



2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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

2012 Highlights



*Determining the
Age of a Tree*

Change can be scary, unless it is viewed as a new opportunity. The 66th annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp embraced some changes while keeping true to its core mission. The loss of the venerable "climbing oak" in a storm last summer may have ended the long-running arborist program, but the schedule opening allowed for the addition of new in-depth classes. And although several veteran staff members were unable to attend this year's camp, new friends stepped in to fill their boots. One thing didn't change: the 59 Virginia teens who braved the heat of the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest had a week of fun-filled, field-based learning experiences in the Forestry Camp tradition.

This year's campers represented 32 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 the basics" classes, sports, swimming and Lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured presentations on forest health, natural resource careers, 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.

***"I will treasure this
experience and these
memories."
– Mackenzie,
Goochland County***

According to camper evaluations, most felt they improved their knowledge of the core subjects taught at camp. Many campers 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 recreation supplies and reference books. This year's top-scoring camper was Flint Lewis from Lunenburg County.

For the sixth 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 enable campers to attend at a minimal personal cost. The 37 staff members and presenters served as "in kind" contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

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What Do We Do At Camp...



2012 CAMP STAFF

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF, Central Region
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CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF, HQ

CAMP REGISTRARS

Becky Woodson – VDOF, HQ
Jessica Carroll – VDOF, HQ

CAMP MEDICS

Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools
Chris Clayton – Volunteer

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF, HQ

4-H CENTER LIAISON

Heather Benninghove – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

Environmental Protection	Shannon Lewis – VDOF, State Forests
Reproducing the Forest.....	Shannon Lewis – VDOF, State Forests
Tree Identification	Amy Bigger – RockTenn
Forest Measurements	Wayne Harris – RockTenn
Timber Harvesting.....	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Wildlife Management	Katie Martin – VDGIF
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt.	Will Shoup – VDOF, Eastern Region; Justin Funk – VDOF, Nurseries
Forest Ecology and Management.....	Karen Snape and Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Eastern Region
Alternative Forest Products	Andy Hankins and Greg Frey – VSU
Archery, Canoeing and Low Ropes.....	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
GPS and Aerial Photos	Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Eastern Region; Will Shoup – VDOF, Eastern Region
.....	Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools
Insect and Disease Scouting	Andrew Brown – VDOF, Western Region
Nutrition for the Trail	Donna Daniel - Virginia Cooperative Extension
Skeet Shooting.....	Art Kasson – Volunteer; Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
Stream Analysis	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Wilderness Survival	Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment.....	Bill Perry – VDOF, Central Region; Rick Butler – VDOF, Central Region
.....	Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests; Tyler Price – VDOF Intern, HQ
Wildlife Techniques	Katie Martin – VDGIF
Wood Identification	Charlie Becker – VDOF, HQ
Wood Turning	Ray Deyo and Richmond Woodturners

*“I had tons of fun learning about trees.”
– Lauren, Dinwiddie County*

Program Presenters

Bear Research.....	Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
Conservation Police	Zach Adams – VDGIF
Forest Health Threats	Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
Lumberjack Field Day	Gale Washburn – VDOF, Central Region
Natural Resource Career Preparation	Christi Standley – NCSU
Paper Mill Tour	Jay Phaup – Greif-Riverville LLC
Parents’ Program.....	Rick Butler – VDOF, Central Region
.....	Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests

*“This has helped me choose a career path for the future.”
– Kaelin, Stafford County*

Counselors

Andrew Brown – VDOF, Western Region
Chris Clayton – Volunteer
Erik Filep – VDOF, Central Region
Justin Funk – VDOF, Nurseries
Debbie Howe – VDOF, HQ
Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools
Shannon Lewis – VDOF, State Forests
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Eastern Region
Will Shoup – VDOF, Eastern Region

Karen Snape – VDOF, Eastern Region
Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Eastern Region
Jesse Tillack – VDOF Intern, Western Region
Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Schools
Dennis Woodson – Roanoke Valley Master Naturalist



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Agencies & Institutions

North Carolina State University
Virginia Department of Forestry
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech

Business & Industry

Domtar Paper Company, LLC
EnviroFor LLC
Greif Packaging LLC
Huber Engineered Woods
Morgan Lumber Company
MWV
South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
RockTenn
Three Rivers Forestry LLC

Foundations & Organizations

Amherst Farm Bureau
Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter
Henrico Farm Bureau
Richmond Woodturners
Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock 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
John Marshall SWCD
Lake Country SWCD
Natural Bridge SWCD
Peter Francisco SWCD
Pittsylvania SWCD
Robert E. Lee SWCD
Shenandoah Valley SWCD
Tazewell SWCD
Thomas Jefferson SWCD
Tidewater SWCD

*“ The best thing was firefighting by far – we actually had to put out a fire in the woods!”
– Hunter, Nelson County*

Budget Summary

Income	
Forest Industry/Business (6)	\$2,100
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (15)..	\$2,950
Foundations, Associations & Organizations (10).....	\$13,850
Virginia Department of Forestry.....	\$250
Camper Registration Fees	\$4,425
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$23,575*

Expenses	
4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facilities, Administrative).....	\$16,615
Notebooks, T-shirts, Other Supplies	\$900
Academic Awards	\$450
Annual Report/Publicity.....	\$1,400
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,365*

* Additional funds will be used for promotion, equipment replacement and materials for 2013 camp.

Announcing 2013 Forestry Camp

The 2013 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 17-22, 2013. 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/camp/.



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