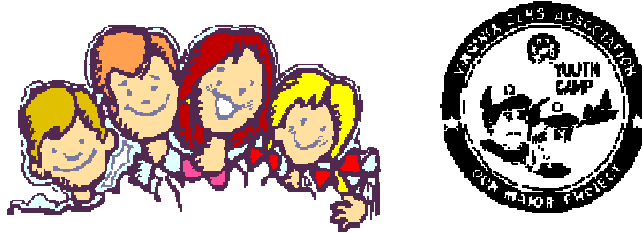


Virginia Elks Association News

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Harrisonburg 450 Youth Camp Raffle Called due to Poor Sales



**Virginia Elks Association Youth Camp
Millboro, Virginia**

Because of poor ticket sales, Lodge 450 voted Thursday evening to cancel the Youth Camp Raffle this year and to seek other means of raising funds to send our quota of twenty youth to Elks Summer Camp. If you are one of the few who purchased tickets and wish a refund, contact the Elk you purchased them from and they will work with the Youth Camp Committee to return your money to you. However, if you can find it in your heart to do so, could you please just consider it a donation to the Youth Camp Committee to go toward the \$5,000 or so the Lodge will have to raise somehow to send our quota of campers to camp? The Lodge is really in a quandary as to how it's going to raise this money. The Lodge apologizes for having to take this unprecedented action, but barring a miracle, the Lodge would have not only not made any money on the raffle, but also would have probably lost money on it.

After the meeting, it was suggested that maybe caring Elks might wish to "Sponsor a Camper" by donating the \$250 or so needed to send a single camper to camp. The camper would be asked to send you a letter through the Lodge about their experience at camp and any awards they may receive. Think about it. Any help you can give the Lodge will be greatly appreciated.