

Virginia Elks Youth Camp Newsletter

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Happy New Year to All

It is just starting the winter of 2010-2011 and already the Youth Camp grounds have been covered with snow. Not much happening now. Michael, our Camp Ranger, and Bonnie, his wife, are settled in for the winter. Can you imagine how quite and peaceful it must be at the camp during the winter? They live in a winter wonderland with all the snows they receive, and the deer and other animals that abound around them. A Currier and Ives calendar print all winter long just out of their window.

The Officers are working on projects during the winter. We have obtained bids and are purchasing kitchen equipment needed to replace older worn out items, a new commercial freezer, a new commercial deep fryer to name a couple of items. A new commercial tile floor for the kitchen in the dining hall is on the way. The possibility of handicap bathrooms continues to be in the planning stage but we do have some items being donated for this project. Some items needed will be wiring, pipe, insulation, lumber, nails, sinks with hardware, tile board, tile and grout for the floor and walls, exhaust fans and other items for bathrooms. Any of these and other items that will be needed that we can get donated will really help with the project and we do accept donations.

We, the officers, will come together at a Budget Meeting and will be working on the Camp Budget soon. We must have a balanced budget on hand to present to the Virginia Elks Association Trustees at the March Protocol Meeting in Bedford. This is always a big challenge, to guess what our income will be and try to match it with needed expenses. We always know some of our income but it is hard to estimate the number of campers you will be sending each summer. As always we will do the best we can and hope we get it right. The budget is now under review and with the monthly financial statements received from our Camp Treasurer some of the line items are coming together.