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## Pioneer Day Camp 2024



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## North Carolina State Chapter Chartered January 1987

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- Preservation
- Conservation
- Education
- Sportsmanship
- Fellowship

### Our Motto

*"Local Folks Solving Local Problems"*

### Our Slogan

*"To Put Back More Than We Take"*



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Worth Howling About!**

WILDLIFE ACTION, INC., A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT 501(C)(3) TAX EXEMPT VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION WITH A 509 (A) (2) PUBLIC CHARITY STATUS, IS DEDICATED TO THE APPRECIATION AND ENJOYMENT OF OUR WILDLIFE HERITAGE AND TO EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IN THE VALUE OF PROTECTION, RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT AND WISE USE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

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White Marsh - 1997

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Artist: Jill Troutman - 1997

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Cedar Grove - 1998

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**Allison  
Shuping  
2024**

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# Helms Nature Preserve Benefit Dinner Invitation!



P.O. Box 1314, 543 Sunset Avenue & Helms Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472  
(910) 642-8309 [www.NC-WildlifeAction.org](http://www.NC-WildlifeAction.org)

Dear Wildlife Action Members & Friends:

It's summer and once again I'm writing to ask your help with our development program for the **Helms Nature Preserve and Resource Education Center**. We've just completed our annual **Pioneer Day Camp, June 10 — June 14**. Fifty campers attended along with our teenage Junior Counselors and adult volunteers. Just like last year's **Pioneer Day Camp**, the kids, ages 6 to 11, enjoyed a variety of fun, educational and recreational activities. These included canoeing, archery, target shooting and gun safety training, fishing, crafts, science demonstrations, and classes about protecting our wildlife and their habitat. To see pics of **Helms Preserve** and this year's **Pioneer Day Camp** visit our website at [www.NC-WildlifeAction.org](http://www.NC-WildlifeAction.org) and click the **FaceBook** link for lots of additional pics.

This benefit program for the **Helms Nature Preserve** is similar to a fundraising project which has been successfully employed for the past thirty plus years by our South Carolina members to build and maintain our **Fork Retch Wildlife Refuge & Resource Education Center** on the Little Pee Dee River. We call this project the "\$100 Dinner". Here's how it works:

We will offer **200 tickets only** for a donation of **\$100.00** per ticket. This ticket will enter you in the drawing and entitle you to "Dinner for Two" at the banquet (dine-in only; no take-outs) and drawing which will be held on **Saturday, August 17th at 6:30pm** at the Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church. The **First Prize** winner will receive **\$1500.00 cash!** In addition, **10 Second Prize** tickets will be drawn which will win **\$100.00** each. You do not have to be present to win these great prizes. **ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE OFFERED, SO DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!**



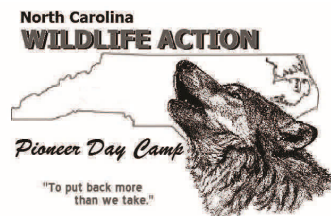
**Campers - Pioneer Day Camp 2024**

Tickets can be obtained by calling **(910) 612-2843** or **840-1327**, emailing [ncwlahq@embarqmail.com](mailto:ncwlahq@embarqmail.com) or mailing a check to the **P.O. Box address** listed above. (Make your check payable to **NC Wildlife Action**. Please mail **no later than August 9th** - don't forget to include your phone number and return address.) Also, please note that the August 17th dinner event is for **ADULTS ONLY-18+**, no children, please. All of our regular activities, programs, summer camps, etc. are for the kids, so this our opportunity for us adults to treat ourselves!

To recap: **First Prize.....\$1500.00**  
**10 - 2nd Prizes..... \$100.00 each**

Thank you for your support all these years!

**Rita Parker - Helms Benefit Committee — 910-612-2843**



**SLOGAN: TO PUT BACK  
MORE THAN WE TAKE**

**MANTRA: LOCAL FOLKS  
SOLVING LOCAL PROBLEMS**



# Senior VP of Education - Rita Parker



## *The 11th Annual Pioneer Day Camp Was A Huge Success!*

**The Eleventh Annual Pioneer Day Camp was a huge success!** There were 40+ Volunteers and the Pioneer camper # was maxed out! So far, each year camp just gets better and better! Wildlife Action is very fortunate to have a wonderful camp staff, volunteers and supporters that are willing to “step out and show up” to provide the best possible experience for the “Pioneers”! Thank you to everyone one that had a part in making this year exciting and memorable. It was great to make new friends and learn new things! An extra special thank you goes to the parents for sharing your children with us! Thanks to the National Wildlife Action Camp Staff, the NC Camp Counselors, visiting Instructors and all the Sponsors that help make it all possible. We truly could not do it without you!

Here are a few pictures from this year's fun! Please notice one thing they all have in common. . . the smiles! Lot's of additional pics can be found on our FaceBook page. Just go to our website [www.NC-WildlifeAction.org](http://www.NC-WildlifeAction.org) and click the Facebook link, then Photos, then Photo Albums, then Pioneer Day Camp 2024!





**Pioneer Day Camp  
continued**



Pioneer Day  
Camp 2024 is  
in the history-  
books! It was  
great!



Great memories are  
made during the week  
of camp. Memories  
that will last forever!



Mark your calendars for  
**Pioneer Day Camp 2025!**  
**June 9th-13th**  
it will be camp time again before  
you know it!

Until next time!  
Look forward to  
seeing everyone again  
very soon!



# Bluebird Box Building Day



Saturday, March 16th NCWLA hosted a bluebird box building day at Helms Nature Preserve.

It was a beautiful day.

There was a short introduction about bluebirds, their description, their pairing up, nesting habits and proper box hanging locations.

Thanks to Mr. Greg for preparing the lumber to assemble the boxes.

It was "all hands on deck" once the assembly began.

Side note: There were no fingers injured in these photos. Just a lot of fun hammering together a box. All the finished boxes went home with the builder to put up in hopes a bluebird pair would enjoy a new house!

It was great day of environmental education! Thanks to everyone that helped make this a day of learning and fun! The bluebirds appreciate it TOO!





# IMPORTANT NOTICE!

It's time once again to nominate your choices for the NC Wildlife Action State Board. This is important because your State Board carries the responsibility for making decisions that affect our state chapter as well as the local chapters. Please take a moment to vote for or nominate someone you feel would work hard on our long term mission and goals of Wildlife Action, and help us build a lasting legacy for our kids!!

Please cut out ballot below and mail to PO Box no later than October 15th.

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## NC Wildlife Action Board Member Nominations

State Ballot:  
Individual Membership: Vote for 3  
Family Membership: Vote for 6

Renee McPherson  
  
Jeremy Hinson  
  
Jack Inman  
  
Write In \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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Write In \_\_\_\_\_


Mail to NC WLA, P.O. Box 1314, Whiteville, NC 28472.  
Ballots will be counted at the October State Board meeting.

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### Please note the dates for Photo Contest:

**September 30th** is the deadline to submit entries for local chapter photo contest.

**October 31st** is the deadline for the local chapter to submit the winning photo to enter the State photo contest.

**November 30th** is the deadline for the State to submit the winning photo to enter National photo contest.



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