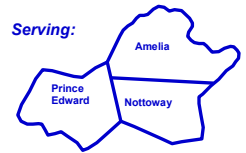




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The Mission of the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide technical, educational and financial resources to the citizens of Prince Edward, Nottoway, and Amelia Counties in order to promote the wise use and conservation of soil, water and related resources. The PSWCD is an organization of elected and appointed volunteers and trained staff that guides decision-makers and stakeholders in the conservation of soil and water.


To: High School 9th-12th graders

From: Kelly Atkinson, Education Coordinator, Piedmont SWCD

Date: February 4, 2026

Re: Youth Conservation Camp Scholarships

Forestry **Water Quality**
Fisheries
Natural Resource Careers
Ecology **Soils**

The Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring **two** students with **scholarships** (valued at \$550.00 ea) to attend Youth Conservation Camp (YCC) at  **VIRGINIA TECH.** **July 12-18, 2026.**

The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts conducts the annual camp, now in its 48th year! Students enrolled in **grades 9th-12th** during the 2025-2026 academic year and residing in **Amelia, Nottoway or Prince Edward** counties are eligible to attend. Selected applicants will be notified by April 23rd and are required to *send in a \$100.00 deposit* which will be *refunded* after the students return from camp. Transportation to and from camp will be the responsibility of the camper. Campus accommodations will be dorm rooms without air conditioning.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP

activities are both educational and fun. Some of the activities include:

- a hike to the Cascade waterfalls to study forestry
- observe wildlife and test the water quality of streams
- canoe down the New River
- perform DWR fish SHOCKING and biological water monitoring
- tour the Virginia Tech Agricultural Research Farms, Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Lane Stadium.
- Beekeeping demonstrations, swimming, cooking out and MUCH MORE!

Campers will be encouraged to share their YCC experience when they return by speaking at a conservation district, school function or through a newsletter or newspaper article.

Applications are due by April 13, 2026 to:

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For more information contact the Piedmont SWCD office at (434) 392-7071 ext4, katkinson@pswcd.org or visit our website www.piedmontswcd.org under the Education section. You can also visit the VASWCD website for camp highlights at <http://www.vaswcd.org>.

Enclosures: Application