# HOLIDAY LAKE FORESTRY CAMP

## 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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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-

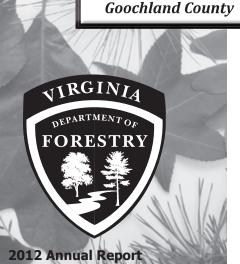
scoring camper was Flint Lewis from Lunenburg County.

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.

#### 2012 Highlights



"I will treasure this

experience and these

memories."

– Mackenzie.

For more information, please contact:

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Instructors

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

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

Stream Analysis ...... Holiday Lake 4-H Center staff

Wilderness Survival ...... Derek Mays – Amherst County Schools

.... Mike Wolliack - VDOI, State Folests, Tyle

Wood Turning ...... Ray Deyo and Richmond Woodturners

**Program Presenters** 

Lumberjack Field Day ...... Gale Washburn – VDOF, Central Region

Natural Resource Career Preparation ...... Christi Standley – NCSU
Paper Mill Tour ....... Jay Phaup – Greif-Riverville LLC

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Dennis Woodson - Roanoke Valley Master Naturalist

"This has helped me choose a career path for the future." — Kaelin, Stafford County

"I had tons of fun

learning about trees."

– Lauren, Dinwiddie

**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
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Holston River SWCD
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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

#### **Expenses**

\* 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/.



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