Admission Requirements
If you plan to attend, you should have a strong desire to learn throughout the intensive daily schedule that has been designed. Also, you must be willing to work as a team member in helping to complete the environmental management plan.
To be admitted to this program, you must be entering your junior or senior years in high school and have a genuine interest in any of the aspects of natural resource management. Also, you must have a C or higher grade average and cannot be a previous attendee of the forestry curriculum.

A Word to Teachers and Guidance Counselors
Many high school students have the curiosity to become scientists but never have the opportunity to develop those interests. You may know students who would qualify for this program and would have a sincere interest in participating. This program has also been a successful “stepping stone” for Envirothon competition. Please pass this information along to them. It could make all the difference in their future.

How to Apply
Complete the attached application. Include a letter of recommendation from your high school guidance counselor or principal and a non-refundable check or money order for $50.

Acceptance: Enrollment is limited to 25 students. Up to two applications per county will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. During the last week of April 2012, we will begin to notify by mail those who have been accepted. If you are admitted to the program, you will be sent maps and lists of materials necessary for the program.

Scholarships: You may be eligible for a scholarship. For more information concerning scholarships, contact Mark Davis of the Kentucky Division of Conservation at (502) 573-3080.

Transportation: You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center.

First Day Activities
On-site registration and rooming assignments begin at 10 a.m. on June 11, 2012. Lunch will be served at noon. Please be prompt; events begin at 1 p.m.

For More Information Contact:
Douglas McLaren, Extension Forester
Phone: (859) 257-2703
Fax: (859) 323-1031
E-mail: dmclaren@uky.edu
Or go to the Cooperative Extension Service, Department of Forestry website:
http://www.kyforestrycamp.com

Cancellation
The University of Kentucky may cancel or postpone this program due to insufficient enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances. If the program is canceled or postponed, the Kentucky Forestry Council will refund all fees but cannot be responsible for unrelated costs assumed by the student.

Application
Kentucky Forest Leadership Program
Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center, Jabez, Kentucky

This form may be duplicated for additional applicants. Please print or type and return to the address below by June 1, 2012.

☐ I would like to attend the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program at the Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center in Jabez, Kentucky, June 11 - 15, 2012.

☐ I understand that this is not a recreational summer camp and that I will be expected to fully participate as a team member in the daily activities.

Application Information
Last Name
First Name
Home address (street and/or box number)
City    State    Zip
Area Code/Daytime Phone
E-mail address
County

Gender:
☐ Male   ☐ Female

Parent/Guardian Signature

Mail to:
Douglas McLaren
Department of Forestry
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky 40546-0073

Make checks payable to:
Kentucky Forestry Council

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Learning how to think rather than what to think

If you are a high school student entering your junior or senior years, consider becoming a part of the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program. For more than 50 years students have attended this week-long event dedicated to exploring the many facets of forestry and related fields. If you'd like hands-on learning about forestry and natural resource management as well as developing your leadership skills, this program will be the one week of your summer break you won’t forget.

Learning by Doing

The hands-on approach to learning is sure to get you excited about forestry. By truly “getting your hands dirty,” you’ll get to know the depths, surprises, and excitement of one of Kentucky’s most plentiful natural resources—forests.

The week-long experience concentrates on forest management and related subjects. Throughout the week, you’ll see for yourself a variety of careers in related fields beyond forestry, including civil engineering, soil science, wildlife habitat assessment, water quality, and wood products.

The Kentucky Forest Leadership Program gives you the chance to learn how to think, not what to think. You will develop life-long learning skills based on observation, action, and evaluation and learn to think creatively, make decisions, and set goals. You will build creative communication skills you’ll use for solving problems related to natural resource issues.

As you use your hands and mind in forestry and related natural resource investigations, you will be guided by professionals in those fields. The activities are designed to increase your awareness of and appreciation for our natural resources. Most important, you will come away with an understanding of how society and natural resources interact.

How You Will Spend the Week

The leadership program is not a recreational summer camp. You can expect to be busy with a full schedule of forestry activities for the week, including:

- Forest measurements
- Entomology
- Fire management
- Identification of plants through the development of a keying process
- Surveying
- Soil science
- Wildlife habitat assessment
- Water quality evaluation
- Wood products

You will develop your leadership skills by working cooperatively with one another to resolve an environmental issue. Your major project for the week is a group presentation of an environmental management plan for a designated forested area. You will use the skills you learn during the course for your presentation.

The Training Team

You will be trained by professional forestry and natural resource managers from the University of Kentucky’s Departments of Forestry and Entomology, UK Cooperative Extension Service, Kentucky Water Resource Research Institute, Kentucky Division of Conservation, Kentucky Division of Forestry, and private forest industry leaders. These professionals will serve as your instructors and advisors and will meet with you to develop and discuss your environmental resource projects as they take shape throughout the week.

The Facilities

The leadership program takes place in a forest setting at UK’s Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center in Jabez, approximately 20 miles west of Somerset. You will be housed in hotel-type rooms designed for four individuals, each room with its own bathroom.