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Sunday - Friday Ages 9-12
July 5th - July 10th - Co-Ed
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Criteria for Submitting Photographs:

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2. Subject matter must pertain to some form of wildlife, nature, landscapes, etc.
3. Photographs must be taken in the wild. No zoo or studio pictures.
4. Photographs may be in either in color or black and white.
5. Sizes must be either 8 x 10 or 16 x 20. Anything that is submitted smaller will be disqualified.
6. Maximum number of entries will be five (5) per participant.
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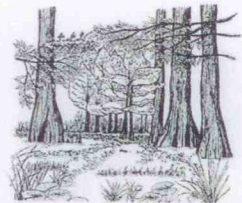
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"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But, the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."



Reminder from WLA National Camp Director..



2015 Summer Camp Season is going strong and we have had great success thus far. We have partnered with several groups again this year which has allowed us to reach more kids from additional areas.

There are still some openings for our Pathfinder Overnight Camp (Ages 9-12, July 5-10), Teen Overnight Camp (July 19-24) and our Outdoor Heritage Camp (Aug 3-7)! Please contact us as soon as possible in order to secure one of these remaining spots. Anyone interested in our Scholarship program, please call (843)464-8473 or email info@wildlifeaction.com. Stay tuned for our Sept/Oct Pride, which will include lots of information and photos from our entire 2015 Summer Camps Season!

WLA Calender of Events

July

11th- Horry County Chapter President Pete Taylor will be holding a Hunter Education Certification Course. Register through SCDNR website at www.scdnr.gov. or for more info call 843-236-3230.

11th-Johnny Goebel from the Horry Chapter is coordinating Independence Day Celebration with the Town of Aynor. He is looking for volunteers to assist. (843)997-5613

12th- Frank Passantino will be conducting a CWP class at Webb Resource Education Center on Gunter's Island Road, Galivant's Ferry, SC. Cost is \$65. (718)490-6562

July 31th - August 2nd- Pee Dee Deer Classic @ Florence Civic Center, Florence SC.

August

22nd- Wildlife Action National Board Meeting- 1PM @ Fork Retch Wildlife Refuge, Mullins SC- Members always welcome!!

29th- SCDNR Hunter Education Certification Course @ Fork Retch Wildlife Refuge in Mullins, SC. starting at 9 am. Be prepared for a lunch break. Social security number required. Call 843-464-0635 to register or go to www.scdnr.gov.

If you are interested in any of the events and need further informtion you may contact your local WLA Chapter or contact our National office at 1-800-753-2264



News From the Upstate....

Wild Day at Lost Acres

This year's Wild Day was held on Saturday, May 9th. A total of 47 children along with 20 parents participated in the Scavenger Hunt, Archery, Leaf Printing, Skins & Skulls, BB Gun target practice and building Bird Boxes. Twenty-eight members of WLA Upstate volunteered for the event. We greatly appreciate the fantastic chili prepared by Leneda Cassel. Hotdogs, buns, chips, condiments and paper products for lunch were donated by Spartanburg Costco Wholesale. Each child took home a backpack also provided by Costco. Special thanks go to the WLA Upstate members who donated food and volunteered for Wild Day. Everyone had a great time!

Lady's Slippers Photo Shoot at Lost Acres

Upstate Photography Photo Shoot: Nine members of the Upstate Photography Meetup group enjoyed the morning of May 2nd photographing the large collection of Pink Lady's Slippers at Lost Acres. The full sun filtering through the trees made for exceptional photo shoot conditions.



WLA Upstate Chapter Meeting

Speaker Sgt. Tony E Brown and Dick Cassel
The WLA Upstate Chapter Meeting was held on May 11th at Lost Acres. We had a great turnout with 28 members, 4 Pioneers, 2 guests and 2 presenters attending the covered dish dinner and presentation.

The speaker was Sgt. Tony E Brown of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division who talked about various forms of scams ranging from door-to-door to internet and passed around printed examples. His advice is if you think it could be a scam, Google it!

If you are scammed, immediately report it to law enforcement and file a Law Enforcement Report. Unfortunately, when funds are sent overseas, typically to Nigeria, they cannot be retrieved. Sgt. Brown also distributed copies of "Taking Charge - What to do if your identity is stolen" by the Federal Trade Commission.

The **annual WLA Upstate Yard Sale** was held on Saturday, May 16th from 7:30 AM until noon at John's TV.

Hundreds of items ranging from Christmas decorations to an electric organ were displayed on this absolutely beautiful day. Thanks to John and Linda Harris who let us use their facilities, provided refreshments and lunch.

Thanks also to everyone who provided donations and the 20 WLA Upstate volunteers who helped make the Yard Sale a success. Our Chapter took in \$1,844.10 for the WLA Upstate Building Fund!

Recycling Cans for Bird Box Nails

Jane Hughston and Polly Bennett took 162 lbs. of cans to OmniSource for recycling. They received \$81 which will be used to purchase nails for bluebird boxes.

Thanks to everyone who contributed cans!

Samples of Emails and Letters...

Hello, Sending a donation to help with camp this year. My daughter, Ashley Johnson, told me recently that Wildlife Action was one of the highlights of her childhood. Ashley will be 26 in July. She is a graduate of UNA in Florence, Alabama with a double major in Biology and Psy. Ashley has received her in and Registered Nurse degree. We are very proud parents of the young woman she has become.

We wanted to share with you how much we enjoyed our time associated with Wildlife Action while living there.

Keep up the good work!

Debbie Page

PS: Tell Bunny "Hello"

Enclosed is a sponsorship for either Pioneer Day Camp or Pioneer Adventure Camp. Please decide which one needs it most. Also a check for some of the supplies needed for camp that was sent out by email. Hope all is well!

We continue working with children and grandchildren. They are getting bigger now and have bigger needs. Please tell Bunny and Nan "Hello"

Fondest Regards,
Kathleen and Ed Elam

What a nice thing to do!

Thank you Bunny and Nan both for our kindness and hospitality!

I have now joined Wildlife Action for a year and have donated another \$100!

Please do something for yourself like either go out to dinner or buy a cheap a/c for the river house or a cell phone :))

Nedi

****Bunny took her on a guided river trip on the Little Pee Dee River and Mrs. Nan cooked them homemade vegetable soup and cornbread!!*

"Jest Wishin"

*If I were chairman of a bank, and owned a railroad too, and had alladin's magic lamp -
Do you know what I would do?*

*I'd wish to be a boy again with patches on my pants, a keen ole fashioned appetite,
good playmates, and a chance -*

If I were standing to be judged before the Great White Throne where I could hear the righteous sing and hear the sinners moan- I'd want no better advocate to make my final plea-

Than jest some little ragged boy who'd say:

"Gee God He Did A Lot For Me."



Shark Tales - Precautions this summer while at the beach...

June 21st was the official start of summer! Residents and tourists along the East Coast have already begun storming the beaches to catch some rays and relaxation! With the increase of time spent in the sea by people, the interactions between sharks and people are rising. There has been a significant increase in the amount of shark attacks in the United States during the last decade. A large number of these incidents have occurred along the Atlantic coast. Recently, two beach-goers, a 12 year old and a 16 year old living in North Carolina were seriously injured during separate shark attacks on June 13th. A third child, age 13, suffered minor injuries after a shark bite on June 11th. In these cases, the victims were very close to the shore and were all struck while swimming in waist-deep water.

The reason shark attacks are more prevalent on the East Coast is due to its location and water temperature in the summer. The movement of sharks is primarily based upon water temperature. During this time of year, species of adult sharks migrate to waters that are above 70 degree Fahrenheit, this includes our coasts along the Atlantic Ocean.

Dan Abel, a senior lecturer in Marine Science at the University of Coastal Carolina, who has been researching and studying sharks off the coast of North Carolina for more than 20 years, said that many of the attacks are actually accidental attacks by the sharks themselves. "Sharks living in the Atlantic have a wide variety of prey. Some of them eat fish and other types of seafood while others eat rays and sea turtles that are typically found very close to the shoreline," Abel said. "In most of the cases of shark attacks, the victims are bitten in their extremities because the sharks didn't see clearly and confused a human limb for actual prey." "The Atlantic has a much broader continental shelf, and due to the fact that ocean temperatures are in the 70s this time of year which is much warmer than the Pacific, the amount of sharks closer to the shoreline is larger".

According to the Florida Museum of Natural History, the following are a few myths about sharks:

MYTH #1: SHARKS ARE ALL MAN-EATERS

Humans are not food for sharks. The sharks involved

in incidents with humans are often hunting for similar-sized prey to humans, such as seals or dolphins.

MYTH #2: ALL SHARKS ARE BIG WITH LOTS OF SHARP TEETH

Not all sharks are large, bulky and torpedo-shaped like the ones we see in movies. There are actually more than 400 different species of sharks and they come in a variety of shapes and sizes, from the tiny 8-inch-long deepwater dogfish to the massive 40-foot-long whale shark. And not all sharks have a mouth full of large pointed teeth for tearing flesh. The basking shark has tiny teeth that it doesn't even use for feeding, and the horn shark also has molar-like teeth that it uses to crush hard-shelled prey.

SHARK MYTH #3: SHARKS ARE NOT IMPORTANT

Sharks play a very important role in marine communities and help maintain the delicate balance of life. Many species sit at the top of the food chain, keeping other marine animal populations in check. Some sharks feed on the sick and weak, which helps prey populations to stay healthy—many of which are also commercially important fish species.

SHARK MYTH #4: NOTHING CAN HURT SHARKS

Shark populations around the world are in rapid decline. Sharks grow relatively slowly, take many years to mature and produce relatively few young. They also suffer from the large and growing demand for shark fins and the general lack of management of shark fishing. Populations simply cannot replenish at the same rate as they are caught and finned to meet market demand. Sharks are also often caught in longlines, trawl nets and seine nets, and simply discarded.

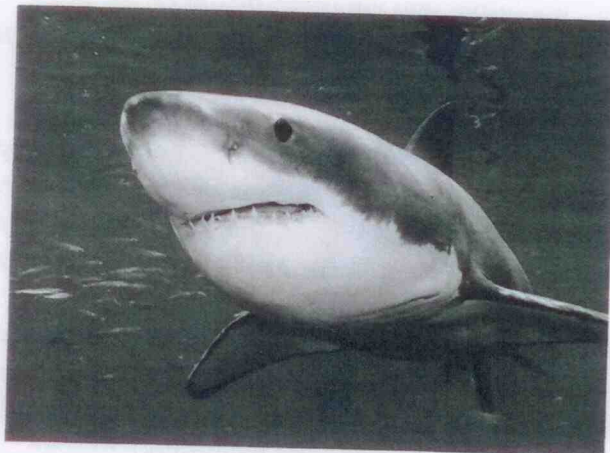
SHARK MYTH #5: SHARKS ATTACK PEOPLE OFTEN

Shark attacks are extremely rare; you are more likely to be struck by lightning than attacked by a shark. There were only seven shark-related human deaths in 2012 compared to around 73 million sharks killed annually by people. Sharks are in all the world's oceans, and even though more people are in oceans than ever before, the incident rate has not increased.

To decrease your already small chance of becoming a victim of a shark attack, observe the following rules:

1. Always swim in a group. Sharks most often attack lone individuals.
2. Don't wander too far from shore. Doing so isolates you and places you away from assistance.
3. Avoid the water at night, dawn, or dusk. Many sharks are most active at these times and are better able to find you than you are to see them.
4. Don't enter the water if bleeding. Sharks can smell and taste blood, and trace it back to its source.
5. Don't wear shiny jewelry. The reflected light looks like shining fish scales.
6. Don't go into waters containing sewage. Sewage attracts bait fishes, which in turn attract sharks.
7. Avoid waters being fished and those with lots of bait fishes. Diving seabirds are good indicators of such activities.
8. Don't enter the water if sharks are present. Leave immediately if sharks are seen.
9. Avoid an uneven tan and brightly colored clothing. Sharks see contrast particularly well, so use extra caution when waters are cloudy.
10. Don't splash a lot. Also, keep pets out of the water. Erratic movements can attract sharks.
11. Use care near sandbars or steep drop-offs. These are favorite hangouts for sharks.
12. Don't relax just because porpoises are nearby. Sightings of porpoises do not indicate the absence of sharks. Both often eat the same foods.
13. Don't try to touch a shark if you see one!
14. If attacked by a shark, the general rule is "Do whatever it takes to get away!"

Debra Buffkin



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COYOTES - *A Growing Menace*



South Carolina's *deer* population has declined in the last decade by an estimated 25%. This has been attributed to habitat decline, increased competition with wild hogs, large bag limits and now predation and stress by coyotes. Last deer season was reported by many hunters and processors as one of the worst they have ever had. There are also concerns with an increase of deer diseases. What can we do?

Well, that is a complicated and long answer. One that can not be covered adequately on one sheet of paper and one that has many sides. But one thing that most agree on is coyote control. These non-native top predators are being more brazen, bold and dangerous. Dangerous to the fawn crop, dangerous to our pets and livestock and increasing dangerous to humans.

Coyotes arrive in South Carolina in 1978 through natural movements from adjoining states as land use practices opened new areas, but were also brought here illegally for dog hunting purposes. Coyotes have become the dominant predator by the removal of most all other large mammals by man that would have kept them in check. Coyotes are not just a problem for wildlife and hunters but for pet owners and even the occasional attack on children.

Coyotes are in every county in South Carolina in abundance. Many people do not even know they are here because they are nocturnal and are often mistaken for dogs. They are extremely wary and will change patterns quickly to adapt to whatever comes their way. They will eat almost anything they can get their mouth around and are very successful generalist.

Just to leave coyotes alone is not an option to the wise. Trapping and poisoning is often not an option because of the bycatch and as they will take up near or even in residential areas where pets and people may be exposed. Farmers do what they can by adding donkeys to livestock herds, use of frightening devices and electric fences but the only real means of limited control is hunting and trapping.

The SC Department of Natural Resources will issue depredation permits and has opened the hunting season for coyotes all year long but there are still a number of specific rules that you must follow. It is strongly suggested that you check each year to see the current rules and regulations. Many groups are looking into incentives, bounty systems, contest and using new technology to help with this real problem but as it sits, we need simply need more varmint hunters and trappers. Support your Trapper's Association, Nuisance Wildlife Control Officer and groups like Wildlife Action that attempts to take fact and research and turn it into *ACTION!*



Coyotes are known to attack and kill livestock, all types of wildlife and domestic animals as well. They are effective killers and highly adaptable.



Chapter Happenings!

Wildlife Action offers a variety of outdoor opportunities. We have guided river trips, guided fishing trips, overnight camping, hiking excursions and much more. Gather your group or family and give us a call or come in and speak with a representative on the adventure that is awaiting you. Call (843) 464-0635 or email at info@wildlifeaction.com



Wildlife Action, Inc. - CROSS CHAPTER

The Wildlife Festival and Earth Day Celebration went off without a hitch and was well attended. The faithful anchor, Floyd Higgins from Washington, GA, braved a painful medical condition to join with the WLA Wildlife Showcase. Hundreds of arrows were shot, went through 85 paper targets at the pellet range, practiced casting, paddled kayaks through duck pond slough, dipped and learned about aquatic critters, viewed and learned about local snakes, ate hotdogs, fried catfish, got faces painted and took home some great prizes!

Scott Lamprecht won the bicycle raffle. There was upwards of 85 children and adults that participated. It was a most enjoyable day! Don't miss the next one! Special thanks to the following:

Ed Deal for providing the kayaks

John Floyd for his snakes

Porky Sweatman for the catfish

Charles Whitten for donation of raffle prizes

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Floyd Higgins with the Wildlife Showcase

Everyone from the Cross Chapter that made this wonderful event possible!!!

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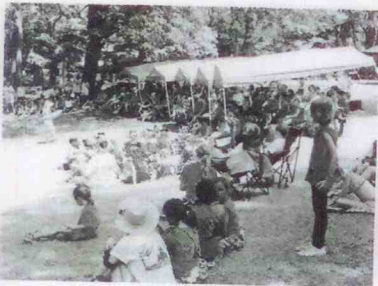
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So, come to any chapter meeting from 2:30-3:30, bring a friend, your centerfire pistol, 20 rounds of ammo and \$10 per entry to have a little challenge at the range. Starts at 3:30 pm sharp!

Congratulations to marksmen **Kevin Casper and Dan Packard** as winners of the iron sight rifle match. Using his M1 Garand at 100 yards with iron sights, Kevin shot a 99, with three in the bullseye! Dan Packard won for the AR class!

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WLA Georgia State Chapter hosting and participating in Camp Camellia Rose. Lots of kids enjoyed one of the most memorable weekends of their lives on Lake Altoona! Great job Georgia State!!

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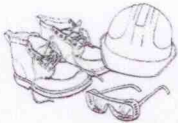
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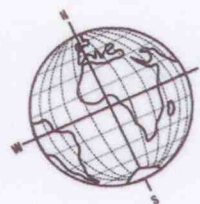
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IN THE LAST EDITION OF THE WILDLIFE PRIDE MAGAZINE WE GAVE THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ASKED THAT ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING SHOULD CONTACT THEM. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO RESPONDED: TERRY SARVIS, KAREN COLEMAN AND EARL ETHERIDGE.

WILDLIFE ACTION NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS SERVE 3 YEAR TERMS AND OFFICERS SERVE 1 YEAR TERMS. THE BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE YEAR ARE KATHY CRIBBS- MULLINS, SC, CRAIG MARTIN- MARION, SC, AND BEN HODGES- MULLINS, SC. KATHY CRIBBS AND CRAIG MARTIN HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO SERVE FOR ANOTHER THREE YEAR TERM.

PER THE WILDLIFE ACTION CONSTITUTION, THE REQUIREMENT OF A LISTING OF CANDIDATES HAS BEEN MET. WE HAVE 3 SLOTS AVAILABLE AND 5 PEOPLE RUNNING. YOU HAVE UNTIL **AUGUST 15TH** TO SUBMIT YOUR NAME FOR CONSIDERATION BY CONTACTING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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