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**Allison
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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!

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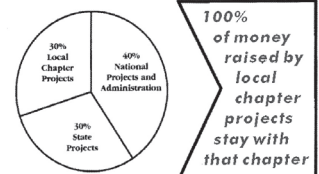
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Chapter 11

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"!



From The President's Desk:

Happenings & Things To Come



2023 is off to a great start for Wildlife Action! The NC State Board has the calendar year set for all the upcoming activities and are excited to see everyone join in the programs and fellowship.

The NCWLA webpage is currently "under construction". Upon completion, the calendar of events will be posted and the camp forms will be available. Generally, before any upcoming event a postcard is mailed to notify the members. Keeping a current membership will ensure any mailers do not "slip through" and you potentially missing notifications of ongoing activities.



The Pioneer Day Camp set for June 12th – 16th will be here before we know it. There has already been many calls about the registration form and medical form. In April, the Spring Pride publication will include these forms. Extra forms can be mailed to you or printable forms will be available on our NC website (www.nc-wildlifeaction.org).

Clean up at Helms Nature Preserve has already begun! After a long fall and winter season there is always plenty of things that need to be done to "spruce" things up before camp! The next cleanup will be Saturday, March 11th after the Bluebird Box Building, then Saturday, June 3rd. If you are unable to attend and help clean up but you have some free time another day, please call or text Greg Parker at 910-612-2653. There is always a list of things to do. From minor boardwalk repairs, changing out split rails, weed eating to picking up pinecones. Every little bit helps!

Wildlife Action is a non-profit 501C-3 organization... Are you or your business looking for a tax write off? How about helping yourself and at the same time teaching kids outdoor skills, conservation and preservation? Help by sponsoring a Pioneer for day camp! Do you want more information? Call the office at 910-642-8309 or Rita Parker, Camp Director at 910-612-2843. Help make a difference in a child's life! You won't be sorry you did!

NCWLA was well represented at the Piney Forest and Western Prong Sportsman's Banquet in mid December. Jimmy Sites with Spiritual Outdoor Adventures was the main speaker. Roy Graham, the grandson of Billy Graham spoke as well as Joe Hamilton.

Mr. Joe Hamilton of South Carolina is a wildlife biologist and founder of the Quality Deer Management Association in 1988. He spoke about his book, "Firepot Stories", which is a collected writing of a naturalist, conservationist, wildlife biologist, sportman and raconteur.

Mr. Hamilton is good, long time friend with Bunny Beeson, the founder of Wildlife Action. Mr. Hamilton being #100 on Wildlife Action's membership roster was pleased to see WLA represented as he too knows the great benefit of Wildlife Action conservation and preservation for the community.

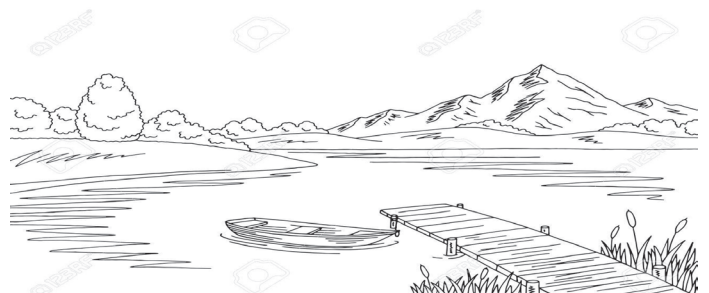


A special thanks now and always to Bunny Beeson and folks like Mr. Joe Hamilton and like YOU. . that took the time, volunteered and helped make Wildlife Action a wonderful organization to be a part of!

This year's activities are "full speed ahead". Don't get left behind. Get involved, bring a friend. . . you will be glad you did! Looking forward to seeing all the great things NCWLA has in store for 2023.

For Kids and Conservation,

Allison Shuping, President



Senior VP of Education - Rita Parker

7 Steps for Creating a Butterfly Garden



Butterfly gardens aren't difficult to maintain, but these steps will help you ensure both plants and butterflies flourish.

1. Choose the right location. If planting a butterfly garden in your backyard, ensure that your location gets the right amount of sunlight for flowers to grow and to attract butterflies.

2. Select flowers that attract butterflies. To benefit your local butterflies, fill your garden with two types of plants: nectar plants and host plants. Adult butterflies drink nectar, so a nectar source will entice them to come to your garden. Host plants provide a place for butterflies to lay eggs, and they serve as food sources for caterpillars once the larvae hatch. The plants you grow also provide a support structure for butterfly chrysalises. Different plants attract different butterfly species. For example, monarch butterflies are primarily attracted to milkweeds, and swallowtail butterflies are drawn to verbena and lantanas. Other examples of butterfly-friendly flowering plants include asters, black-eyed Susans, fritillaries, marigolds, purple coneflowers, salvias, echinacea, zinnias, butterfly bush, and butterfly weed. Many garden centers have labels on plants that are butterfly-friendly.



3. Use organic, homemade bait. In addition to colorful flowers, butterflies are drawn to sugar- and yeast-based baits, which can provide food and essential nutrients for butterflies. You can make homemade bait with a mix of rotting fruit (like bananas, peaches, plums, and apples), white sugar, molasses, or beer. Place the butterfly bait in an area that is easily accessible to butterflies—on flat rocks, tree stumps, or a dish.

4. Add a water source. A puddling station is essential to help butterflies stay hydrated and receive vitamins and other nutrients from muddy water, like sodium. Fill a shallow dish with water, adding soil, sand, or pebbles to create a watery mud. Add more water and organic matter as the dish empties, especially during warm seasons. You can place puddling stations near the bait stations.

5. Build butterfly shelters. Trees and shrubs can provide shade and resting places for butterflies, but by building a shelter, you can protect butterflies against predators and harsh weather conditions. A butterfly house can also act as an area for butterflies to rest and hibernate, as well as a place for caterpillars to cocoon. These shelters don't need to be fancy—a wooden box with a small opening will suffice.

6. Stay clear of toxic pesticides. Many pesticides kill butterflies and other essential pollinators. Avoid chemical-based pesticides, even organic ones. Your best bet for pest control in a butterfly garden is companion planting. In addition to planting flowers that attract butterflies, consider also planting flowers that repel pests.



7. Keep a diary. Track your flowers' and butterflies' progress with a garden diary. Keep notes of when and where you plant your flowers, when butterflies appear, whether pests are interfering, and any other pertinent details to the development and health of your butterflies. Starting a butterfly garden is an investment of time and labor, and you'll be able to track your progress (and prepare for next year) by keeping daily logs.

Senior VP of Fishing - George Shuping



Early Spring Bass Fishing

During the pre-spawn season, bass migrate from their wintering areas in deep waters to shallow flats where they will lay their eggs. Bass tend to follow similar migration patterns whether they are in a lake, pond, river or creek. The fish will follow underwater canals, ditches and ridges as they move towards the shallows. Depending on the size of the body of water, these migration routes can be a few dozen yards to over a mile.

Finding the bass migration route in the body of water you are fishing is key for successful spring bass fishing. They will linger in spots along points and ridges, especially where flat shallows meet steep drop-offs. Migrating bass can also be found around rocky areas, emergent grasses, docks and fallen trees. These are often the best places to hook bass in early spring.

As the temperature and weather change throughout the day, bass may move between areas of the lake or up and down in the water column. Locating bass in early spring can be a challenge, but it can certainly pay off. Bass emerge from the inactive winter season and prepare for spawning. They begin to feed heavily and will strike quickly at well-presented bait. By keeping a variety of bait and lure in your tackle box and paying attention to bass movement, you can fill your boat with bass in no time.

Here are a few more early spring bass fishing tips to set you up for success this season:

Cast for repeat results: One of the best tips for early spring bass fishing success is to pay close attention to what works for you and what does not. Because bass behavior will change with the fluctuating weather and temperature in spring, each day on the water may call for a different approach. Once you find a technique that wins you a bite, repeat the same cast and retrieve to catch a few more.

Fish out the area: Bass will often congregate in the same areas in spring — meaning if you catch one, you may catch a dozen more in the same spot. After your first catch, continue to cast along the same ridge or point. If you do not get a second bite, try fishing the same area from different angles before moving to a new spot.

Pay attention to water conditions: Fickle spring weather can make it challenging to locate bass, but by paying attention to the water conditions, you can find bass more quickly on each subsequent spring fishing trip. Once you find an area where bass are congregating, take a mental note of the water color, depth, temperature and bottom conditions. Consider the location of the ridge or point relative to channels and flats. These details will help you track down bass more quickly next time.

Watch for birds: When fishing with jerkbaits or crankbaits, watch for areas where birds are diving to catch dying baitfish. These will often be spots where hungry bass are also congregating and where jerkbaits and crankbaits will be most effective.

Use the wind to your advantage: On spring days when the water is clear, bass may see your bait too clearly and be wary of biting. Wind can help to disturb the surface of the water to attract bass better. If you are not getting any bites on a clear lake, try casting when the wind picks up.

Fish the mudlines: If you are having trouble locating bass on a spring day, look for mudlines created by wind and waves. Bass will often hide along the edges of mudlines where they have the advantage over baitfish which are drawn there to feed on plankton. Using brightly colored lures, drag your line across a mudline from the muddy water into the clear water. Bass will often strike just as the bait emerges.

With the right techniques and a little bit of luck, you can reel in a big bass to start the season right.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES!



Family Fishing Day
Helms Nature Preserve
May 6th

Work Day
(Day Camp Prep)
June 3rd



North Carolina Wildlife Action
Summer Day Camp
June 12th-16th
Ages 6-11

Helms Nature Preserve Benefit
August 19th

Pumpkin Carving
at Helms Nature Preserve
Saturday, October 28th

Boston Butt Sale-November 3rd



NCWLA "Float Day" at Lake Waccamaw July 29th



Canoes launch from Lake Waccamaw State
Park Time : TBA

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

Contact Person and RSVP to:

Jeana McDuffie

910-770-2453

Bluebird Box Building

**Saturday, March 11th -
10:00 a.m. Bluebird Box Building**

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 of kids 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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