



To: FFA and CTE Educators
From: Caley Peyton, Director, Tennessee Forestry Camp
Date: March 13, 2025
Subject: 75th Tennessee Forestry Camp

We want to formally invite YOU to Forestry Camp!

Since 1950, every summer the Tennessee Forestry Camp has provided a fun and engaging opportunity for high school students within the Future Farmers of America (FFA) to discover and enhance their environmental conservation knowledge, skills, and ethics through the leadership and instruction of camp counselors and forestry professionals. This year, we are pleased to invite your FFA students to join us for another camp experience at Fall Creek Falls State Park, Sunday, June 1st through Friday, June 6th, 2025.

We could not make this exciting opportunity a reality without the support of our sponsors: The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry, Tennessee Forestry Association, and the Tennessee Department of Education, Career and Technical Education Division. With their help, we can continue to provide knowledgeable instructors with extensive forest management experience, exciting activities and courses, engaging leadership opportunities, memories for a lifetime, mouth-watering meals, and all for a reasonable registration fee. An informational flier accompanies this letter with more information about the details of camp.

Please provide your outdoor enthusiasts, lumberjacks and jumberjills, and future foresters and forest workers with the enclosed application form to be filled out by them and returned to you. Once you have the applications with attached checks, they then can be returned to the provided address on the form by May 9th.

More information about the specifics of Forestry Camp can also be found at: <https://tnffa.org/forestry-camp>. The brochure, this invitation, information flyer following, and the application form can be found at the above webpage. Specific camp questions can be directed to Caley Peyton at 615-281-0714 or cpeyton@tnforestry.com.

Teachers will be advised by email of accepted campers soon after receipt of applications.
Thank you for helping us have *fun with forestry* at Forestry Camp this year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caley Peyton".

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2025 Tennessee Forestry Camp Information

When: Sunday, June 1st through Friday, June 6th, 2025.

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; for directions); for camp questions call 615-281-0714.

Who: August 2025 juniors and seniors nominated by their teachers. 60 campers will be admitted on a first come, first serve basis based on date of postmark. Up to 4 campers per FFA chapter; negotiable if spots are still available after May 9th. Call or email Caley Peyton if requesting more than 4 campers.

Cost: \$95 early bird registration before May 9th; \$120 late registration after May 9th; refundable upon notice of cancellation by May 23rd. Should you decide to cancel, please let your advisor know immediately. Your registration fee will be refunded if you notify Caley Peyton at 615-281-0714 or cpeyton@tnforestry.com of your cancellation by Friday, May 23rd. Substitutions may be allowed at the discretion of the advisor and camp director.

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

Camper check-in: Sunday, the 1st afternoon 2:00 – 4:30pm (CDT). Please do not arrive before then.

Check out: Students are to be picked up between Noon – 1:00 pm Friday the 6th afternoon.

Courses: are taught in the field by professional foresters: tree identification & measurement, compass & pacing, hardwood and pine silviculture, wildlife management, water quality protection, fire, insect & disease, best management practices, soils, and a hike to Fall Creek Falls. Guests are welcome to attend a cookout and forestry conclave held Wednesday night beginning at 5 pm (CDT).

Leisure time (after 4:30 pm): basketball, cornhole, horseshoes, softball, swimming, fishing, etc

Accommodations: rustic unheated cabins with bunk beds, and three bathhouses. Designated girls and boys cabins and bathhouses. All meals 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 landline phone is available in the mess hall until 10:00 p.m. each night.

Insurance: Forestry camp provides no insurance. Campers MUST show proof of medical insurance. While an EMT medical professional is available during the entirety of the camp for small medical issues, we do not supply insurance for the student if they are required to seek more advanced medical care.

Dress and conduct: Long pants and sturdy shoes with socks are required during course sessions. Leisure time dress should be comfortable. 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.

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 & toilet items (flip-flops are handy for getting to & from and in bath house)
- Pen or pencil, paper & clipboard
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight
- Insurance card; claim form if applicable
- Cash for candy/soda at camp; snacks bar at pool
- Optional: box fan, camera, softball glove, swimwear, fishing pole, guitar, radio, etc.