

76th Annual Camp Woods & Wildlife

Frequently Asked Questions

June 17-21, 2024



Where is the camp held?

Holiday Lake 4-H Center, near Appomattox, Virginia

Who can attend?

Boys and girls ages 13-16 with an interest in forestry or other natural resources, who live in Virginia, and who have not been to this camp before

What happens at camp?

Camp Woods & Wildlife is a residential (overnight) camp with a structured, academic focus. Campers enjoy outdoor field experiences on the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. The program centers on classes such as forest management, wildlife, and environmental protection, supplemented by other presentations from natural resource professionals.

What does "academic focus" mean?

The focus of the camp is on learning, and all campers should be prepared to participate fully. Campers receive study materials and instruction from experts in their field. There are daily quizzes and a final exam. The camp provides excellent preparation for those interested in pursuing natural resource careers.

Are there also "fun" things to do?

Yes! There are exploratory classes of the camper's choice, a lumberjack competition, swimming, and some free time each day. Meeting new friends with similar interests is a highlight for many campers. Most campers find the learning activities fun as well!

What is the cost?

The cost to the camper is only \$95 for the entire week, thanks to generous sponsors whose donations offset the cost of camp. The fee is not due until a camper is notified of selection.

Is transportation provided?

Campers are responsible for their own transportation to and from camp. However, upon request, we are happy to put families in touch with each other to make carpool arrangements.

What is the deadline for application?

Applications open in January and close April 26. The application/nomination form can be downloaded from <https://dof.virginia.gov/education-and-recreation/youth-education/camp-woods-wildlife/>. Completed forms may be emailed to ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov or mailed to: Virginia Department of Forestry, ATTN: Ellen Powell, 900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Who can I ask to fill out my nomination section?

Any adult not related to you, who is aware of your interests. Examples include teachers; scout, church or other youth group leaders; natural resource professionals; and guidance counselors.

What happens after I apply?

We will review applications (which must have BOTH student and nominator sections completed) and will begin notifying campers of selection in early March. Campers selected to attend will receive a detailed information and registration packet.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Call Ellen Powell at (434) 987-0475 or email ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov.