

North Carolina Pride



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make you special. Something is special
because you are a part of it.”**

Be a part of Wildlife Action! See you soon!

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- Preservation
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"Local Folks Solving Local Problems"

Our Slogan

"To Put Back More Than We Take"



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1st PHOTO CONTEST - winner
Edward Lee - 1987

1st INDIVIDUAL LIFE MEMBER
Matthew Hall 1987

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Gary & Judy Walker - 1987

1st CANOE TRIP - Edward Lee - 1988

1st NATIONAL WILDLIFE PRINT
contest winner - Rick Coleman's
"Grey Fox" - 1988

1st WILD DAY - Jamie Teel - 1989

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Tabor City - 1991

1st JOE TAYLOR MEMORIAL
FISHING RODEO - Mike Hankins 1994

1st WILDGAME COOKOFF
Mike Hankins - 1995

1st SUMMER CAMP
White Marsh - 1997

1st STATE PRINT
Artist: Jill Troutman - 1997

1st STATE FISHING RODEO
Jerry Young - 1998

1st RESOURCE EDUCATION CENTER
Cedar Grove - 1998

1st ICT - (Instructional Camping Trip)
Peggy Young 2000

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Winner: Allison Shuping - 2000

1st SHARE PROGRAM
Central Elementary - 2002
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1st ADOPT A LIBRARY
Debbie Page - 2002
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Whiteville - 2007



**Allison
Shuping
2025**

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From The President's Desk:

“Until next time-see you soon!”



Hello NCWLA Family! I hope that 2025 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 State Board has met and planned out the 2025 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 2024 year. Even though 2024 started out strong and we were just plugging right along, it ended in a great loss for Wildlife Action. It has been hard to wrap my mind and my heart around what all to put into words about longtime friends, Jack Inman and Rita Parker.

Jack Inman was an avid sportsman! He loved turkey hunting, especially hunting with his grandson and good friends. Jack was always willing to give every detail of the hunt. It was his passion. Jack had been an active member since before my presidency in 2003! He had served the Board, was the Senior Vice President of Hunting, planned turkey shoots, skeet shoots as well as gun safety courses and conceal carry classes to name a few. Jack was very instrumental during the 15 years of the Wild Game Cook-Off days! He had “mad skills” promoting the event and lining up sponsors since that was some of what he did as a career! Jack was an asset to Wildlife Action and also a dear friend. He is certainly missed! I will never forget him and our friendship!



Ten days after losing Jack, we lost Rita! Talk about complete heartbreak! It still truly doesn't feel real! Rita Parker was one of the first people I met when joining WLA back in 1995. Rita and her husband, Greg, helped start the Lower

Cape Fear River chapter where I began my WLA “life”. From day one, we were instant friends! Greg and Rita were key figures that have helped make the North Carolina Wildlife Action chapter into what it is today!! Local meetings, property workdays, promotional events, fundraisers, fellowships, cook-offs, camps, fishing, canoeing, bluebird and duck box building, pumpkin carvings, National meetings- you name it,



any of it over all these years. . . there was Rita and Greg, helping, doing, working, supporting! I can't think of anything about Wildlife Action that doesn't make me think of Rita! Rita and Greg were recipients of the National Trailblazer Award in 2013, which is Wildlife Action's highest honor! Rita served on the NC State Board since before my presidency in 2003 also, just like Jack. Rita was also the Senior Vice President of Education. She was over all the educational events and the Camp Director! She loved our “Pioneers”. They were ALL special to her. Having a camp at Helms Nature Preserve was something we worked so hard for and in 2013 the dream became a reality. All the hard work had paid off. Her dedication to Wildlife Action was **DEEP** and so appreciated! It is hard to put into words to make folks understand her loyalty to WLA as well as her “WLA family”!! Her friendship was like no other! We were not blood related but we were certainly family!! She loved and was loved! This years' upcoming events, especially camp will be hard but it will be dedicated in her memory! LOVE YOU RITA! “Until next time- see you soon!”



For Kids and Conservaton,
Allison Shuping, President



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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. Or contact the National Headquarters in Mullins, S.C. (843)464-8473.

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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
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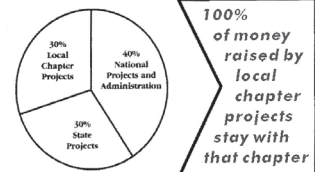
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North Carolina Memorials

This past year brought the NCWLA State Board a great loss. We had to say Good Bye to our dear, sweet friends...Jack Inman and Rita Parker. Both served on the State Board for many years. They were a delight to be around. Jack and Rita always did for others and asked nothing in return. Wildlife Action is better for them both being present and engaged in our mission. We thank them both for their time, support and their talents to help make WLA a success and an asset to our community! We love y'all! Miss you and you will always be in our hearts!! The NC State Board

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 remembered by their friends and loved ones with memorial contributions to North Carolina Wildlife Action. If you would like to make a contribution in memory of someone special just mail it to: North Carolina Wildlife Action, P.O. Box 1314, Whiteville, NC 28472. If you have any questions just call us at 910-642-8309 or email ncwlahq@embarqmail.com

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*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, July 26th



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!



Work Days at Helms Nature Preserve

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

April 5th at 8:00 a.m.

May 10th at 8:00 a.m.

June date TBA



North Carolina Wildlife Action Summer Day Camp

June 9th-13th

Ages 6-11

Helms Nature Preserve Benefit August 23rd

Pumpkin Carving at Helms Nature Preserve Saturday, October 25th

Boston Butt Sale-November 7th



Bluebird Box Building

Saturday, April 5th -

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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