

Virginia Elks Youth Camp Newsletter,
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By the time you receive this Newsletter the Virginia Elks Youth Camp Directors and Executive Committee will have met in Charlottesville. At this meeting we will work on several pressing items and the 2011-2012 Youth Camp Budget that must be presented to the Virginia Elks Trustees at the Protocol Meeting to be held in Bedford in March. The January meeting was held on the 22nd and details of the meeting will be forthcoming next month.

The beautiful Cowpasture River bisects our Youth Camp and is one of the headwater streams that form the James River that eventually flows into the Chesapeake Bay. A letter was sent to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation recently informing them about our camp. This is an attempt to gather information from them about possible educational materials we could use during the summer for our campers. Such as having the campers run water quality tests that the Foundation could use. The letter was an attempt to open communications between the camp leaders and the Foundation that may be beneficial to both parties. Who knows what might come of this inquiry. We will see! This is another attempt to broaden the scope of activities we can offer to our youth campers. Your help in this endeavor is needed. If you have an idea or two that we can consider please pass it along to your Lodge Youth Camp Director or the Youth Camp Vice President of your District. The Officers and the Executive Committee of the Camp will study all proposals we receive to see if they can be implemented. All we do is for the kids!

Continuing this last thought of needing your input to Camp Officers, we are open to any and all suggestions any Elk in Virginia has for the improvement of the Camp for our Youths. Jot down a note or give any of the Officers of the Camp a phone call with any suggestions you may have that would improve our Camp. Sometimes we get caught up in running the camp and ideas get stale or we just overlook ideas that are right in front of us. Please let us know of your ideas and concerns. We will listen and act if we can improve our "Virginia Elks Youth Camp."