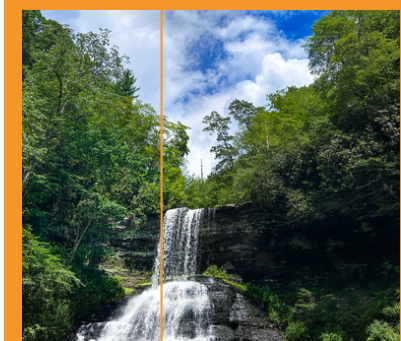


# Youth Conservation Camp 2025 Annual Report

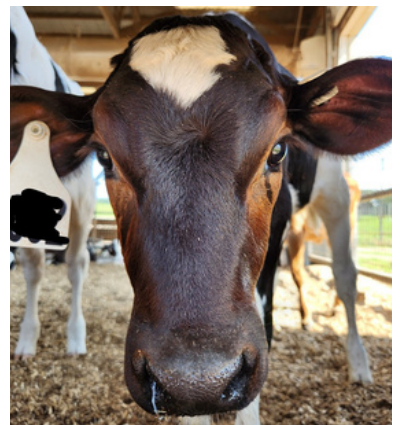




For **47 years**, the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Educational Foundation has sponsored a week-long summer conservation camp for Virginia high school students on the campus of Virginia Tech.

This year, the program brought together **66 enthusiastic and interested students from 25 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)** for a week of learning about Virginia's natural resources from conservation professionals. Students were led by 13 volunteer counselors from various SWCDs and partner agencies.

Most of the instruction was hands-on and outdoors, including activities such as shock fishing with the Department of Wildlife Resources, hiking to the Cascades waterfall, canoeing the New River, spending a day at the Kentland Farm Research Facilities, engaging in sensory lab testing at the Food Science Center, and much more!



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## Thank you to the following agencies & institutions:

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- Virginia Department of Forestry
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- Virginia Soil Health Coalition - 4 the Soil
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- Chowan Basin SWCD
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- Culpeper SWCD
- Daniel Boone SWCD
- Evergreen SWCD
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- Hanover-Caroline SWCD
- Headwaters SWCD
- Henricopolis SWCD
- James River SWCD
- Loudoun SWCD
- Mountain SWCD
- Northern Neck SWCD
- Northern Virginia SWCD
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- Tidewater SWCD
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- Brianna Morring - James River SWCD
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- Cody Smith - Peter Francisco SWCD
- Daniel Naff - Mountain Castles SWCD
- Emily Wotton - VA Dept. of Forestry
- Grace Daughtrey - Three Rivers SWCD
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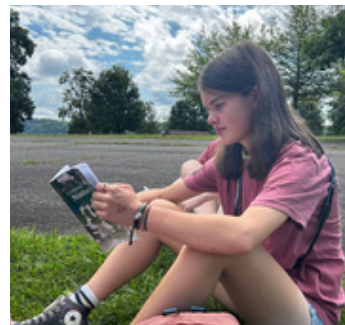


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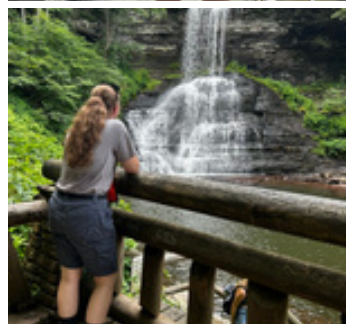
**S** Orientation,  
Campus Tour,  
Leave No Trace  
Activity



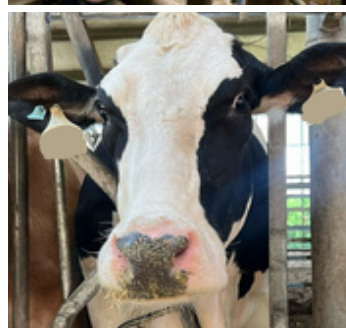
**M** Claytor Lake State  
Park: Lake ecology,  
watersheds, &  
forestry



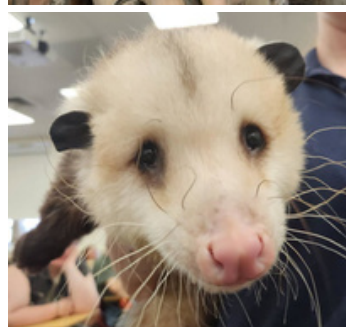
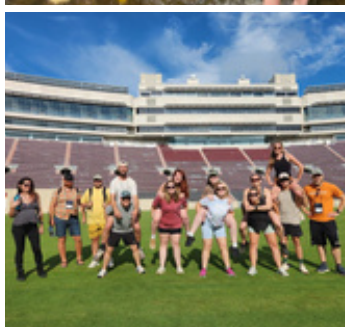
**Tu** VT College of  
Natural Resources  
Exploration, Hike  
Cascades Waterfall



**W** Kentland Farms:  
Macroinvertebrates,  
Soils, Tour Dairy  
Facility



**Th** Tour Lane Stadium,  
Food Science Tour,  
Wildlife Rehab,  
Watersheds



**F** Guided Canoe trip  
on New River, Vet  
school tour,  
volleyball

