



Virginia Elks Association Youth Camp Millboro, Virginia

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September Newsletter
By Jay Bonnell, President

Well we survived another camping year. As usual, we had our ups and downs, but we all pulled together and got through it. I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to my Executive Committee and to the Board of directors for bonding together and getting a lot of needed repairs and renovations approved and started, and in some cases completed. The new septic tank and drain field for the Dining Hall renovation is installed, and work on the Dining Hall will be starting very soon. I also want to thank the Charlottesville Lodge for getting together a great bunch of guys and building a new water front equipment building. There is one member of the Executive Committee that has spent many hours working closely with the insurance company and the adjustor making sure that we are being reimbursed as much as we legally can from the damage done by the June storm. He has also spent many hours getting together all the paperwork needed to file the last two years of tax returns. That person is our Treasurer, John Cannon. I don't think we could have made it through the year without him. John, thanks for going above and beyond to get the job done. There are also many others who I would like to thank that have given of their time to help at the camp to make it a better place for the kids. I hope that you and others continue to volunteer your time and do what it takes to keep the camp in good running order.

Every year at the end of camping season there is one girl camper and one boy camper chosen from all that campers that attended camp to be awarded the Girl Camper of the Year, and the Boy Camper of the Year. This year I am pleased to announce that the Girl Camper of the Year is Lily Kennedy, sponsored by the Bedford Lodge. The Boy Camper of the Year is Matthew Denton, sponsored by the Hampton Lodge. I would like to extend my congratulations to these fine young campers. Their awards will be available for the Lodges to pick up at the October Convention at Virginia Beach.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who has helped make this a great year, and hope you continue to support the incoming 2013 VEYC Officers.

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