



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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

"I came to camp knowing very little about the various occupations, but now I am seriously considering a few of them."

– Sean, Henrico Co.

*Stephen Bartnett,
Top Camper*



2015 Highlights

Holiday Lake Forestry campers know some cool things about the woods. Name five Virginia trees that produce food for wildlife? Check. Describe what a Conservation Police Officer does? Check. Measure that maple tree in your yard? Check. Show you how to use a planting bar? Check. Sing the "Smokey Bear" song? Check!

This year, 62 campers represented 35 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 basic" classes; sports, and a Lumberjack competition. Evening programs featured American chestnut research, wildlife law enforcement, wildlife issues 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. 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.

The week also 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.

Top 10 Campers:

- ☆ 1st – Stephen Bartnett, Bedford Co.
- ☆ 2nd – Daniel Holter, Botetourt Co.
- ☆ 3rd – Phillip Hall, Greene Co.
- ☆ 4th – Caleb Baer, Fredericksburg
- ☆ 5th – Michael Hinson, Craig Co.
- ☆ 6th – Nick Smith, Carroll Co.
- ☆ 7th – Erica Head, Northampton Co.
- ☆ 8th – Zack Morris, Frederick Co.
- ☆ 9th – Allan Kimmel, Bath Co.
- ☆ 10th – Brady Williams, Hampton

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The Forestry Camp Experience...



Woodturning



Tree Improvement



Forest Industry



Tree Measurements



Tree Identification



Stream Analysis

Tree Planting



Firefighting



Cross-cut Sawing



2015 CAMP STAFF

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 47 staff members and presenters served as “in kind” contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

“I have enjoyed learning how to maintain and protect a healthy forest.”
– Erica, Northampton Co.

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF
Gale Washburn – VDOF

CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF

CAMP REGISTRATION

Lara Nichols and Becky Woodson – VDOF

CAMP MEDICS

Paul Reier – VDOF

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF

4-H CENTER LIAISON

Heather Benninghove – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

Environmental Protection Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF
Reproducing the Forest..... Justin Funk – VDOF
Tree Identification Amy Bigger – WestRock (formerly RockTenn)
Forest Measurements Wayne Harris – WestRock (formerly RockTenn)
Sustainable Forestry Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Wildlife Management Katie Martin – VDGIF
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt. Paul Reier – VDOF
Forest Ecology and Management..... Karen Snape – VDOF; Andrew Brown – Plum Creek
Archery, Canoeing, Ropes Course Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Forest Health Scouting..... Lori Chamberlin – VDOF
Map and Compass Navigation, First Aid.... Will Shoup – VDOF
Primitive Technologies Al Lookofsky – Volunteer
Skeet Shooting..... Art Kasson – Volunteer
Stream Analysis 4-H Center staff; Jaclyn Hall – R.E. Lee SWCD
Wilderness Survival Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment..... Adam Smith, Mike Womack, Blair Dalton, Amanda Martens,
..... Barry Simmons and Devin Griles – VDOF
Wildlife Techniques Katie Martin – VDGIF
Wood Identification Charlie Becker – VDOF
Wood Turning Richmond Woodturners

“Core classes touched on all of the key wildlife and outdoor issues.”
– Isaac, Roanoke Co.

Program Presenters

American Chestnut Restoration..... Kathy Marmet – American Chestnut Foundation volunteer
Wildlife Issues in Virginia Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
Conservation Police Andrew Howald – VDGIF
Lumberjack Field Day Gale Washburn – VDOF
Paper Mill Tour Jay Phaup and staff – Greif-Riverville LLC
Parents’ Program..... Rick Butler, Pat Murphy, Ellen Powell and Mike Womack – VDOF

Counselors

Chris Anhold – VDOF
J.D. Baker – VDOF
Jennifer Bowry – Mecklenburg County Schools
Bill Dwyer – Volunteer
Justin Funk – VDOF
John Hisghman – VDOF
Stephen Jasenak – VDOF
Lucas Kerns – VDOF
Robbie Lewis – VDOF
Kathy Marmet – Volunteer
Kim Martinak – Louisa County Schools
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF
Jon Perry – VDOF
Andy Schmitt – Buckingham County Schools
Will Shoup – VDOF
Karen Snape – VDOF
Chris Wargo – Volunteer

“It was fun to make new friends and see people get along.”
– Isaac, Roanoke Co.

2015 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp Sponsors

Agencies & Institutions

Virginia Department of Forestry
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries

Forest Industry & Business

Aylor Forestry
Central Virginia Land and Timber LLC
Domtar Paper Company
EnviroFor LLC
Greif Packaging LLC
Huber Engineered Woods
Plum Creek
South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC
Virginia-Carolina Forest Products, Inc.
WestRock (formerly RockTenn)

Foundations, Associations, Organizations & Individuals

American Chestnut Foundation
Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
Bealeton-Remington Ruritan Club
Campbell, John
Charles City-James City-New Kent-York Farm Bureau
Dwyer, Bill
Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter
Henrico Farm Bureau
Richmond Woodturners
Roanoke Valley Master Naturalists
Society of American Foresters – R.E. Lee Chapter
Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock Chapter
Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee
Virginia Farm Bureau Federation

Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
Virginia Tree Farm Committee
Wait, Rob and Jane

Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Blue Ridge SWCD
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Eastern Shore SWCD
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Lake Country SWCD
Monacan SWCD
Mountain SWCD
Mountain Castles SWCD
Natural Bridge SWCD
Peter Francisco SWCD
Pittsylvania SWCD
Robert E. Lee SWCD
Shenandoah Valley SWCD
Southside SWCD
Tazewell SWCD
Tidewater SWCD

Budget Summary

Income

Forest Industry & Business (11).....	\$1,800
Foundations, Associations & Organizations (13)	\$8,935
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (17)	\$4,400
Virginia Department of Forestry.....	\$450
Camper Registration Fees	\$5,270
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,855*

Expenses

4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Support, Administrative)	\$18,688
Transportation (Field Trip)	\$279
Notebooks, T-shirts, Equipment, Supplies.....	\$1,232
Academic Awards	\$373
Publicity	\$790
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$21,362*

* Funds remaining from 2014 camp made up the difference between income and expenses.

Announcing 2016 Forestry Camp

The 2016 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 20-25. 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.

"This camp experience has definitely expanded my horizons. I like that the staff/teachers could answer any questions that I had."
– Jaid, Dinwiddie Co.



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