

Virginia Elks Youth Camp Newsletter March, 2011

By Michael Haynes, President

On Saturday, January 22nd the Virginia Elks Youth Camp Directors and Officers met in Charlottesville. A very good turnout of Elks (26) from around Virginia attended including our State Association President Elect, Tim Knotts and the President of the Virginia Elks Trustees, Dr. Bob Hinkle. Four Past Youth Camp Presidents were in attendance, Tim Knotts, Kitty Sandy, Dave Bonoit and Tom Underwood. This was a good meeting where we all learned a lot.

Tim Knotts commented about the Youth Camp Officers and Directors making a better effort in communicating to the local lodges. By attending lodge meetings in their Districts and District Deputy Clinics and communicating events and information to the Elks of Virginia. In doing so make more lodges think more highly of the Camp and what it does for the Youth of Virginia generating more campers in the summer.

Jay Bonnell, Youth Camps 2nd Vice President, informed those in attendance on how the Norfolk Lodge manages to spend none of their lodges funds to send more than their quota of campers each year. Your Lodge might want to check this out as Jay will furnish you his information.

The first reading of the Camp Budget was presented and discussed. A meeting on the February 19th will be just for developing the final balanced budget so I can present it to the State Trustees at the Protocol Meeting in March.

The Camp Director of Maintenance, Buster Shaner gave a report on construction going on at the Camp. Buster reported the installation of the gutter drainage pipes for the Dining Hall is underway with digging being started the week before our meeting. The installation of sub-flooring and the commercial flooring surface for the kitchen will be completed in early spring. This will require moving of kitchen equipment from the kitchen into the dining hall. Due to the kitchen equipment being large a portion of the serving wall that separates the kitchen from the dining room must be removed and then rebuilt when the kitchen equipment is returned. To accomplish this job volunteers will work to help with this part of the overall project.

Buster also discussed a project that is in the planning stage now in using part of the dining hall to make a small conference room and bath rooms. Along with this project will be the upgrading the electrical system for the entire dining hall building. This will require hours of volunteer man-hours too; so be on watch for our needing volunteers.