



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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

*"I've learned amazing things about how to help our environment."
– Kaleelah, Hampton*

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.

Forest Management



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.



For more information, please contact:

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What Do We Do At Camp?

Cross-cut Sawing

Tree Measurements

Firefighting

Woodturning

Tree Improvement

Canoeing

Wood Identification

**"There's more to forestry than knowing which tree is which."
— Hunter, Amherst Co.**

Tree Planting

Bow Saw

Smokey Bear

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.

*"This hands-on experience proved that I really do love firefighting."
– Joey, Amelia Co.*

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

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

*"I now see the importance of forestry."
– Nick, Salem*

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 Dings – VDOF
 Erik Filep – VDOF
 Justin Funk – VDOF
 Matt Hall – VDOF
 Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools
 Jim Moeller – VDOF
 Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
 Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF
 Tyler Price – VDOF
 Andy Schmitt – Buckingham County Schools
 Will Shoup – VDOF
 Karen Snape – VDOF
 Tom Snoddy – VDOF
 Shirley Sypolt – Hampton City Schools
 Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Schools

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.

Individuals

Ned Cain
Rob and Jane Wait

Foundations, Organizations & Associations

American Chestnut Foundation
Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
Bealeton-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.

*"We had great teachers with real experience in forestry."
– Brian, Chesterfield Co.*



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