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Dear Teacher of Agriculture Education,

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry and the Agricultural Educators across the state have long held a strong partnership in the support of Tennessee Forestry Camp. The Division provides knowledgeable instructors with extensive forest management experience. You or your colleagues develop leadership skills through guidance as camp counselors. This partnership has held together for many decades. As we enter this 60th Annual Forestry Camp, I am encouraged by what we have accomplished in terms of providing our youth with quality conservation education over the past 60 years.

We look forward to making this another successful year of providing forestry education to your students.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Scott
State Forester

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To: Teachers of Agriculture Education

From: Tim Phelps, Director, Tennessee Forestry Camp

Date: March 17, 2009

Subject: Tennessee Forestry Camp

Since 1950, Tennessee Forestry Camp has been providing a wonderful opportunity for high school students affiliated with 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 you to encourage your FFA students to join us for another camp experience at Fall Creek Falls State Park, Sunday, May 31 through Friday, June 5, 2009.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry and the Tennessee Department of Education, Career and Technical Education Division continue to be avid supporters of Forestry Camp by providing knowledgeable instructors with extensive forest management experience, and developing 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. A flier accompanies this letter with more information about the details of camp.

If you know of potential campers, please provide them with the enclosed application form to be returned to you. Your collections should then be returned to the provided address on the form by April 30 (extensions may be allowed by contacting the Director by this date). Current sophomores and juniors ('09-'10 juniors and seniors) are eligible. Students who attended last year are ineligible to attend again. Sixty (60) campers (up to 4 per FFA chapter) will be admitted on a first come, first served basis determined by postmark.

Parents or guardians must provide insurance coverage and furnish the information requested on the application; otherwise we cannot admit the student. Students should be aware that they *must* bring insurance cards, claim forms, or other items they might need if they have to go to the hospital.

The camper fee is \$60, which includes room and board. Should the camper decide not to go, the fee will be reimbursed if notice is given by Wednesday, May 27.

Teachers will be advised by mail of accepted campers soon after receipt of applications.

Thank you for your participation.

2009 Tennessee Forestry Camp

When: Sunday, May 31 through Friday, June 5, 2009.

Where: Group (Youth) 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 selected on a first come, first served basis based on date of postmark.

Cost: \$60; refundable upon notice of cancellation until May 27.

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

Camper check-in is Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:00 pm. Please do not arrive before then.
Check out: Students are to be picked up by 2:00 pm Friday 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. A forestry conclave is held Wednesday night.

Leisure time (after 4:00 pm): basketball, horseshoes, softball, bocce ball, swimming, fishing

Accommodations: rustic unheated cabins with bunk beds, and three bathhouses. Girls have a separate group of cabins and bathhouse next door to the boys' groups. 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 pay phone is available in the mess hall until 9:00 pm each night.

Insurance. Forestry camp provides no insurance. Campers MUST show proof of medical insurance.

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.

What to bring:

- Field clothes (long pants, boots, coat, rain gear), plenty of underwear (especially socks), informal clothes, sports shoes or the like. 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 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.

Should you decide to cancel, please let your advisor know immediately. Your registration fee will be refunded if you notify Tim Phelps, 615-837-5543 of your cancellation by Wednesday, May 27. Substitutions may be allowed at the discretion of the advisor and camp director.

2009 FORESTRY CAMP APPLICATION
May 31 - June 5 at Fall Creek Falls State Park Group Camp 2
(Please type or print clearly)

Student Name: _____ Male ___ Female ___ Soph ___ Junior ___

Home Address (street, city, zipcode): _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Vo-ag teacher: _____ FFA Chapter: _____

School Address: (street, city, zipcode): _____ County: _____

T-shirt size: Medium Large X large XX large

IMPORTANT: There is a registration fee of **\$60** per camper.

Please make check payable to **Tennessee Forestry Camp**. Do not send cash.

Campers who attended last year are ineligible to attend this year.

FORESTRY CAMP DOES NOT PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CAMPERS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT. All campers must furnish proof of personal medical insurance. Any deductible must be paid by the policy holder.

Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____ Expiration date: _____

Name/phone of physician: _____

Does the student have any of the following?

Severe allergy (list) _____

Severe reaction to bee sting? _____

Heart condition ___ Diabetes ___ Asthma ___ Epilepsy ___

Athletes foot ___ Other contagious condition _____

Allergies to foods or drugs? _____

Date of last tetanus shot: _____

Will the student be under medication at Camp? ___ If yes, explain: _____

Are there any other medical conditions that might affect the student at camp?

List any restrictions to medical treatment: _____

Any other pertinent information or special instructions: _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OF MINOR

Permission is hereby granted for _____ to attend Tennessee Forestry Camp and to receive the usual services of a physician, surgeon, dentist, or registered nurse in case of illness or injury. This includes transport to a hospital, as deemed necessary by the camp staff or on medical advice. I understand that Forestry Camp does not carry accident insurance for campers and certify that the above camper is covered by medical insurance that will allow him/her to receive necessary emergency care in the event of injury or illness. I understand that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, but is given to provide authority and power to render care which the aforementioned physician, surgeon, dentist or registered nurse in the exercise of his/her judgment, may deem advisable for my child. Further, I understand my child will be participating in a hazardous recreational activity that may result in injury. I agree to pay for my child's medical expenses, including the cost of emergency medical services, if he or she is injured. I understand that effort will be made to contact me prior to rendering treatment to my child, but any of the above treatment or emergency services will not be withheld if I can not be reached.

I have read, understand and approve the **AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT A MINOR**.

Signature of parent or guardian

Name of parent or guardian: (PRINT) _____

Address: _____

Date

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell: _____

VISUAL MEDIA CONSENT

I give the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry (TDA) and Tennessee Forestry Camp permission to make photographs, digital or video recordings, films or other likenesses of me, my child or legal ward. I hereby grant to TDA and Forestry Camp the unrestricted right to copyright any of the above-mentioned materials containing images of me or my child or legal ward as well as the unrestricted right to use and reuse them, with their caption information, in whole or in part, in any manner, for any purpose and in any medium now known or hereinafter invented. These rights include, but are not limited to, the right to publish, copy, distribute, alter, license and publicly display these materials and images for editorial, trade, marketing and/or advertising purposes. I also grant to TDA and Forestry Camp and its licensees the unrestricted right to use and disclose my name in connection with use of the above materials.

I understand and agree that I will not be paid for any use described above.

I also waive, and release and discharge the TDA and Forestry Camp, its officers, employees and/or agents from, any and all claims arising out of or in connection with any use of the materials, caption information and images described above, including any and all claims for libel, defamation and/or invasion of privacy or publicity. I realize I cannot withdraw my consent after I sign this form and I realize this form is binding on me and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

I have read, understand and approve the **Visual Media Consent**.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Tennessee, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, the Tennessee Forestry Camp, its officers and employees from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorneys fees, exclusive of those allowed by law, brought as a result of my child's involvement in the Tennessee Forestry Camp.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Teachers: collect and return completed applications, with check(s) for registration fee(s) of \$60 per camper (payable to TENNESSEE FORESTRY CAMP) to... Tim Phelps, Forestry Division, PO Box 40627, Melrose Station, Nashville, TN 37204. Please make every effort to send in any substitutes' applications early enough for them to reach me by the week prior to camp.