



**Ruritan
America's Leading
Community Service
Organization**

For more information on the American Patriot Conference, conference scholarships, Ruri-Teen membership or Ruritan membership contact your local Ruritan Club, email lhicks@vt.edu or visit the web site given below.

www.chesapeakeruritans.org

**Directions to
Camp Hanover**

From the North or South take I-95 towards Richmond to I-295 towards Rocky Mount.

From the West, take I-64 east towards Richmond to I-295 towards Rocky Mount.

From the East take I-64 west towards Richmond to I-295 and go towards Washington, D.C..

Then follow route I-295 towards Mechanicsville and take the 360 East Exit towards Tappahannock. Go approximately 8 miles and turn right onto Route 606, Old Church Road. (Note; West store and EVB are at this intersection.) Go approximately 11/4 miles and turn right on McClellan Road, Rt. 628. (Note: There is a Camp Hanover sign at this intersection.) Go approximately 3 miles and turn left on Parsleys Mill Road. (Note: There is a Camp Hanover sign at this intersection.) Parsley Mill Road leads you into the camp. See the Camp Hanover web site for more explicit instructions

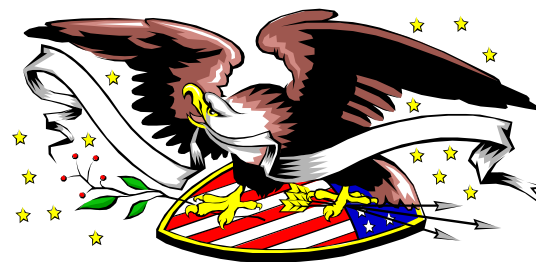
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**CHESAPEAKE RURITAN
DISTRICT'S**



**American
Patriot
Conference**

**Citizenship Training
for Tomorrow's Leaders**



**May 14 – 17, 2009
Camp Hanover**

PURPOSE

The conference is designed to provide participants with knowledge of the history, rights and responsibilities that have made America free. Its aim is to inspire participants to learn more about government and leadership and to fully develop and exercise their citizenship and leadership potential.

ELIGIBILITY

All high school students in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade are eligible to attend. Students may be from public schools, private schools, or home schools. Participants do not have to meet any academic requirements. However, students selected to attend should have an interest in government & leadership and have the maturity to behave appropriately while attending a four-day residential educational program.

COST

The program cost, **\$260**, includes all lodging, meals, instructional materials, and tours. Participant transportation to and from Camp Hanover is NOT provided. **Ruritan Clubs are providing some scholarships.**

PROGRAM

The program begins on Thursday evening with registration from 5:00 to 7:00 pm followed by dinner.

Speakers will include historical figures in costume recreating life in colonial America and the events that helped establish our way of government.

Participants will study the Constitution and Bill of Rights and their application to current events.

Civic leaders will provide perspective on governing and leading in America.

The program concludes at 2:00 pm on Sunday following an evaluation session and graduation.

TOURS

Guided tours will be conducted at the State Capitol, VA War Memorial, Jamestown Settlement, and Colonial Williamsburg. A picnic lunch is scheduled for Jamestown Settlement.

Tours require comfortable walking shoes and rain gear if necessary. Participants will be allowed time for visiting the gift shops and making purchases if desired.

EXPECTATIONS

A completed and signed Application and Health History Form must be on file for all participants.



Participants are expected to fully participate in all program activities. Dress is to be clean, respectable and meet the restrictions given in the application. All participants will be assigned to a committee, such as flag ceremonies, with specific duties during the conference. Off site tours may require a coat and/or umbrella. Participants driving to the conference will surrender the vehicle keys upon arrival and have them return at departure. Firearms, live animals and smoking are not permitted. Participants will provide their own pillow, bed linens and/or sleeping bag. Mutual respect is expected between instructors, staff and participants. Participants should be prepared for one dress up social event that will be held during the conference. Lodging is assigned by gender and restrict to the assigned gender.