



# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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

## 2012 Highlights

Change can be scary, unless it is viewed as a new opportunity. The 66th annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp embraced some changes while keeping true to its core mission. The loss of the venerable "climbing oak" in a storm last summer may have ended the long-running arborist program, but the schedule opening allowed for the addition of new in-depth classes. And although several veteran staff members were unable to attend this year's camp, new friends stepped in to fill their boots. One thing didn't change: the 59 Virginia teens who braved the heat of the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest had a week of fun-filled, field-based learning experiences in the Forestry Camp tradition.

This year's campers represented 32 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 the basics" classes, sports, swimming and Lumberjack competitions. Evening programs featured presentations on forest health, natural resource careers, wildlife research and law enforcement presentations, 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.

According to camper evaluations, most felt they improved their knowledge of the core subjects taught at camp. Many campers planned to share their new skills and knowledge 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 and reference books. This year's top-scoring camper was Flint Lewis from Lunenburg County.

For the sixth year, Monday's program 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.

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

**For more information, please contact:**

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*Determining the  
Age of a Tree*

***"I will treasure this  
experience and these  
memories."  
– Mackenzie,  
Goochland County***





# *What Do We Do At Camp...*





# 2012 CAMP STAFF

## Administration

### CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF, Central Region  
Gale Washburn – VDOF, Central Region

### CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell – VDOF, HQ

### CAMP REGISTRARS

Becky Woodson – VDOF, HQ  
Jessica Carroll – VDOF, HQ

### CAMP MEDICS

Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools  
Chris Clayton – Volunteer

### CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy – VDOF, HQ

### 4-H CENTER LIAISON

Heather Benninghove – Holiday Lake 4-H Center

## Instructors

Environmental Protection .....	Shannon Lewis – VDOF, State Forests
Reproducing the Forest.....	Shannon Lewis – VDOF, State Forests
Tree Identification .....	Amy Bigger – RockTenn
Forest Measurements .....	Wayne Harris – RockTenn
Timber Harvesting.....	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC
Wildlife Management .....	Katie Martin – VDGIF
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt. ....	Will Shoup – VDOF, Eastern Region; Justin Funk – VDOF, Nurseries
Forest Ecology and Management.....	Karen Snape and Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Eastern Region
Alternative Forest Products .....	Andy Hankins and Greg Frey – VSU
Archery, Canoeing and Low Ropes.....	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
GPS and Aerial Photos .....	Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Eastern Region; Will Shoup – VDOF, Eastern Region
.....	Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools
Insect and Disease Scouting .....	Andrew Brown – VDOF, Western Region
Nutrition for the Trail .....	Donna Daniel - Virginia Cooperative Extension
Skeet Shooting.....	Art Kasson – Volunteer; Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
Stream Analysis .....	Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff
Wilderness Survival .....	Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment.....	Bill Perry – VDOF, Central Region; Rick Butler – VDOF, Central Region
.....	Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests; Tyler Price – VDOF Intern, HQ
Wildlife Techniques .....	Katie Martin – VDGIF
Wood Identification .....	Charlie Becker – VDOF, HQ
Wood Turning .....	Ray Deyo and Richmond Woodturners

## Program Presenters

Bear Research.....	Cale Godfrey – VDGIF
Conservation Police .....	Zach Adams – VDGIF
Forest Health Threats .....	Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech
Lumberjack Field Day .....	Gale Washburn – VDOF, Central Region
Natural Resource Career Preparation .....	Christi Standley – NCSU
Paper Mill Tour .....	Jay Phaup – Greif-Riverville LLC
Parents' Program.....	Rick Butler – VDOF, Central Region
.....	Mike Womack – VDOF, State Forests

## Counselors

Andrew Brown – VDOF, Western Region  
Chris Clayton – Volunteer  
Erik Filep – VDOF, Central Region  
Justin Funk – VDOF, Nurseries  
Debbie Howe – VDOF, HQ  
Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools  
Shannon Lewis – VDOF, State Forests  
Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC  
Kathleen Ogilvy – VDOF, Eastern Region  
Will Shoup – VDOF, Eastern Region

Karen Snape – VDOF, Eastern Region  
Tom Snoddy – VDOF, Eastern Region  
Jesse Tillack – VDOF Intern, Western Region  
Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Schools  
Dennis Woodson – Roanoke Valley Master Naturalist

***“I had tons of fun  
learning about trees.”  
– Lauren, Dinwiddie  
County***

***“This has helped me choose  
a career path for the future.”  
– Kaelin, Stafford County***



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### Agencies & Institutions

North Carolina State University  
Virginia Department of Forestry  
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries  
Virginia Cooperative Extension  
Virginia State University  
Virginia Tech

### Business & Industry

Domtar Paper Company, LLC  
EnviroFor LLC  
Greif Packaging LLC  
Huber Engineered Woods  
Morgan Lumber Company  
MWV  
South Rivers Forestry Consultants LLC  
RockTenn  
Three Rivers Forestry LLC

### Foundations & Organizations

Amherst Farm Bureau  
Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation  
Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter  
Henrico Farm Bureau  
Richmond Woodturners  
Society of American Foresters – Rappahannock Chapter  
Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee  
Virginia Association of Consulting Foresters  
Virginia Farm Bureau Federation  
Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation  
Virginia Tree Farm Committee

### Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Appomattox River SWCD  
Blue Ridge SWCD  
Chowan Basin SWCD  
Culpeper SWCD  
Holston River SWCD  
John Marshall SWCD  
Lake Country SWCD  
Natural Bridge SWCD  
Peter Francisco SWCD  
Pittsylvania SWCD  
Robert E. Lee SWCD  
Shenandoah Valley SWCD  
Tazewell SWCD  
Thomas Jefferson SWCD  
Tidewater SWCD

*"The best thing was firefighting by far – we actually had to put out a fire in the woods!"*  
– Hunter, Nelson County

## Budget Summary

### Income

Forest Industry/Business (6) .....\$2,100  
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (15)..\$2,950  
Foundations, Associations & Organizations (10).....\$13,850  
Virginia Department of Forestry.....\$250  
Camper Registration Fees .....\$4,425  
**TOTAL INCOME.....\$23,575\***

### Expenses

4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facilities, Administrative).....\$16,615  
Notebooks, T-shirts, Other Supplies .....\$900  
Academic Awards .....\$450  
Annual Report/Publicity.....\$1,400  
**TOTAL EXPENSES .....\$19,365\***

\* Additional funds will be used for promotion, equipment replacement and materials for 2013 camp.

## Announcing 2013 Forestry Camp

The 2013 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 17-22, 2013. 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/camp/](http://www.dof.virginia.gov/camp/).



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