



HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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

2008 Highlights



*Learning how to use a
Biltmore stick*

*"I will never look at
a tree the way I did
before."*



Can you read a Biltmore stick, use a planting bar, or tell the difference between northern and southern red oaks? After a week at the 62nd annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, 78 Virginia students can! This year's campers represented 42 Virginia counties and cities. Their core classes were Tree Identification, Forest Measurements, Timber Harvesting, Wildlife Management, Tree Improvement, Forest Ecology, Forest Management, Environmental Protection and Reproducing the Forest. Other experiences included a field trip to Greif Brothers' paper mill, an afternoon of arboriculture demonstrations, exploratory classes, and sports and Lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured forest products, wildlife research and law enforcement, 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 forestry and other natural resource subjects. Many were surprised to learn that forests can be managed and still benefit a healthy environment. The campers took home excellent resource materials and were encouraged to share their new skills with others. The top ten campers (as scored academically throughout the week) received awards of outdoor recreation supplies. The top-scoring camper, Sarah Collie from Washington County, also received a \$100 savings bond for her efforts.

Five educators, representing elementary, middle school and non-formal programs, also attended forestry camp for professional development this year. In addition to all of the camp classes, they attended Project Learning Tree sessions each afternoon. They were extremely pleased to have learned so much that they could use with their students.

This year's program included a Forestry Field Day for campers' parents. Twenty-five 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.

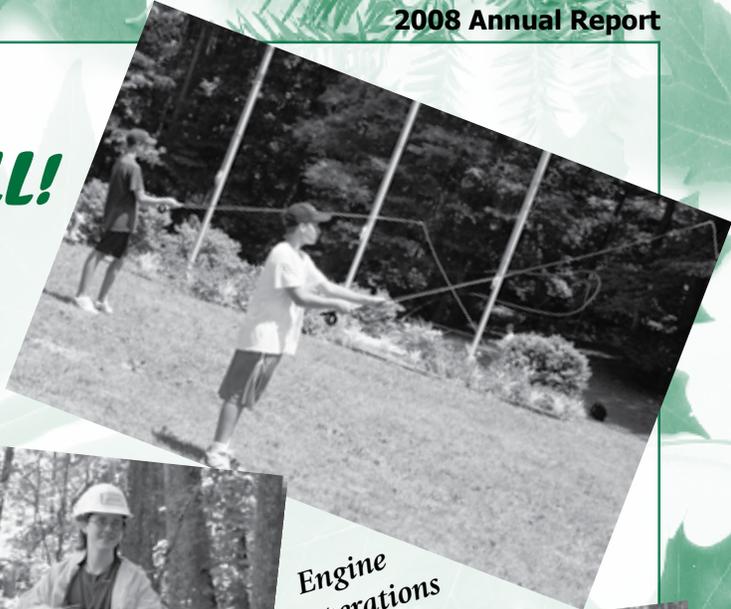
We gratefully acknowledge the contributions and services of the many groups and individuals whose generous support makes Holiday Lake Forestry Camp possible. Donations to the scholarship program allow campers to attend at a minimal personal cost. The 61 staff members and presenters served as "in kind" contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

For more information, please contact:

Visit us on the Web:
www.dof.virginia.gov/edu/camp.shtml

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What Do We Do At Camp... we do it ALL!



Fly fishing



Emergency shelter building



Engine operations



Arborist tree climbing



Cross-cut saw competition

Wood identification



Fire suppression



Canoeing

2008 CAMP STAFF

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF, Pittsylvania County
 Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County

CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF, Charlottesville

CAMP REGISTRAR

Becky Woodson – VDOF, Charlottesville

CAMP MEDIC

Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF, Charlottesville

4-H CENTER LIAISON

Nate Mahanes – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

Environmental Protection	Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Reproducing the Forest.....	Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County
.....	Heather Dowling – VDOF, Dinwiddie County
Tree Identification	Amy Bigger – Smurfit-Stone Corporation, Keysville
Forest Measurements	Randy Ogle – Smurfit-Stone Corporation, Powhatan
Timber Harvesting.....	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
.....	Terry Brennen – Retired VDOF, State Forests
Wildlife Management.....	John Wright – VDOF, Bath and Highland counties
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt.....	Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
Forest Ecology and Management	Erik Filep – VDOF, Orange County
.....	Todd Kready – VDOF, Bedford County
Project Learning Tree.....	Ellen Powell – VDOF, Charlottesville; Becky Reiff – Hollins University
Skeet Shooting.....	Ned Cain, Art Kasson, Ali Gerstenmaier and Frances Schmidt – Volunteers
Archery	Anthony Jackson – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Wilderness Survival	Beth Doty – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Canoeing	John Lewis – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
GPS & Aerial Photo.....	Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett
Map and Compass.....	Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Stream Analysis	Tamara Arrington – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment.....	Alex Williamson – VDOF, Halifax County; Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests
Furbearers and Wildlife Damage Control ...	Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County

“This was a chance to explore future careers and get life lessons.”

Program Presenters

Urban Forestry/Arborist Demonstration	Bartlett Tree Experts; Davey Tree Experts
Bear Research.....	Cale Godfrey – VDGIF, Farmville
Lumberjack Field Day	Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County
Bloodhound Tracking Team	Brad Whittington & Summer – VDOF, Mecklenburg County
Forest Products	Charlie Becker – VDOF, Charlottesville; Pat Murphy – VDOF, Prince Edward County
.....	Andy Hankins – Virginia State University
.....	Chuck Stanley – Sawmill Owner, Cumberland County
Conservation Police	Richard Howald – VDGIF, Appomattox
Paper Mill Tour	Marvin Tinsley – Greif-Riverville LLC
Remarkable Trees of Virginia.....	Jeff Kirwan, Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources

Counselors

Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County	John Murphey – VDOF part-time, Prince William County
Carl Belew – VDOF, Charlottesville	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Chris Clayton – VDOF, Culpeper County	Zach Olinger – VDOF, Matthews State Forest
Ryne Conley – VDOF, Louisa County	Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Hanover County
Adam Cumpston – VDOF, Russell County	Michelle Quesenberry – VDOF, Buchanan County
Heather Dowling – VDOF, Dinwiddie County	Randy Short – VDOF, Russell and Scott counties
Erik Filep – VDOF, Orange County	Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County
Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett	Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Dirk Hillegass – VDOF, Pittsylvania County	Hilary Vild – Christopher Newport University
Todd Kready – VDOF, Bedford County	Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Public Schools
Robbie Lewis – VDOF, Accomack County	John Wright – VDOF, Bath and Highland counties
Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools	

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Agencies & Institutions Organizations & Individuals

Virginia Department of Forestry
 Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
 Virginia Department of Military Affairs
 Virginia State University
 Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources

Business & Industry

Aylor Forestry
 Bartlett Tree Experts
 C & L Logging
 Davey Tree Experts
 Domtar Paper Company
 EnviroFor LLC
 Forest Resources Management
 Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company
 Greif - Riverville LLC
 Henrico County Farm Bureau
 Huber Engineered Woods
 Lindsay Hardwoods
 MeadWestvaco Corporation
 Morgan Lumber Company
 Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
 Virginia Farm Bureau

Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
 Bealeton-Remington Ruritan Club
 Ned Cain
 Float Fishermen of Virginia - Randy Carter Chapter
 Joyce and Steve Jost
 Powhatan Junior Woman's Club
 Society of American Foresters – Robert E. Lee Chapter
 Society of American Foresters – Skyline Chapter
 Chuck Stanley
 Virginia Association of Consulting Foresters
 Virginia Forest Products Association
 Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
 Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
 Virginia Tree Farm Committee

Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Appomattox River SWCD
 Blue Ridge SWCD
 Chowan Basin SWCD
 Halifax SWCD
 Henricopolis SWCD
 James River SWCD
 Loudoun SWCD
 Monacan SWCD
 Mountain SWCD
 Mountain Castles SWCD
 Natural Bridge SWCD
 Peaks of Otter SWCD
 Pittsylvania SWCD
 Robert E. Lee SWCD
 Shenandoah Valley SWCD
 Tazewell SWCD
 Thomas Jefferson SWCD
 Three Rivers SWCD
 Tidewater SWCD

Budget Summary

"I can teach younger people what I learned here."

Income

Forest Industry/Business (11)	\$3,050
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (19)	\$4,300
Foundations, Associations, Organizations & Individuals (13)	\$12,105
Virginia Department of Forestry	\$1,333
Camper Registration Fees	\$4,680
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,468*

Expenses

4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facilities, Administrative)	\$19,783
Transportation	\$800
Notebooks, Nametags, T-shirts, Other Supplies	\$1,913
Academic Awards	\$532
Annual Report/Publicity	\$2,024
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,052*

* Remaining funds will be used for 2009 camp promotion.

Announcing 2009 Forestry Camp

The 2009 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/edu/camp.shtml.



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