



HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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

2011 Highlights

These days, there is a lot of talk about “being green.” That’s nothing new in the field of forestry, which has been green for a long time! Conservation of natural resources was woven through the 65th annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, which brought Virginia teens to the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest for a weeklong, field-based learning adventure. The campers’ experiences prepared them for further study in natural resource conservation and, hopefully, nurtured what will be a lifelong love of the woods.

This year’s 52 campers represented 33 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, an afternoon of arboriculture demonstrations, exploratory classes, and sports and Lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured a map and compass treasure hunt, an arson dog tracking demonstration, wildlife research and law enforcement presentations, 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. As in previous years, 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 and reference books. This year’s top-scoring camper was Gus Hollberg from Staunton.

For the fifth 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 neighbors.

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 34 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.htm

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*Arborist
Tree Climbing*



***“I found this experience
fun, entertaining and
life changing.”
– Rick P., Alexandria, VA***

*What Do We Do At Camp...
We Do It ALL!*



Wood Turning



Tree Identification



Tree Planting



Firefighting



Forest Management



Tree Measurements



Cross-Cut Saw Competition

2011 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 MEDICS

Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
 Chris Clayton – VDOF, Fauquier County

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF, Charlottesville

4-H CENTER LIAISON

Nate Mahanes – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

Environmental Protection	Hylton Haynes – Volunteer
Reproducing the Forest.....	Shannon Lewis – VDOF, Appomattox County
Tree Identification	Amy Bigger – RockTenn
Forest Measurements	Wayne Harris – RockTenn
Timber Harvesting.....	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County
Wildlife Management	Dan Lovelace – VDGIF
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt.	Paul Reier – VDOF, New Kent, Charles City and Peninsula
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Forest Ecology and Management	Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County
.....	Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Hanover County
Archery	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Wilderness Survival	Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Canoeing	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Skeet Shooting.....	Art Kasson – Volunteer
Low Ropes Initiatives.....	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Stream Analysis	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment.....	Jim Jarvis – VDOF, Campbell County
.....	Rick Butler – VDOF, Appomattox County
.....	Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests
Reptiles and Amphibians.....	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Furbearers and Trapping.....	Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County
Wood Turning	Ray Deyo and Richmond Woodturners



Tree Measurements

Program Presenters

Urban Forestry Day	Bartlett Tree Experts
.....	Neil Clark – VCE
Bear Research.....	Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
Lumberjack Field Day	Gale Washburn – VDOF, Lunenburg County
Arson Dog Demonstration	Brad Whittington and Summer – VDOF, Mecklenburg County
Forest Products	Jason Fisher – VCE
.....	Ray Deyo and Lee Scarbrough – Richmond Woodturners
Conservation Police	Zach Adams – VDGIF
Paper Mill Tour	Jay Phaup – Greif-Riverville LLC
Parents’ Program.....	Rick Butler – VDOF, Appomattox County
.....	Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests

Counselors

Jay Bassett – VDOF, Sussex County	Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Spotsylvania County
Carl Belew – VDOF, Charlottesville	Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Public Schools
Chris Clayton – VDOF, Culpeper County	
Hylton Haynes – VDMA, Fort Pickett	
Shannon Lewis – VDOF, Appomattox County	
Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools	
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Nelson County	
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Hanover County	
Elizabeth Smith – Volunteer, Tazewell County	
Karen Snape – VDOF, King George County	

“I think all nature enthusiasts will love this camp.”
 – Gavin B., Staunton, VA

“Now I’m positive I want to go into this career.”
 – Madison G., Crewe, VA

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Agencies & Institutions

Virginia Department of Forestry
 Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
 Virginia Cooperative Extension

Business & Industry

Aylor Forestry
 Bartlett Tree Experts
 EnviroFor LLC
 Forest Resources Management Inc.
 Greif Packaging LLC
 Huber Engineered Woods
 Morgan Lumber Company
 South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
 RockTenn
 Three Rivers Forestry LLC

Organizations & Individuals

Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
 Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter
 Henrico Farm Bureau
 Powhatan Junior Woman’s Club
 Richmond Woodturners
 Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock Chapter
 Society of American Foresters – Skyline Chapter
 Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
 Virginia Association of Consulting Foresters
 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
 Holston River SWCD
 Lake Country SWCD
 Monacan SWCD
 Natural Bridge SWCD
 Peter Francisco SWCD
 Piedmont SWCD
 Robert E. Lee SWCD
 Shenandoah Valley SWCD
 Southside SWCD
 Tazewell SWCD
 Thomas Jefferson SWCD
 Three Rivers SWCD
 Tidewater SWCD

“ My favorite part was getting to talk to foresters who truly had a passion for what they do.”
 – Lucy R., Harrisonburg, VA

Budget Summary

Income	
Forest Industry/Business (6)	\$1,200
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (17).....	\$3,900
Foundations, Associations, Organizations & Individuals (13).....	\$10,630
Virginia Department of Forestry.....	\$475
Camper Registration Fees	\$3,825
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$20,030*

Expenses	
4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facilities, Administrative).....	\$14,935
Notebooks, T-shirts, Other Supplies	\$740
Academic Awards	\$415
Annual Report/Publicity.....	\$1,315
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,405*

* Additional funds will be used for promotion, equipment replacement and materials for 2012 camp.

Announcing 2012 Forestry Camp

The 2012 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 18-23, 2012. 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.htm.



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