLING CONTEST	Gary Arrington* – National Wild Turkey Federation - Lynchburg
Bloodhound Tracking Team	Mike Armstrong & Levi* – VDOF - Rockingham County
Wildlife Research	Cale Godfrey* – Virginia Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries- Farmville

COUNSELORS & PLT EDUCATORS

MALE

1. STEVE SHELLY – VDOF-Abingdon
2. Carl Belew – VDOF-Charlottesville
3. ROLAND HALL – Teacher-Patrick Co.
4. TIM HIGGS – Shenandoah SWCD
5. Jeff Kirwan* – VA Tech - 4-H Coord.
6. GERALD HELTON – USDA Forest Service-Atlanta

FEMALE

1. Stephanie Belew – PVCC-Charlottesville
2. Laura Polant – VDOF-Floyd
3. PATTY NYLANDER – VDOF-Surry
4. Heather Snead – VDOF-Dinwiddie
5. KAREN ERTEL – VDOF-Lexington
6. Susan Settle – Teacher-Warsaw
7. ALICIA GORDON – DLCC-Clifton Forge

8. CHARLENE BARDON* – VDOF-Farmville
9. CHERYL CORONADO – Teacher-Chesapeake
10. Shirley Sypolt – Teacher-Hampton

[NEW STAFF MEMBERS ARE IN ALL CAPS]

* Day time only staff

2002 HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP SPONSORS

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions and in-kind services from the following forest industries, conservation agencies, associations, organizations and individuals whose generous sponsorship make Holiday Lake Forestry Camp possible:

Forest Industry

Bartlett Tree Experts
 Buffalo Shook Company Inc.
 Davey Tree Services
 Glatfelter Pulpwood Company
 Griffith Lumber Company
 Grief Brothers Corp
 International Paper
 Mead-Westvaco Corporation
 Morgan Lumber Company
 Plum Creek
 Potomac Supply Corporation
 Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.
 Two Brother Logging
 Weyerhaeuser Industries

Consulting Foresters

VA Chap. Assoc. of Consulting Foresters
 Appalachian Timberland Mgmt. (J. Carroll)
 Delmer D. Aylor
 Forest Resources Mgmt. (Frank Brooks)
 Hunter Darden
 Resource Mgmt. Services (Dave Froggatt)
 Bill Newman, ENVIROFOR, LLC.
 Wright's Forestry (Chuck Wright)

Agencies

Dabney Lancaster Community College
 VA Tech College of Natural Resources
 VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
 VA Department of Forestry
 Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest
 USDA Forest Service Grant Programs
 Millennium Field Project Funding
 Forest Stewardship Grant
 Natural Resources Conservation Educ.
 Urban & Community Forestry

Conservation Associations, Businesses & Individuals

Appalachian Forest Management Group
 Bank of America – Charlottesville
 Bartlett Education Foundation
 Dogwood Garden Club – Charlottesville
 Forestry Suppliers
 Powhatan Women's Club
 National Wild Turkey Federation
 Rustic Frames – Charlottesville
 Society of Am. Foresters – Appalachian
 Staples – Charlottesville
 Virginia Association of SWCD

Virginia Farm Bureau
 Virginia Forest Products Association
 Virginia Forestry Education Foundation
 Vinegar Hill Advertising Specialties
 Wal-Mart – Mechanicsville
 Wintergreen Nature Foundation

Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Appomattox River	Mountain Castles
Blue Ridge	Natural Bridge
Culpeper	Peaks of Otter
Halifax	Peter Francisco
Headwaters	Piedmont
Henricopolis	Pittsylvania
J. R. Horsley	Robert E. Lee
James River	Tazewell
John Marshall	Thomas Jefferson
Lake Country	
Lonesome Pine	
Lord Fairfax	
Loudoun	
Monacan	
Mountain	

Budget Summary

The 2002 Camp cost \$115 per person (campers, instructors, counselors) for meals and lodging and an additional \$1135 for assistance from Holiday Lake Education Center Staff. Campers for the fifth year paid a \$35 registration fee to help pay Camp activity costs and reduce the number of “no shows” to almost ‘zero’ compared to prior years. All 90 students attending Camp received a full scholarship. There were 74 male and 16 female students, including 5 minorities. The 48 all volunteer staff. All staff serve as “in-kind” contributors, being paid, or on approved leave from their employers, or serving as volunteers. The staff represented 25 different organizations and included five classroom teachers and four youth organization volunteer educators. A special grant from the USDA Forest Service sponsored the nine educators who also completed PLT Secondary Module training during the week.

EXPENSES (rounded)	
4-H Education Center	
Food and Facilities	\$13,908
Bus and Van for Field Trips	\$125
Staff Assistance, Lifeguards	<u>\$1,110</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$15,043
Camper T-shirts	\$1,328
Staff and Sponsor Hats	\$1,092
Film and Development	\$170
Camper Notebook Printing	\$680
Academic Awards	\$694
Appomattox School Buses	\$375
Safety Equipment	\$90
Class Supplies	\$290
Promotional Materials	<u>\$1,459</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$6,178
TOTALEXPENSES	\$21,221

CONTRIBUTIONS	
Sponsor Scholarships (detail below)	\$10,385
Student Registration Fee	
90 Students X \$35	\$3,150
USDA Forest Service Millennium	
Conservation Education Grant	<u>\$7,500</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$6,178
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$21,035

Note: Each year for the past four years, specialized equipment has been purchased exclusively for HLFC and is warehoused separately from VDOF property inventory. Items include coolers, hardhats, safety glasses, gloves, pop-up shelter, bow saws, steel saw bucks, signs, banners, exhibits and tree measuring equipment.

PERCENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BY CONTRIBUTOR CATEGORY		
11 Forest Industries	34%	\$3,500
23 Soil & Water Conservation Districts	30%	\$3,085
7 Consulting Foresters	10%	\$1,000
6 Associations	26%	<u>\$2,800</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$10,385

Equal Employment Opportunity / Affirmative Action
 All programs, activities and employment opportunities are available to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political belief, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.
 Janet Muncy, Editor, VDOF 3/2003