



Georgia's Forestry Youth Camp

At Georgia's four-day summer Forestry Youth Camp, middle school students investigate the wonders of forest and wildlife ecology, learn how to identify trees, and discover the value and importance of forests in their daily lives. They spend time with professionals who manage Georgia's forest land and others who work in the forest products industry.



The Billy Lancaster Forestry Youth Camp was founded in 1988 by the late Billy Lancaster, who passed away in 2003. Mr. Lancaster, a long-time supporter and

promoter of forestry, raised funds to support the camp. Because of his dedicated efforts, hundreds of Georgia's youth have learned about the value and importance of Georgia's forests and wildlife in their everyday lives.

Forestry Youth Camp is a program of the Georgia Division of the Society of American Foresters, and is sponsored in part by:



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Who Can Attend?

Rising 7th and 8th grade boys and girls who want to learn about Georgia's forests are eligible to attend Forestry Youth Camp. Students are selected by the school based on their achievement and interest in forestry and natural resources. Typically this is presented as an award to the student at a school honors program ceremony.

Up to 60 campers statewide are eligible on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is usually one student per school; however, most schools select an alternate as well, in case the first recipient is unable to attend. Beginning in March, applications are mailed to middle school science teachers and guidance counselors, who nominate a deserving student. Once a student is selected, the school will receive notification and an acceptance package with detailed information will be mailed to the student.



Recreation

While academics are an important part of the Forestry Youth Camp experience, the schedule includes time for recreational activities as well. The camp offers excellent facilities for tennis, basketball, ping-pong, and swimming. There is also a trip to Stone Mountain Park, where campers see the Laser Light Show.

Camp Accommodations and Costs

Forestry Youth Camp is held at the Camp of the FFA/ Family Career and Community Leaders of America located south of Covington, Georgia on Lake Jackson.

Campers stay in cabins with other participants under the supervision of counselors. Employees of the Georgia Forestry Commission serve as cabin counselors. While the camp is supported by donations from forestry businesses and individuals, there is a nominal cost of \$40 to each camper.

Camp Instruction



Camp instructors are professional members of the Society of American Foresters and other forestry related organizations. They work in both the public and private sectors and donate their time at the Forestry Youth Camp.

Students are actively engaged in their education and provided multiple opportunities to learn. They will have hands-on experiences, observe forestry operations during a field trip, and develop an appreciation for wildlife by participating in live snake and bird shows. All students completing the Forestry Youth Camp receive a Certificate of Completion and a tee shirt from the Georgia Forestry Association.

**To contribute to the SAF Billy Lancaster
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