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Dear Georgia Middle School Guidance Counselors and Science Teachers,

Do you know a student who deserves a scholarship for academic achievement to a fun summer camp and is interested in learning more about Georgia's most valuable renewable resource – our forests?

For the 30th year, the Georgia Division of the Society of American Foresters is pleased to offer a five-day camp to help Georgia's youth become more aware of the value of forest resources to Georgia's environment, economy and everyday life. The Camp is for 12 and 13-year old girls and boys who will enter the 7th or 8th grade in the fall of 2018. This outdoor/indoor experiential camp is for inquisitive students eager to learn about forestry, wildlife, ecology, map skills, tree identification and the people who manage these vast resources.

The Camp will be held **July 8th-12th, 2018** at the Georgia FFA/FCCLA facility located south of Covington on Lake Jackson.

We can accommodate 60 campers, on a first-application received, first-registered basis. One or two students per school will be accepted. Students who have previously attended the Camp are not eligible. For each nominee, please provide an alternate student in case the nominee is unable to attend. While the camp is supported by donations, there is a nominal registration fee of \$40.00 for each camper. If financial concerns would prevent your student(s) from attending, there are opportunities to find sponsors to help with the registration fee.

Please complete the enclosed application, ensure the commitment of the student's parent or guardian support for their attendance, and return the form and check for each student to the designated mailing address by **May 20**. Acceptance notices and certificates for Honors Day presentations will be emailed to schools upon receipt of applications. We strongly encourage you to register your student(s) in enough time to honor them at your school's end-of-year awards ceremony. Additional camp information will be mailed to the student by the first week in June.

To find out more information about the Camp, please visit www.gasaf.net. Questions can also be directed to Chelsea York at the Georgia Forestry Commission in Macon (Phone: 478-751-3534, FAX: 478-751-3559 or e-mail: cyork@gfc.state.ga.us) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

We appreciate your nomination of a deserving student for this great opportunity and encourage you to recognize the student at your school's honors program.

Sincerely,

Becky Watson
2018 Camp Coordinator

STUDENT CAMPER APPLICATION

BILLY LANCASTER SAF FORESTRY YOUTH CAMP July 8-12, 2018

To nominate a student, please complete the application below and return by **May 20**. Notification of selections will be mailed to the student by the first week of June. Please make a photocopy of your application before returning.

Mail application to: **Chelsea York**
Georgia Forestry Commission
5645 Riggins Mill Road
Dry Branch, GA 31020

Chelsea's Contact Information:
478.751.3534
478.751.3559 Fax
cyork@gfc.state.ga.us

Please type or print legibly.

PLEASE NOTE: PREVIOUS ATTENDEES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.

Have you attended this camp previously? Yes ___ No ___

Student Name: _____

Preferred First Name for Name Badge: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____ Birth Date: _____

Student's Home Mailing Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Parent's Phone Number: Area Code (____) _____ Email: _____

T-Shirt Size: Circle one: X Small Small Medium Large X Large XX Large (These are adult sizes)

School or Scout Group Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____ Phone: Area Code (____) _____

Nominating Teacher/ Counselor/Scout Leader: _____

Teacher/Counselor/Scout Leader Email: _____

Registration Fee of \$40.00 is enclosed: Yes_____ No_____ (please include explanation)

*Please make checks payable to **Billy Lancaster SAF Forestry Youth Camp.***