

Virginia Elks Youth Camp
August Newsletter
By Michael Haynes, President

The Virginia Elks Youth Camp is in high gear with girls attending the camp at this moment and the boys starting the week of July 17th. Our camper attendance has been disappointing so far with only 162 girl campers. The most disappointment so far is the ten Lodges that did not send any girl campers. We did have eleven Lodges that sent more than half of their total quota with Arlington-Fairfax (20) and Charlottesville (22) sending the most girls to camp. These eleven Lodges have done a great job and are to be commended and it is hoped all Lodges will send their total quota of campers. I know the work that it takes to get campers, the funds to send them and return them home safely. For this I thank you and I know the campers thank you.

I am told that the girl's councilors we have this year are the best ever and they have done a great job with our campers. Let's hope we have the same with the boy's councilors. It has really been hot at the camp, as it has been all over Virginia these past weeks with a few storms blowing through mostly in the evenings allowing the campers to have a good time.

Our future construction in the Dining Hall is in the planning stages. Talks with Bath County have taken place about building permits, with the Department of Health concerning septic system needed and with BARC (Electric Company) on needed changes and installation. Our Chief Planner/Construction Supervisor, Dave Benoit, and Director of Maintenance, Buster Shaner are going to need a lot volunteers to get this new project to completion. We are hoping we can get volunteers, like we did when the Infirmary was built, in completing the dining hall bathrooms and the conference room addition. Folks, it is going to take a large turnout of volunteers so be thinking about spending some weekends at the camp this fall.

As soon as we complete the planning and design stage we will have a quote on the funds needed and will work with the State Association for the funds to complete the project.

Even with camp for the summer in progress you can see we are moving forward to make the camp an even nicer place for the Youth of Virginia. Step up and help.

"All we do is for the kids."