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Summer Tennis Camp Tradition Continues at Lake Monticello

Williamsburg, Virginia (6/16/2026) – QuickStart Children of Virginia (QCV) is pleased to report that the weeklong summer youth tennis camp tradition continues at Lake Monticello in Fluvanna County. Former QCV Board Member Betsy Gunnels has led the program for the past several years with the help of community volunteers. The first camp was started in July 2009 by former Lake Monticello resident Lynn Forsyth. This year 31 lucky kids participated.



Happy Campers at Lake Monticello – June 2026

Betsy, says, “Here is a picture of our QuickStart Tennis Camp from this past week at the Lake. We had 31 kids attending! Since Friday was our rain date, a handful of kids are not in the photo because they left on vacation. We had great volunteers (Fred Gunnels, Lisa Henry, John Fornecker, Greg Smieciuch, Terry Schnitter and Larry Day) plus two Fluvanna High School tennis players (Caitlin Pieron and Jocelyn Childress)! Several kids attended for the first time, and their parents told me how much they loved it.”

QCV Founder Lynda Harrill adds, “Except for COVID year 2020, this program has been run every summer at the lake. I remember my very first conversation with Lynn back in the day. He’d never run anything like this before, but he recognized the value of the QuickStart format the minute he heard about it, just like I did, and wanted to do something for the neighborhood kids. Lynn is now 92 and I’m gaining on him. Betsy is the ‘youngster’ who’s carrying the racquet (torch) for QuickStart at the Lake. Many thanks to Betsy for all she does for kids. Hopefully. Many more camps to come.”

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