

Virginia Elks Youth Camp Newsletter
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A lot has happened this past month with our Virginia Elks Youth Camp. First, gutters and downspouts have been installed on the Dining Hall, the Ranger Cabin and the Garage Building. Next weekend we will dig ditches and install piping to move the rain water away from the buildings. These improvements were approved by the State Trustees who have authorized \$8,500.00 for the project. It has taken awhile to get this needed construction project to completion. It is hoped this will not be the last construction project you hear about in the near future. Other projects are planned, a new kitchen floor covering, a waterfront storage building constructed on an existing concrete slab and handicap bathrooms in the dining hall to name a few. Most of the labor for these projects will be donated by Elks volunteering their services.

The Fall Convention in Virginia Beach has just concluded. The State Trustees and the Past State Presidents asked that I speak to them at separate meetings on Thursday afternoon. Both meetings were beneficial to both the State Officers and to the Camp. The State Officers were given a listing of years of total campers for comparison. The numbers showed that we had fewer campers this year than years past to 2006. The reason for the smaller number of campers is not known for sure, the depressed economy, high unemployment, fewer Elks statewide to name a few reasons that could be the cause. I think we the officers of the camp have not communicated with Elks of Virginia as we should have may also be a cause. We have made the finances available as we should to inform all how solvent the camp is and other information that is needed by State Officers and Virginia Elks. This article to the Elk membership is another way to keep you up to date on Camp happenings.

Remember "IT IS ALL ABOUT THE KIDS."