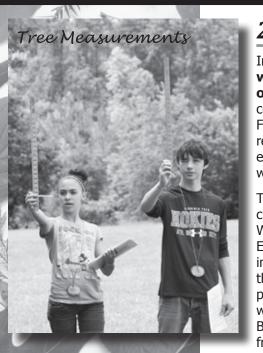


2013 **ANNUAL REPORT**

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



2013 Highlights

In A Sand County Almanac, Aldo Leopold wrote, "A conservationist is one who is humbly aware that with each stroke he is writing his signature on the face of the land." Perhaps no land better displays the signature of conservation and good management than the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. At the 67th annual Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, 80 teens explored the relationship between people and land as they took part in field-based learning experiences on the "AB" - once eroded and unproductive farmland, now a well-managed working forest.

This year's campers represented 40 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 introduction to diverse career fields in natural resources.

According to camper evaluations, most improved their knowledge of the core subjects taught at camp, and many 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 equipment. This year's Top 10 campers were as follows:

"I learned about the awesome power and benefits of Virginia's forests and wildlife."

– Nina S., Vienna

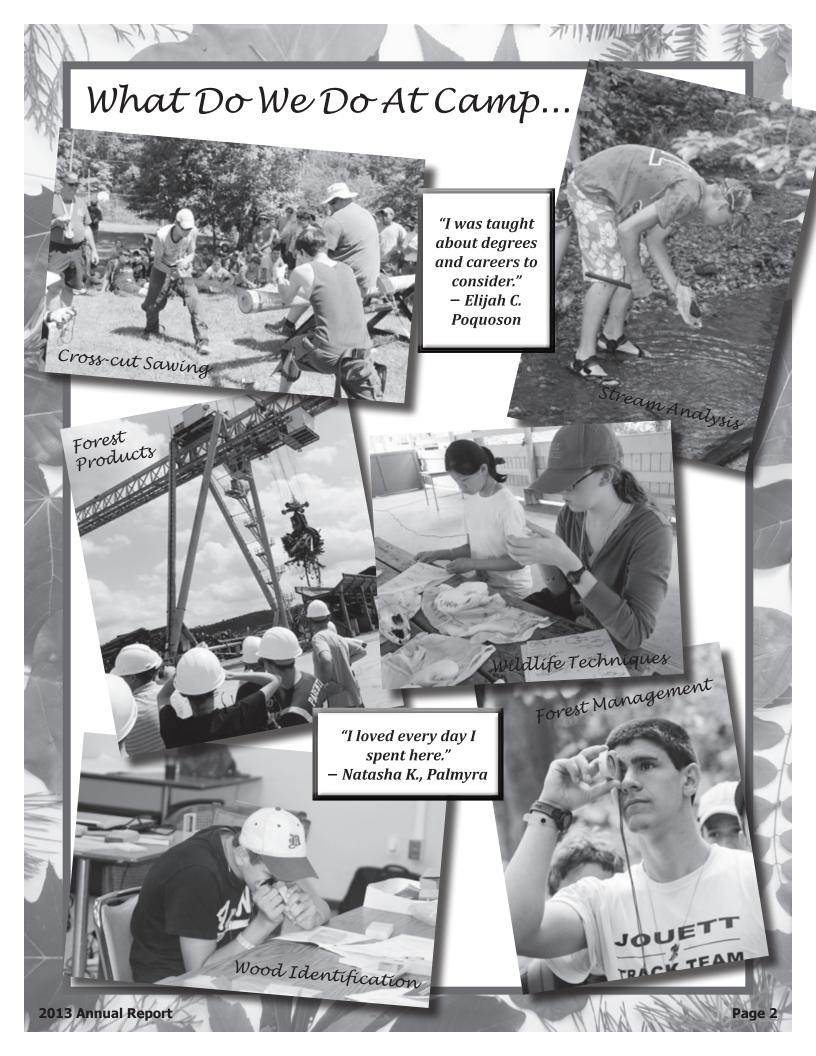
- 1st Noah Williams, Southampton County 公
- 公 2nd – Jacob Gray, Richmond County
- À 3rd – Tadek Kosmal, Falls Church
- ☆ 4th - Jesse Carter, Nelson County
 - 5th Holden Staton, Bedford County
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- À 6th - Keri Knott, Henry County
- 公 7th – Will Parker, Fauguier County
- 公 8th - Kyle Lanier, Bedford County
- 9th Jake Wood Fluvanna County 公
- 10th Hunter DeShazo Henry County

For the 7th 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 others.



For more information, please contact:

Visit us on the Web: dof.virginia.gov/camp/ Ellen Powell, Camp Coordinator ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov (434)220-9083



2013 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 allow 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.

Administration

CAMP DIRECTORS

Drew Arnn – VDOF Gale Washburn – VDOF

CAMP COORDINATOR

Ellen Powell - VDOF

CAMP REGISTRATION

Jessica Carroll - VDOF

CAMP MEDICS

Paul Reier – VDOF

Rob Kincade - Mathews County Schools

CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Muncy - VDOF

4-H CENTER LIAISON

Heather Benninghove - Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Instructors

"I want to do a job that is outdoors and around nature."

– Ben L., Mechanicsville

Map and Compass Navigation...... Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools; Will Shoup, VDOF

Insect and Disease Scouting Andrew Brown – VDOF

Primitive Technologies Al Lookofsky – Volunteer

Skeet Shooting...... Art Kasson – Volunteer; Matt Kasson – Virginia Tech

Wilderness Survival Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools

Wildfire Tactics and Equipment...... Adam Smith, Al Brooks, Mike Womack, Blair Dalton, Derek Keiser - VDOF

Program Presenters

Counselors

J.D. Baker – VDOF Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools

Andrew Brown – VDOF

Winny Chen – Volunteer

Lisa Deaton – VDOF

Margaret Owens – Volunteer

Will Character (VDOF)

Erik Filep – VDOF

Justin Funk – VDOF

Karen Snape – VDOF

Matt Hall – VDOF Andy Schmitt – Buckingham County Schools Rob Kincade – Mathews County Schools Chris Wargo – Fauquier County Schools

"My experience will allow me to advise my family on things like tree thinning." – Tadek K., Falls Church

2013 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp Sponsors

Agencies & Institutions

Virginia Department of Forestry Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries

Virginia Cooperative Extension Virginia Tech

Business & Industry

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

Foundations & Organizations

Ballyshannon Fund - Charlottesville Area Community Foundation Bealeton-Remington Ruritan Club Ned Cain Float Fishermen of Virginia – Randy Carter Chapter Henrico Farm Bureau Richmond Woodturners 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 Robert Wait Chris Wargo

Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Appomattox River SWCD Blue Ridge SWCD Chowan Basin SWCD Colonial SWCD Halifax SWCD John Marshall SWCD Lake Country SWCD Mountain SWCD Mountain Castles SWCD Natural Bridge SWCD Northern Neck SWCD Peter Francisco SWCD Piedmont SWCD Pittsylvania SWCD Robert E. Lee SWCD Shenandoah Valley SWCD Southside SWCD Tazewell SWCD Thomas Jefferson SWCD Three Rivers SWCD Tidewater SWCD

Budget Summary

Income

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Forest Industry/Business (6)	\$1,840
Foundations, Associations &	
Organizations (10)	\$9,125
Individuals (3)	\$600
Soil & Water Conservation Districts (21	1)\$4,725
Virginia Department of Forestry	\$420
Camper Registration Fees	\$5,850
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,560

Expenses

4-H Center Fees (Meals, Lodging, Facil	ities,
Administrative)	\$20,907
Transportation (Field Trip)	\$297
Notebooks, T-shirts, Other Supplies	\$1,405
Academic Awards	\$438
Publicity	\$705
TOTAL EXPENSES \$	23,752*

Some equipment and supplies were purchased with remaining funds from 2012 camp.

Announcing Announcing 2014 Forestry Camp

The 2014 Holiday Lake Forestry Camp will be held June 16-21, 2014. 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 dof.virginia.gov/camp/

"I never knew trees were so diverse and slightly confusing." – Holden S., Forest



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