

VEYC President Sandy Hanlon's Youth Camp Report



Virginia Elks Association Youth Camp
Millboro, Virginia



I am happy to report that the Virginia Elks Youth Camp had a successful camping season. The camp season ran very smoothly. Though the attendance was at an all-time low the kids enjoyed themselves. The kids were real troopers with the temperatures hitting 90+ during their stay. I have heard back from several of the lodges that many of the first timers are already looking forward to next year. We had several returning counselors and a few new ones.

The following is the weekly totals:

Week 1 Girls 61

Week 2 Girls 36

Week 3 Boys 64

Week 4 Boys 31

Total 193 (down from 215 last year)

This decline is very disappointing in regards to how hard we have been working to promote camp in our local lodges. Over the past few years, we have heard members from all over the state that the Lodges just don't have the funds or the support of the membership to provide the transportation for the campers. We as a State need to turn this around. We know that each city in Virginia that houses an Elks lodge also houses children and parents who would find this resource as invaluable. For the parents, the opportunity to give their kids a free week's vacation and the opportunity to attend a summer camp, meet new friends, experience new activities and make memories that will last a lifetime. Memories created by the ELKS!!

The Facebook page was again a big hit this year. During week one we did have some issues posting pictures but that was quickly corrected. Thanks to the Camp Director, Donald "Tuck" Tucker for making sure pictures were posted daily. The parents and families do enjoy seeing what is going on at the camp. If you have not 'liked' the camp Facebook page, please do so. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Virginia-Elks-YouthCamp-VEYC/334782503257222?fref=ts>

In closing, the ACA inspection was done on Thursday, July 28. We scored 100%. Thanks to everyone involved in making this happen.

Camper of the Year-2016

Samantha Champion

Hampton 366.

Cesar Solorzano

Arlington-Fairfax 2188

Regards,

Sandy Hanlon

VEYC President

Submitted by Sandy Hanlon

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Virginia Elks Youth Camp Attendance - 2016

Lodge	2016 Quota	TOTAL Actual	District
Alexandria 758	10	12	N
Arlington-Fairfax 2188	28	28	N
Bedford 2844	21	3	Sw
Charlottesville 389	23	40	C
Clifton Forge 1065	9	2	Sw
Danville 227	5	0	Sw
Fredicksburg 875	25	1	C
Front Royal2382	16	13	N
Galax 2212	5	0	Sw
Hampton 366	11	5	Se
Harrisonburg 450	15	15	C
Loudoun 2406	10	11	N
Lynchburg 321	10	0	Sw
Martinsville 1752	12	0	Sw
Newport News 315	7	6	Se
Norfolk 38	4	0	Se
Northern Neck 2666	3	0	C
Onancock 1766	20	1	Se
Petersburg 237	2	0	Se
Portsmouth-Cheapeake 82	3	0	Se
Pulaski 1067	3	0	Sw
Richmond 45	8	3	C
Roanoke 197	29	0	Sw
Staunton 351	16	19	C
Suffolk 685	5	0	Se
Virginia Beach 2268	7	10	Se
Waynesboro 2270	9	2	C
Winchester 867	27	22	N
Woodbridge 2355	14	0	N
Total	357	193	