

Virginia Elks Youth Camp Newsletter
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The Virginia Elks Youth Camp had a large turn out of Elks at the Protocol Meeting in Bedford on March 12th. I don't know exactly how many but the Peakview Room at the Elks Home was full to the brim.

Prior to the meeting I presented the Virginia Elks Association Trustees with a 2011-2012 Budget that they approved. This budget was trimmed down to bare bones and I am not sure the Camp can live within this approved budget. The camp officers met in Charlottesville to prepare this budget and we really looked at it closely, trimming where we could.

You know it is really hard to prepare a Camp budget when you do not know how many campers the lodges across the state will be sending. We know your quota but do not know how many you will be sending. We do know some lodges do not send any campers or funds to the camp each year and some send less campers than their quota, a few send more than their quota. It is a guessing game to try to know the number of campers we will have. We attempt to come up with a total camp income for the year.

Another item that has been less than we expected is the amount your lodge donates to the Camp. Some lodges in the past have held special events during the year to help the Youth Camp and this past year the sum was much less than in past years. We are asking you to consider trying to help more.

After the meeting the Virginia State Sponsor, Lester "Ted" Hess, congratulated me on a well run meeting. You cannot know how much that means to me to have Ted say that to me. Makes all the work that goes into planning and executing the meeting worth the effort.

All we do is for the kids.