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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 76TH CAMP WOODS AND WILDLIFE

Application deadline is April 15

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA – Do you know how to identify a dogwood? By its bark. What kind of tree fits in your hand? A palm tree. Ok, no more forest puns...we can't "bear" it.

If you're still reading this...applications are now open for the 76th annual Camp Woods and Wildlife to be held June 17-21 at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center near Appomattox. Hosted by the Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF), the camp offers an action-packed week in the woods for approximately 60 youth campers.

Camp Woods and Wildlife is an immersive forestry camp experience made possible through support and cooperation from partner conservation agencies, organizations and businesses.

Classes are taught by natural resource professionals and cover a wide variety of topics including wildlife habitat, tree identification, forest ecology, invasive species, careers in natural resources, and environmental protection. Campers engage in classroom learning and outdoor activities held in Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest, Virginia's largest state forest. The camp concludes with the camper favorite lumberjack contest, which consists of several team and individual competition events including crosscut, bow sawing and a log toss.

"Our 19,808-acre state forest classroom offers endless opportunities for campers to learn, build skills and discover careers in natural resources," said Camp Coordinator Ellen Powell. "Be prepared when you pick your child up from camp, they won't be able to stop talking about all of the different kinds of trees there are!"

Applicants must be Virginia residents 13-16 years old, in good academic standing, with an interest in natural resources, and cannot have attended this camp before. Interested students should visit the [Camp Woods and Wildlife page](#) on the DOF website to learn more and apply.

Please note: A non-relative adult, familiar with the student's interests, must complete the nominator section and submit the application by April 15.

Financial sponsorship is generously provided by a host of natural resource partners. As a result, every camper selected to attend receives a scholarship and pays only \$95 to participate in the week-long residential camp.

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About the Virginia Department of Forestry

The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) protects and develops healthy, sustainable forest resources for Virginians. With 16 million acres of forestland and more than 108,000 Virginians employed in forestry, forest products and related industries, Virginia forests provide an overall economic output of more than \$23 billion annually. Headquartered in Charlottesville, the agency has forestry staff members assigned to every county to provide citizen service and public safety protection across the Commonwealth, which it's been doing now for more than 100 years. DOF is an equal opportunity provider.