

Virginia Elks Youth Camp By Michael Haynes, President

The Virginia Elks Youth Camp Executive Board met on Saturday, September 4th at the Youth Camp in Bath County. The Executive Board Members are: Michael Haynes from Bedford Lodge; 1st Vice President, Kathryn Redman from Alexandria Lodge; 2nd Vice President Jay Bonnell from Norfolk Lodge; 3rd Vice President, Thomas Beasley from Charlottesville Lodge; 4th Vice President Yvonne Hall from Clifton Forge Lodge; Secretary, Bob Ward from the Warrenton-Culpepper Lodge; Treasurer, Jerry Fleischauer from Fredericksburg Lodge.

The Camp Officers are: Director of Maintenance, Buster Shaner from Staunton Lodge; Trust Fund Officer, Donald Kidd from Harrisonburg Lodge.

The Camp Employees are; Camp Director, Susie Keller and Camp Ranger, Mike Journell from Clifton Forge. Each Virginia State Lodge has a Camp Director and all of these make up the Virginia Elks Youth Camp Officers, Directors and Staff

The meeting was attended by the Virginia Elks Association Trustee President, Dr. Bob Hinkle who was very informative bringing information from the State Association to the Camp Officers. We were able to furnish the State Trustees with information that they need to help us in our effort to provide a great camp to our summer campers. The first order of business was to appoint Yvonne Hall to the position of 4th Vice President. All officers must be elected at the fall convention in Virginia Beach in October. Problems and successes were discussed from the summer camp season and solutions were discussed as to how to make the camp better. There will be changes next camping year! Construction at the camp will start soon as we start the installation of guttering and downspouts on several buildings including the dining hall. A new river equipment storage building must be constructed on an existing cement slab during the off season and some updating to the kitchen area is in the works. A lot to look forward to this coming year and a lot of volunteer work will be available for Elks from around the state.