

# 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Woods & Wildlife

June 20-24, 2022

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## 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 \$85 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.

## I live a long way from camp. Is transportation provided?

We are looking into transportation options for southwest Virginia campers but are unsure if we'll have the option this year. However, upon request, we are happy to put families in touch with each other to make their own carpool arrangements.

## What is the deadline for application?

Applications open in January and close April 15. 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov).