

Virginia Elks Youth Camp  
January Newsletter  
By Jay Bonnell, President

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is ready to start the New Year refreshed and ready to go. As G.K. Chesterton said, “Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective.” We have many talented and dedicated Elks in Virginia who are a great asset to the Youth Camp, and many who could be if they just remember that what we do for the camp is for the kids. To make the camp flourish, you don’t necessarily have to go to the camp and do physical work. We need just as many people back home at the Lodges finding children who would want to go to camp, but are unaware of the great facility we have. This time of year is a great time for finding these deserving children when we are having our Hoop Shoot. We don’t have to look far, because they come to us. It’s also a good time to have fund raisers to raise the money to send them to camp. And don’t forget, you can ask your local businesses to sponsor a child.

We are having our business session meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Charlottesville Lodge. This is a Board of Directors meeting, and I would like to see everyone there. We need to do the budget and also work on the By-Laws. So bring your calculators, sharpen your pencils and I’ll see you in Charlottesville.

***“Remember, YOU can make a difference.”***