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The 4-H Center is starting a Friends group that can help the staff further the Centers' mission.

The mission of Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center is to improve the quality of life by educating youth and adults in a natural setting.

Who are the Friends of Holiday Lake 4-H Center?

This is a hands-on volunteer group dedicated to supporting the mission of 4-H Center through active participation in and promotion of programs and services.

Who is eligible to join the Friends of Holiday Lake 4-H Center?

Those who have an avid interest in seeing Holiday Lake 4-H Center continue its 70+ year tradition of providing camping opportunities to 4-H youth and other year-round educational programs and services that benefit the citizens of the Commonwealth. This includes former campers, campers' parents, current or past volunteers in good standing, school teachers and administrators, community and business leaders, and anyone else who has an interest in the 4-H Center's programs and

services.

How can you participate?

Friends can choose from a number of options, some taking considerable time and commitment and others only a few moments. Friends can help in one or more ways: promoting programs at the Center by reading and forwarding the e-news blasts or Facebook updates; promoting fundraisers and special projects (for example: selling tickets to the annual raffle); volunteering time for special projects like working special events (annual raffle, etc.), clean up days, special; maintenance projects, etc.; making an annual contribution; contributing items on the Center's "wish list" or contacting those in their communities who may be able to contribute.

What are the benefits?

Friends stay informed about the Center's programs by receiving a monthly e-news blast or Facebook update with the 4-H Center's calendar of events. Included on the calendar are camps, school group offerings, adult program and special event offerings as well as

a listing of volunteer opportunities. Friends are invited to attend the annual meeting of Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Inc. in December of each year.

What does it cost?

There is no membership fee.

How do I join?

By following this web link:

[http://
holidaylake4h.com/
friends.php](http://holidaylake4h.com/friends.php)

or by contacting anyone at Holiday Lake 4-H Center at (434) 248-5444.



Campers get to know one another while participating in Get-Acquainted Activities the first day of 4-H Camp.

Trailers Trashed: on Purpose! *Development— A Future Equal to Our Past*



One of two trailers being salvaged for scrap to make room for Pods.

Our future Summer Staff, primarily college students will be happy to know that they will not have to spend their summer nights in two; 40+ year old trailers that have outlived their usefulness. Past summer staff will say-why couldn't it have taken place on my watch? We have found affordable housing to replace two (two to go) trailers. The trailers came to the 4-H Center in the early 1970's after being used in the clean-up of the 1969 hurricane "Camille" in Nelson County. There are many stories that 4-H staff, Forestry camp instructors, Game Department personnel, 4-H Shooting Education instructors and other can tell about their overnights in the trailers. One clue is that they were not totally critter proof. The trailers will be replaced with "PODS", which are 14X30 and will house two summer staff each. Additional PODS will be built when funds are available. Future articles will focus on the Pods and there uses other than Summer Staff housing.

THE NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION (NRE) PROGRAM *Tamara Arrington, NRE Coordinator*



Informational signs donated by the Virginia department of Forestry will be used on the 4-H Center's Discovery Trail.

the 4-H Center. Whereas most of our grants in the past have been county specific, the current grant offers a chance for students in any county to participate in the NRE program both on and off site. Half of the grant money is already spoken for and we are currently accepting reservation forms from other school groups that would like to participate in the NRE program with the remaining grant money. If you are a teacher/faculty or school board member and would like to set up a program using the grant money please contact the NRE Coordinator, Tamara Arrington at 434-248-5444 for more information and scheduling options.

We are also working on a project of revamping the discovery trail focusing on tree

identification. The Virginia Department of Forestry has graciously donated informational signs that will be put up to help school groups, campers, and other user groups test their tree identification skills. If anyone is interested in volunteering with this project or becoming a volunteer educator for our school groups please contact us. Since we are a non-profit and rely on volunteer instructors for our NRE program we are always looking for new volunteer educators and appreciate any and all help we can get! For more information on becoming a volunteer, setting up school programs or general inquires about the NRE program please contact me by email at tamaraa@vt.edu or by calling the 4-H Center at 434-248-5444.

Fall is quickly approaching and we are already getting ready for school groups that will be participating in our NRE programming during the 2011/2012 school year. We currently have four schools on the schedule this Fall from

Lynchburg who have never participated in our program. We expect to have several groups from counties who have not previously participated in our NRE program due to a new Wells Fargo/Wachovia Foundation grant obtained by

Upcoming Events

September 30-October 2 – Waterfowlers Weekend

Everything you need to know about waterfowl hunting. Participate in classes ranging from decoy placement, duck calling, to boating operations and even game care and cooking. Ages 12 and up.

October 8-9-CSI Camp

Campers age 9-13 will have the opportunity to work with the law enforcement officers from Prince Edward, Cumberland and Amherst Counties, as well as representatives from the State Police to solve a case.

October 21-23 –Wilderness Survival and Outdoor Living Skills Weekend

Ever wonder what you'd need if you were lost in the wilderness or stranded after an accident? Would you know how to survive? Join us and learn how to survive and thrive in the wilderness. Registration deadline is October 7.

November 4-6- Benefit Trail Ride

Join us for a 10 to 18 mile trail ride on a variety of terrains including creek, woods, and gravel roads thru our State Forest. Rain or shine event. Registration deadline is October 14.

November 11-13 – Awareness & Camouflage Workshop

If your subject was unconscious and within 30 feet, would you be able to find them? We believe that having the ability to hide well improves your ability to find the hidden. Learn how to become more aware of your surroundings. Join us for a grown-up game of hide and seek! Registration deadline is October 28.

December 3-4 – Christmas Camp

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Learn all about going green at our Christmas Camp. Activities range from recycled crafts and gift making to cooking baking and reindeer games. Camp is for ages 5 and up. Registration deadline is November 18.

January 27-29, 2012 – Virginia 4-H Natural Resource Weekend

For ages 9 and up. Participate in a variety of natural resources workshops like; aquatic bugs, snakes, tracking, GPS, bird watching, and forestry. Campers bring your parents. Registration deadline is January 6, 2012.

February 24-25, 2012 – Winter Cloverbud Camp

Cloverbud Camp is designed to introduce children ages 5-8 to the 4-H Camping Experience. Sing songs, play games and learn new things. This year's theme is Peter Pan. Registration deadline is February 10, 2012.

March 4-8, 2012 –Decoy Carving Workshop

Learn to carve your very own decoy or sharpen up your carving skills. First time carvers welcome, no carving experience necessary. Registration deadline is February 20, 2012.

March 4-9, 2012 – Traditional Flintlock Rifle Workshop

Build your own custom flintlock rifle. Choose from various rifle options, calibers, and barrels. Rifle building experience is not necessary.

**Registration deadline is
November 18, 2011** due to the preparation needed by the instructor.



Information on these programs can be accessed in the 4-H Center's website.



Above: Carl Rogers of North Augusta, South Carolina, paints his duck in the Decoy Carving Workshop. Below: participants and instructors of the Gardening class that created two new flower beds for the 4-H Center during the Appomattox/Lynchburg 4-H Camp.



Summer Camp Jobs – Apply Today!

Working at summer camp is not only fun, it can be one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences of your life!

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center is now accepting applications for **2012 Camp Program Staff**.

Interviews are being scheduled for December 17th, 20th, and January 3rd, 6th. For more information and to apply, please call 434-248-5444 or go to www.holidaylake4h.com/employment

CENTRA, A GOLDEN PARTNER IN CAMPING

As a Golden Partner, Centra is supporting Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in the belief, that it is well rounded youth who will be our best future decision makers, civic and business leaders. To that end the 4-H Center programs focus on life skills development such as self responsibility, leadership, social skills and critical thinking to name a few.

While food, utility, insurance and up-keep cost continue to rise, Centra as a Golden Partner in Camping, will help the 4-H Center keep camping fees as low as possible while continuing to provide decades of high quality learning experience for our youth.

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www.centrahealth.com

WALTER E. SAXON, JR., DDS PC – A GOLDEN PARTNER IN CAMPING

From the office in Dillwyn, the group provides all general dental procedures, including preventive services, fillings, crowns, bridges, dentures, root canals, and restoration of implants. Dr. Saxon also provides dental treatment in Centra Southside Community Hospital’s operating room for special needs patients and children. An orthodontist, Dr. William Horbaly, comes to the office twice a month. By becoming a Golden Partner in Camping, Dr. Saxon is financially supporting the 4-H Center’s staff as they instruct youth in the following 4-H Fundamentals. The 4-H Motto – “To Make the Best Better”, Philosophy of 4-H: “Learn by Doing” and the 4-H Pledge which promotes the productive use of our Heads, Heart, Hands and Health for each 4-Her’s club, community, country, and world.

His support of Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center helps more campers attend and develop as better youth, while the cost of insurance, utilities and food continue to rise and impact the ability of parents to provide their children with a camping experience.

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