

# North Carolina Pride



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**A peaceful snow day at  
Helms Nature Preserve**

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### Our Five Point Law

- 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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1st INDIVIDUAL LIFE MEMBER  
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1st CHAPTER OF THE YEAR  
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White Marsh - 1997

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Artist: Jill Troutman - 1997

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**Allison  
Shuping  
2026**

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# From The President's Desk:

## “Full Steam Ahead in 2026”



Hello NCWLA Family! I hope that 2026 has started off on the right foot! The cold weather is getting ready to depart, the days are going to be longer for more time to enjoy the beautiful outdoors! I think we are all ready for that! The snow was beautiful and it seems everyone enjoyed themselves with “snow activities”. A big shout out to Mrs. Joyce Mauldin and her grandson, Wesley for sharing a few pictures of a snow covered Helms Nature Preserve. The Winter Pride’s front cover of Doc’s Chapel, the inside page with the snow covered NCWLA Headquarters and this picture of our frozen pond. Thank you again for the beautiful pictures.



The State Board has met and planned out the 2026 year. The events and dates are set! Please be sure to check out the event page of this Pride and put the dates on your calendar. We look forward to seeing all your lovely faces soon!



I want to reflect a bit on the 2025 year. We started off 2025 just after the loss of several board members. We knew camp was going to be hard without our long



time camp director, Rita but she would have been proud of how we dug in and made it a great week in her memory!

The year was full of many fun filled environmental friendly activities. NCWLA was represented in several other civic organizations events. Community outreach is important and a great way to share our mission with others.

2025 was a busy time but all the work and efforts put forward to bring awareness to the mission of WLA did not go unnoticed. For the very first time in the history of Wildlife Action, the Chapter of the Year Award was received by two chapters! The co-recipients were Horry Chapter and North Carolina State Chapter. The award was presented at the National Wildlife Action fundraiser on February 14th, 2026 in Mullins, SC. I was very honored to represent NCWLA and stand to share that recognition with members of the Horry Chapter.



So 2026 is full steam ahead! Check the calendar of events! Get involved! It will be a great time of friendly environmental activities and fellowship! You won't regret it! I promise! See you soon!

For Kids and Conservation,  
Allison Shuping, President

# North Carolina Wildlife Action Life Members

The people listed below are North Carolina Wildlife Action Life Members. If you would like to become a life member there are several billing plans available. If you have any questions, just call NCWLA at 910-642-8309 or submit questions via email [ncwlahq@embarqmail.com](mailto:ncwlahq@embarqmail.com). Or contact the National Headquarters in Mullins, S.C. (843)464-8473.

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# April is Member-Get-A-Member Month

Each member is encouraged to sign up a friend, neighbor or a family member. We need to get the word out about Wildlife Action. It is a great organization! What other organization teaches Conservation, Preservation, Education, Sportmanship and Fellowship? None but WLA!

So, Why join Wildlife Action? Why wouldn't you join Wildlife Action! WLA's motto is "Local Folks Solving Local Problems". This motto encourages a community to work with its citizens in confronting local issues. The slogan of Wildlife Action is "To Put Back More Than We Take" and it is through the chapters efforts that WLA members make their community a better place to live.

If YOU want to make a difference, if YOU care about this good earth and our future generations, we invite YOU to join us. YOU will find it a most gratifying experience, YOU will enjoy many fun filled activities as a member of a family oriented group of concerned conservation-  
alist. We can't wait to see you at the next activity!

To join or renew a membership to Wildlife Action:  
Just fill out this application and mail in the address shown  
OR simply pay online at [www.wildlifeaction.com](http://www.wildlifeaction.com)

**Individual and Family LIFE Memberships are also available!!! Inquire about it today!**



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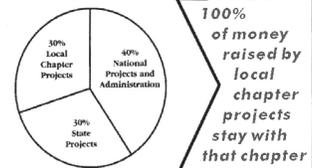
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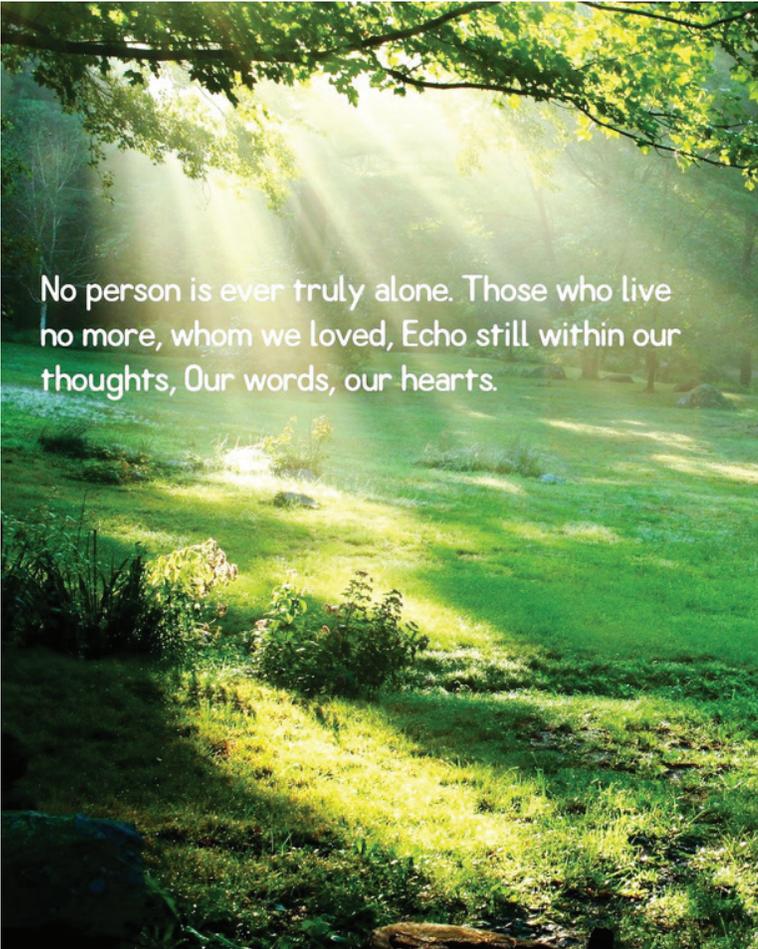
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The North Carolina Pride publication is a great way to introduce others to the family- friendly activities that Wildlife Action has to offer! Enjoy your NC Pride but then "Recycle" it. Pass it on to a friend. Then they can have the opportunity to have "Something Worth Howling About"!



# North Carolina Wildlife Action Memorials



No person is ever truly alone. Those who live  
no more, whom we loved, Echo still within our  
thoughts, Our words, our hearts.

The people listed below have been re-  
membered by their friends and loved ones  
with memorial contributions to North Car-  
olina Wildlife Action. If you would like to  
make a contribution in memory of some-  
one special just mail it to: North Carolina  
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A huge Thank You to everyone that goes above and beyond to help out with preparations, activities and "behind the scenes" at the NCWLA Headquarter and Helms Nature Preserve!!!!

*There is no "I" in Team, but we sure are glad there is "U" in our Volunteers!!!*

You are deeply appreciated!

*North Carolina Wildlife Action*

## NCWLA "Float Day" at Lake Waccamaw Saturday, August 1st



Canoes launch from Lake Waccamaw State Park Time : 9:30 a.m.

A fun day of "floating," food and fellowship!

Contact Person and RSVP to:

Jeana McDuffie

910-770-2453

## MARK YOU CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

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### Take a Kid Fishing Day

May 9th at 9 a.m.

at Helms Nature Preserve



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### Work Days at Helms Nature Preserve

(Come help get the property ready for Pioneer Day Camp ready!)

March 28th 8:00 a.m.

April 18th at 8:00 a.m.

May 2nd at 8:00 a.m.



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## North Carolina Wildlife Action Summer Day Camp

June 8th-12th

Ages 6-11

(Registration begins April 1st)

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## Helms Nature Preserve Benefit Dinner

August 29th

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Pumpkin Carving  
Helms Nature Preserve  
Saturday, October 24th



## Bluebird Box Building

Saturday, March 28th -

10:00 a.m. Bluebird Box Building

Hot dog lunch to follow!

Helms Nature Preserve

543 Sunset Avenue

in Sunset Terrace, Whiteville, NC

So we'll know how much box building material will be needed

please RSVP with the number attending.

*(Donations accepted to help cover the cost of building materials!)*

Contact: Greg at 910-612-2653 to RSVP

Mark your calendar for all the fun upcoming events! Don't miss a one!

You will be sorry you did!

"Tell Me - I'll Forget

Show Me - I'll Remember

Involve Me - I'll Understand!"

Come join us won't you?

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