

# 2023 Tennessee Forestry Camp



An introduction to the scientific, technical, and professional aspects of the forestry natural resource profession to FFA high school students in Tennessee.



## A Tradition of Collaboration



Since 1950, Tennessee Forestry Camp has been providing a wonderful opportunity for high school students affiliated with FFA to discover and enhance their environmental conservation knowledge, skills, and ethics through the leadership and instruction of camp counselors and forestry professionals.



The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry and the Tennessee Department of Education Career and Technical Education Division are avid supporters of Forestry Camp. They provide knowledgeable instructors with extensive forest management experience and develop leadership skills through the guidance of camp counselors, respectively. This support goes a long way in making camp fun and educational all while making it efficient to host camp at a reasonable fee. In addition to the State of Tennessee sponsors, the Tennessee Forestry Association and companies of the forest industry in the state contribute to the camp through donations and/or personnel.

## Forestry

The core nature of camp is outdoor, hands-on instruction on the knowledge and responsibilities of the forestry profession. Courses are taught in the field by professional foresters and include: tree identification, measurements, compass and pacing, hardwood and pine silviculture, wildlife management, water quality protection, wildfire protection, insect and disease, best management practices, and geographic information systems/ GPS.



## Leadership



It is FFA's mission to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education.



Forestry Camp facilitates this mission throughout the week in the field, around Camp, and at Assembly. For Assembly, groups rotate each night to lead the evening program, and individuals are given the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills, team build with their peers, and fortify their commitment to the FFA organization.

## Recreation



While instruction of the forestry profession is the core mission of camp, there is still plenty of time to let loose, enjoy the surroundings, socialize with new friends, and just relax. Activities include basketball, swimming, fishing, and cornhole. There's even a cornhole tournament. A Fall Creek Falls Park Ranger leads an interpretive hike of the park early in the week.

On Wednesday night, the faculty and counselors host a cookout and invite friends and family for a short visit. The cookout is followed by a forestry conclave where students compete in a variety of timber sports and camp games. The fun and games are then followed by a traditional bonfire and program led by the students.

## Accommodations

Facilities include rustic unheated cabins with bunk beds, and three bathhouses. Designated girls and boys cabins and bathhouses. Meals and snacks are provided. First meal is 5:00 pm Sunday afternoon; last is lunch on Friday. Candy and soft drinks are offered for sale. Cellular phone coverage is spotty depending on carrier; a phone is available in the mess hall until 10:00 pm each night.



## What to Bring

- \* Field clothes (long pants, boots, coat, rain gear), plenty of underwear (especially socks), informal clothes, sports shoes. Weather can be very hot or wet and cold - come prepared. **NO LAUNDRY FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE**, so bring enough clothes for the week.
- \* Sheets, blankets, pillows, sleeping bag. **IT CAN GET COLD**, and camp has no spare blankets.
- \* Towels & toiletry items (flip-flops are handy for getting to & from bath house)
- \* Pen or pencil, paper & clipboard
- \* Insect repellent
- \* Flashlight
- \* Insurance card; claim form if applicable
- \* Optional: camera, softball glove, swimwear, fishing pole, guitar, radio, etc.



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**When:** Sunday, June 4 through Friday, June 9, 2023.

**Where:** Piney Creek Camp (formerly known as Group Camp 2), Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville TN 37367.  
Phone: 423-881-3297 (main Park office).

**Who:** Next year's juniors and seniors nominated by their teachers. 60 campers will be admitted on a first come, first served basis based on date of postmark. A maximum of 4 students per FFA Chapter allowed.

**Cost:** \$95 early registration/\$120 after May 12; refundable upon notice of cancellation by May 24.

**Transportation:** Teachers are responsible for arranging transportation to and from camp.  
No student vehicles are allowed at camp.

**Camper check-in:** Sunday afternoon 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. (CDT)

**Check out:** Friday afternoon by 1:00 p.m. (CDT)

**Insurance:** Forestry Camp provides no insurance. Campers MUST show proof of medical insurance in their application, and bring any required documentation (e.g. insurance card) with them to camp.

**Dress and conduct:** Long pants and sturdy shoes with socks are required during course sessions. Leisure time dress should be comfortable, but not too revealing. Counselors will require dress change if tank tops, short tops, and/or short shorts are worn. Alcohol, drugs and tobacco are not allowed. One-piece swimsuits only.

Should you decide to cancel, please let your advisor know immediately. Your registration fee will be refunded if you notify Tim Phelps, 615-428-5913 of your cancellation by Wednesday, May 24. Substitutions may be allowed at the discretion of the advisor and camp director.

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application materials:  
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