

**41st Annual
Oklahoma
Youth Forestry
and Wildlife Camp
Yearbook**



Beavers Bend State Park

June 9 - 14, 1997

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Camp Summary

The 41st Annual Oklahoma Youth Forestry and Wildlife Camp was held June 9-14, 1997, at Beavers Bend State Park near Broken Bow, Oklahoma. The week provided campers an opportunity to learn about Oklahoma's forest industries, the varied forest resources of beautiful southeastern Oklahoma, and natural resources as a career profession.

Forty-four youth from 24 counties across the state attended the 1997 camp. This yearbook is designed to tell the camp's story. Photographs provided by Ron Masters, Carri Abner and Champe Green. If what you see interests you, please consider participating in the upcoming camp.

The 1998 camp is scheduled for June 8-13, 1998, at the same location. If you are age 14-16 and have an interest in natural resources, contact your Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service county office after March 3, 1998, for registration materials.

On The Cover

Clinton Fields, McClain County, learns tree climbing from Pete Rausch of McCoy's Tree Surgery, Norman.

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Charles Bacon	Purcell, McClain County
Mark Bays	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
Ron Cisneros	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
Lisa Dobson	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
Kathy George	Okmulgee, Okmulgee County
Jason Harvey	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
Esther Key	Piedmont, Canadian County
Robert Morris	Okarche, Kingfisher County
Mary Webb	Stillwater, Payne County
Ronald Welsh	Stillwater, Payne County
Barbara Williams	Noble, Cleveland County

The Learning Experience

The main objectives of Youth Forestry and Wildlife Camp are to increase participants' awareness of (1) Oklahoma's forest industry, and (2) the forest and wildlife resources of Oklahoma. The 1997 camp accomplished this through fun learning activities. The program included demonstrations and activities related to forest management, wildlife management, tree identification, tree measurements, orienteering, and wood products. Most lessons included hands-on activities and field trips.



Amy and Kelly “Electrofish” to sample the fish fauna in the Mountain Fork.



Soil Conservationist John Haberer demonstrates his truck-mounted soil probe to campers.



Campers collect water samples to check oxygen levels and Ph.



Melissa Pearson, ODA-Forestry Services, hands out seedlings and explains their care.



“Mr. Burge, there’s a bobcat sneaking up behind you!” Steve Burge, ODWC discusses adaptations and behavior of Oklahoma critters.



Ernie scales a large red oak while keeping one eye out for “the bear.”



Campers examine a wood rat caught in a Sherman Live Trap before releasing it back to its habitat.



Woodworking was a big hit again this year.

Bob Jenni's Annual Show



Bob Jenni ,noted reptile scientist, shares a seat with a rattlesnake.



Bob Jenni , "The Snake Man," explains to campers how to identify a cottonmouth.

Recreation and Camp Life

Life at camp is more than learning about the great outdoors. Campers have time each day for recreation including swimming, fishing, horseback riding, volleyball, basketball, woodworking, and other activities.



Cabin 2 dwellers looking contented after cleaning their cabin.

The proverbial “Happy Camper” Leah Dillsaver gets into it.





Did Mike Tyson get his idea from Kathy George? Robbie, Kathy and Matt goofin'.

Latrine (bathroom) cleaning elicits pouts and smiles.





Battle of the sexes - campers and leaders race to unravel fire hoses and fill a barrel.



The "Tusker" is loose! A project adventure game that teaches teamwork.



Director Carri Abner (left) and leader Barbara Williams share a moment of hilarity.



Brenda, Robbie, and Brandi kept us fat and happy.

Campers

The campers were divided into three groups - Oaks, Hickories, and Pines. They posed for a group photo on the last day of camp.



Oaks are (kneeling, left to right): Leah Dillsaver, Ashley Fines, Brian Carr, Terra George, and Jessi Gibson. (standing, 1st row): Charles Bacon, Colt Nickel, Clinton Fields, Chris Jarrell, Matt Stonecipher, and Kathy George. (2nd row): Mary Webb, Jennifer Welsh, Robbie Bullard, Johnn Nichols, Brian Ershadi, Nathan Stone, and Jennifer Bugg.



Hickories are (kneeling, left to right): Traves Armstrong, Jamie Hagen, and Ryan Shrouder. (standing, 1st row): Clint Dotson, Andrew Pearson, Leslie Outland, Lindsey Olsen, James Hall, Kelly Thompson, Erin Pear, and Barbara Williams. (2nd row): Mark Bays, Tom Loch, Kevin Malm, Jimmy Whitehead, Joel Wright, Rachel Masters, Amy Fesler, and Ronald Welsh.



Pines are (sitting, left to right): Lindsey Outland, and Janell Walkup. (standing, 1st row): John Monroe, Melissa Bible, Fred Raines, Ernie Heisten, and Esther Key. (2nd row): Jacob Teeter, Jackie Prusell, James Bagley, and John Morris. (3rd row): Lisa Dobson, John Morris, Jamie Barnes, Cody Pear, Bobby Sparks, and Robert Morris.



Colt Nickel of Arapaho won the Tree Identification Competition.



Fred Raines of Stillwater won top prize in the Tree Measurement Competition.



Jacob Teeter of Foss, Oklahoma was the Outstanding Returning Camper.

Lindsey Welsh of Stillwater was 2nd runner-up in the Outstanding Camper voting.



Amy Fesler of Prague, Oklahoma was 1st runner-up for the Outstanding Camper Award.



1997 Outstanding Camper

Jamie Barnes



Jamie Barnes, from Delaware County, was selected as the 1997 Outstanding Camper. She earned this honor due to excellent cooperation, conduct, class evaluations and the votes of campers and adult leaders. Jamie received a plaque provided by Mrs. Mattie Lawless, in honor of her late husband, C.L. Clymer, who founded the camp in 1956. She also received a leatherman's tool, a camp T-shirt and hat and Elbert Little's book *Forest Trees of Oklahoma*.

Past Winners Outstanding Camper Award

1997 - Jamie Barnes, Delaware County
1996 - Colt Nickel, Custer County
1995 - Jacob Stone, Lincoln County
1994 - Amy Catlin, Harper County
1993 - LaTisha Sumner, Haskell County
1992 - Natalie Swindell, Stephens County
1991 - Nathan Coulter, Cleveland County
1990 - Nathan Aguirre, Jackson County
1989 - Ryan Carter - Cherokee County
1988 - Rachele Kortemeir, Cleveland County
1987 - Chuck Lester, Muskogee County
1986 - Mark Johnson, Cleveland County
1985 - Kimberly Hammond, Muskogee County
1983 - Debbie Simons, Grant County
1982 - Mickey Williams, Cleveland County
1981 - Debbie Walters, Tulsa County
1980 - Fran Topping, Pottawatomie County
1979 - Penny Shulz, Choctaw County
1978 - Frank Appels, Holland
1977 - Raymond Moore, Cherokee County
1976 - Billy Briggs, Pontotoc County
1975 - Troy Gilmore, Oklahoma County
1974 - John Hague, Washington County
1973 - Mark Funkhouser, Kiowa County
1972 - Reese Pope, Oklahoma County
1971 - Preston McWhirter, Canadian County
1970 - Craig Heflebower, Oklahoma County
1969 - Kenny Herbert, LeFlore County
1968 - Rodd Moesel, Oklahoma County
1967 - Bill Puckett, Delaware County
1966 - Dwight Watson, Pottawatomie County
1965 - Kent Livingstone, Nowata County
1964 - Mike Flanagan, Haskell County
1963 - Howard Morgan, Latimer County
1962 - Richard Kunze, Pottawatomie County
1961 - Johnny Warren, Payne County
1960 - Jerry Harrison, Choctaw County
1959 - Robert Daniel, Pittsburg County
1958 - John Woods, LeFlore County
1957 - Steve McIntyre, Atoka County
1956 - Billy Berry, Delaware County

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