

VEYC Camping Season Week 3 Report



Virginia Elks Association Youth Camp Millboro, Virginia



Hello Virginia Elks!

The third week of camping season has completed and we had a successful first week of the boy's session. The weather cooperated and the kids had a great time. We had 62 boys last week who enjoyed archery, BB guns, swimming, basketball and all the outdoor activities the camp provides.

A representative from the Virginia Department of Health visited camp last week and ate lunch with the kids. They said our lunch and paperwork was great! The staff is working together well and everything has been



running smoothly. We are hoping our final week's report for next week will bring even better news.

As a side note, as I stood outside of the Charlottesville lodge on Sunday delivering Virginia Beach's boys to catch #389's bus to camp, the parents were speaking out front amongst each other and I overheard their conversations. One parent expressed concerns about her son being away and if he would have fun. One parent spoke up and said "This is my son's first time to camp and I had those concerns too until my daughter went a couple of weeks ago for the first time and she had a blast!" The other parent asked her what were her daughter's favorite activities and the mom said she loved it all!! She had zero complaints and said "I am so happy I found the Elks because I could have never sent them to camp on my own." My chest filled with pride and my eyes with tears of joy as they had no idea who I was. I didn't say a thing to them but I share this with you, the Virginia Elks Association, and everyone who has supported the camp for so many years. **YOU** have made a difference in a child's life. You have helped make memories that will last a lifetime and helped a parent provide something they could not have provided for their child! THANK YOU!!!

Michael Gerhart was the Athlete of the Week from Woodbridge and Camper of the Week was Michael Ramos of Alexandria Lodge Congrats to these young men! Don't forget to like our Facebook page for daily updates from camp! Thanks to the lodges listed below for girls to camp last week. Off we go to the last week of camp!



Front Royal #2382	Richmond #45	Staunton #351
Loudon #2406	Winchester # 867	Woodbridge #2355
Alexandria # 758	Arlington-Fairfax #2188	Clifton Forge #1065

Regards, Karyn Swenor, VEYC President

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