



# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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

*"I came to camp knowing very little about the various occupations, but now I am seriously considering a few of them."*

*– Sean, Henrico Co.*

*Stephen Bartnett,  
Top Camper*



## 2015 Highlights

Holiday Lake Forestry campers know some cool things about the woods. Name five Virginia trees that produce food for wildlife? Check. Describe what a Conservation Police Officer does? Check. Measure that maple tree in your yard? Check. Show you how to use a planting bar? Check. Sing the "Smokey Bear" song? Check!

This year, 62 campers represented 35 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 American chestnut research, 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.

Comments on camper evaluations indicated that most campers significantly improved their knowledge of the core subjects taught at camp. Skill confidence was highest in tree identification, and many campers planned to share their new skills with others. 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 week 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 – Stephen Bartnett, Bedford Co.
- ☆ 2nd – Daniel Holter, Botetourt Co.
- ☆ 3rd – Phillip Hall, Greene Co.
- ☆ 4th – Caleb Baer, Fredericksburg
- ☆ 5th – Michael Hinson, Craig Co.
- ☆ 6th – Nick Smith, Carroll Co.
- ☆ 7th – Erica Head, Northampton Co.
- ☆ 8th – Zack Morris, Frederick Co.
- ☆ 9th – Allan Kimmel, Bath Co.
- ☆ 10th – Brady Williams, Hampton

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# The Forestry Camp Experience...



Woodturning



Tree Improvement



Forest Industry

Tree Measurements



Tree Identification



Stream Analysis

Tree Planting



Firefighting



Cross-cut Sawing

## 2015 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. The 47 staff members and presenters served as “in kind” contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

*“I have enjoyed learning how to maintain and protect a healthy forest.”*  
– Erica, Northampton Co.

### Administration

#### CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF  
Gale Washburn – VDOF

#### CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF

#### CAMP REGISTRATION

Lara Nichols and Becky Woodson – VDOF

#### CAMP MEDICS

Paul Reier – VDOF

#### 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 – WestRock (formerly RockTenn)  
Forest Measurements ..... Wayne Harris – WestRock (formerly 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 – VDOF; Andrew Brown – Plum Creek  
Archery, Canoeing, Ropes Course ..... Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff  
Forest Health Scouting..... Lori Chamberlin – VDOF  
Map and Compass Navigation, First Aid.... Will Shoup – VDOF  
Primitive Technologies ..... Al Lookofsky – Volunteer  
Skeet Shooting..... Art Kasson – Volunteer  
Stream Analysis ..... 4-H Center staff; Jaclyn Hall – R.E. Lee SWCD  
Wilderness Survival ..... Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools  
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment..... Adam Smith, Mike Womack, Blair Dalton, Amanda Martens,  
..... Barry Simmons and Devin Griles – VDOF  
Wildlife Techniques ..... Katie Martin – VDGIF  
Wood Identification ..... Charlie Becker – VDOF  
Wood Turning ..... Richmond Woodturners

*“Core classes touched on all of the key wildlife and outdoor issues.”*  
– Isaac, Roanoke Co.

### Program Presenters

American Chestnut Restoration..... Kathy Marmet – American Chestnut Foundation volunteer  
Wildlife Issues in Virginia ..... Cale Godfrey – VDGIF  
Conservation Police ..... Andrew Howald – VDGIF  
Lumberjack Field Day ..... Gale Washburn – VDOF  
Paper Mill Tour ..... Jay Phaup and staff – Greif-Riverville LLC  
Parents’ Program..... Rick Butler, Pat Murphy, Ellen Powell and Mike Womack – VDOF

### Counselors

Chris Anhold – VDOF  
J.D. Baker – VDOF  
Jennifer Bowry – Mecklenburg County Schools  
Bill Dwyer – Volunteer  
Justin Funk – VDOF  
John Hisghman – VDOF  
Stephen Jasenak – VDOF  
Lucas Kerns – VDOF  
Robbie Lewis – VDOF  
Kathy Marmet – Volunteer  
Kim Martinak – Louisa County Schools  
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC  
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF  
Jon Perry – VDOF  
Andy Schmitt – Buckingham County Schools  
Will Shoup – VDOF  
Karen Snape – VDOF  
Chris Wargo – Volunteer

*“It was fun to make new friends and see people get along.”*  
– Isaac, Roanoke Co.

# 2015 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp Sponsors

## Agencies & Institutions

Virginia Department of Forestry  
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries

## Forest Industry & Business

Aylor Forestry  
Central Virginia Land and Timber LLC  
Domtar Paper Company  
EnviroFor LLC  
Greif Packaging LLC  
Huber Engineered Woods  
Plum Creek  
South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC  
Virginia-Carolina Forest Products, Inc.  
WestRock (formerly RockTenn)

## Foundations, Associations, Organizations & Individuals

American Chestnut Foundation  
Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation  
Bealeton-Remington Ruritan Club  
Campbell, John  
Charles City-James City-New Kent-York Farm Bureau  
Dwyer, Bill  
Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter  
Henrico Farm Bureau  
Richmond Woodturners  
Roanoke Valley Master Naturalists  
Society of American Foresters – R.E. Lee Chapter  
Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock Chapter  
Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee  
Virginia Farm Bureau Federation

Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation  
Virginia Tree Farm Committee  
Wait, Rob and Jane

## Soil & Water

## Conservation Districts

Blue Ridge SWCD  
Culpeper SWCD  
Eastern Shore SWCD  
Halifax SWCD  
John Marshall SWCD  
Lake Country SWCD  
Monacan SWCD  
Mountain SWCD  
Mountain Castles SWCD  
Natural Bridge SWCD  
Peter Francisco SWCD  
Pittsylvania SWCD  
Robert E. Lee SWCD  
Shenandoah Valley SWCD  
Southside SWCD  
Tazewell SWCD  
Tidewater SWCD

## Budget Summary

### Income

Forest Industry & Business (11)	\$1,800
Foundations, Associations & Organizations (13)	\$8,935
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (17)	\$4,400
Virginia Department of Forestry	\$450
Camper Registration Fees	\$5,270
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$20,855*</b>

### Expenses

4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Support, Administrative)	\$18,688
Transportation (Field Trip)	\$279
Notebooks, T-shirts, Equipment, Supplies	\$1,232
Academic Awards	\$373
Publicity	\$790
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$21,362*</b>

\* Funds remaining from 2014 camp made up the difference between income and expenses.

# Announcing 2016 Forestry Camp

The 2016 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 20-25. 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](http://www.dof.virginia.gov).

*"This camp experience has definitely expanded my horizons. I like that the staff/teachers could answer any questions that I had."*  
– Jaid, Dinwiddie Co.



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