



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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

*"This camp is an amazing opportunity to learn about the outdoors with an amazing staff."*

## 2017 Highlights

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp is always full of surprises. Not all fires are bad for the forest? Clearcutting can be beneficial? Foresters do more than plant trees? I can survive a week without a cell phone? The teens attending the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Forestry Camp had a week full of revelations and inspirations.

This year's 54 campers represented 33 Virginia counties and cities. Their core classes were Tree Identification; Forest Measurements and Mapping; Sustainable Forestry and Wildlife Management; Forest Ecology; Tree Improvement; Environmental Protection, and Reproducing the Forest. Other experiences included a field trip to the Rock Wood Products sawmill, exploratory classes, sports and a Lumberjack competition. Evening programs featured forestry career preparation, wildlife law enforcement, urban forestry 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.

Post-camp evaluations indicated that campers learned a great deal about tree identification, sustainability and forest management. Many were surprised to learn about the diversity of careers in forestry. Tree measurement was the most challenging skill to master, but most found the class enjoyable because of its hands-on nature. On the whole, the campers enjoyed trying new things, especially in the company of so many new friends. 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 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 51 staff members and presenters served as "in-kind" contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time.

### Top 10 Campers:

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| ☆ 1st – Sarah Graham, Lee Co.              | ☆ 6th – Journey Cole, Spotsylvania Co.  |
| ☆ 2nd – John Paul Luvera, Spotsylvania Co. | ☆ 7th – Tyler Smith, Dinwiddie Co.      |
| ☆ 3rd – Lisa Small, James City Co.         | ☆ 8th – Joshua Luvera, Spotsylvania Co. |
| ☆ 4th – Jessica Shi, James City Co.        | ☆ 9th – Joseph White, Fairfax Co.       |
| ☆ 5th – Sophia Liu, James City Co.         | ☆ 10th – Braeden Thompson, Portsmouth   |



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# The Forestry Camp Experience...



**Reproducing the Forest**



**Tree Measurements**



**Woodturning**



**Wildlife Techniques**



**Crosscut Saw Competition**



**Forest Ecology**



**Bowsaw Competition**



**Forest Firefighting**



**Tree Reproduction**



**Tree Planting**



**Forest Ecology**



**Arborist Demonstration**



**Tree Measurements**

## 2017 CAMP STAFF

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*“The teachers were engaging and taught us more complex topics than I had previously learned.”*

### Administration

#### CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF  
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF

#### CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF

#### CAMP REGISTRATION

Jessica Carroll – VDOF

#### CAMP MEDIC

Sean Wood - 4-H Center staff  
Kyle Manning – VDOF

#### CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF

#### 4-H CENTER LIAISON

Heather Benninghove – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

### Instructors

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Tree Identification.....                        | All counselors                                   |
| Environmental Protection .....                  | Trevor Simmons – VDOF                            |
| Reproducing the Forest .....                    | Justin Funk – VDOF                               |
| Forest Measurements .....                       | Matt Hall – VDOF                                 |
| Mapping .....                                   | Shannon Lewis – VDOF                             |
| Sustainable Forestry .....                      | Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC                     |
| Wildlife Management.....                        | Katie Martin – VDGIF                             |
| Tree Improvement.....                           | Justin Funk – VDOF                               |
| Forest Ecology .....                            | Karen Snape – VDOF; Andrew Brown – Weyerhaeuser  |
| Archery, Canoeing, Ropes, Stream Analysis ..... | Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff                    |
| Primitive Technologies.....                     | Al Lookofsky – Volunteer                         |
| Skeet Shooting.....                             | Art Kasson – Volunteer                           |
| Wilderness Survival .....                       | Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools              |
| Wildfire Tactics and Equipment.....             | Adam Smith and others – VDOF                     |
| Wildlife Techniques .....                       | Katie Martin – VDGIF                             |
| Wood Turning.....                               | Lee Scarbrough and others – Richmond Woodturners |

*“I didn’t think I would like the core classes, but I did, because they were so interesting and interactive.”*

### Program Presenters

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Forestry Career Preparation ..... | John Gray Williams – Virginia Tech                      |
| .....                             | Billy Newman – Dabney S. Lancaster Community College    |
| Wildlife Issues in Virginia.....  | Cale Godfrey – VDGIF                                    |
| Conservation Police .....         | Sgt. Sonny Nipper – VDGIF                               |
| Lumberjack Field Day .....        | Rick and BJ Butler – VDOF                               |
| Sawmill Tour .....                | Tyler Knarr, Luke Shenk and others – Rock Wood Products |
| Urban Forestry .....              | Chris Fields-Johnson and others – Davey Tree Expert Co. |

### Counselors

|                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| J.D. Baker – VDOF                  | Jon Perry – VDOF                      |
| Mary Bigger – Matthews Co. Schools | Andy Schmitt – Buckingham Co. Schools |
| Jen Bowry – Powhatan Co. Schools   | Trevor Simmons – VDOF                 |
| Justin Funk – VDOF                 | Karen Snape – VDOF                    |
| Hallie Harriman – VDOF             |                                       |
| Jordan Herring – VDOF              |                                       |
| Stephen Jasenak – VDOF             |                                       |
| Sarah Long – VDOF                  |                                       |
| Matt Lynch – VDOF                  |                                       |
| Kyle Manning – VDOF                |                                       |
| Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC       |                                       |

*“I now understand the scope, size and importance of the forest industry to Virginia.”*



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Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

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*"It is good to get away from technology and go outside and talk to one another."*

## Budget Summary

### Income

Business & Industry (12).....\$1,785  
Foundations, Associations & Organizations (11) .....\$9,050  
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (21) .....\$6,000  
Camper Registration Fees .....\$4,590  
**TOTAL INCOME ..... \$21,425\***

### Expenses

4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Support, Administrative).....\$17,866  
Notebooks, T-shirts, Equipment, Supplies.....\$1,192  
Academic and Team Awards.....\$349  
Publicity.....\$730  
**TOTAL EXPENSES..... \$20,137\***

\* Funds remaining will be applied to 2018 camp expenses and equipment purchases.

# Announcing

## 2018 Forestry Camp

The 2017 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 18-23. 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, visit [dof.virginia.gov/camp](http://dof.virginia.gov/camp).

*"The complexity of and interdependence between organisms in a forest was very surprising."*



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