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TO PRESERVE THE HUNT

by Bunny Beeson



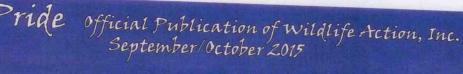
If hunters are going to preserve hunting, they must recreate it as the disciplined, mindful, sacred activity it once was for our species. They will also need to help redeem the culture in which they have grown and which finds fun at the expense of others. Also, there is a need for hunting as management of ecosystems as they have been fragmented and changed drastically by human activity.

This is the job for hunters, an ongoing task to define appropriate behavior between person and person. We must learn communication skills. I am a hunter and I would say that this definition will have much to do with the notions of kindness, compassion, and the sympathy for those other species with whom we share this web of life and upon whom we depend for sustenance, the very notions and I might add restrain that informs of the lives of many hunting people in past times.

A return to old principles of mutual regard between species will be a profound undertaking, for it is based on the pre-Christian believe that other life forms, indeed the very plants and earth and air themselves, are invested with soul and spirit. If we must take of those spirits, it can only be done for good reason; then only if accompanied with constant reverence and humility for the sacrifices that have been made. Whether we are hunters or not hunters, meat eaters or vegetarians, this state of heart and mind compels us to say an eternal grace.









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Mission

Wildlife Action is a private, nonprofit grassroots organization whose mission is promoting public awareness about wildlife habitat, conservation, preservation and restoration of our natural resources, educating all people on stewardship of the good earth, and promoting responsible sportsmanship and ethics as exercised in the right to bear arms.

Wildlife Action, Inc. is a 501(c)3 volunteer organization with a 509(A)(2) public charity status.

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- Preservation
- Conservation
- Education
- Sportsmanship
- Fellowship

WLA Motto:

"Local Folks Solving Local Problems"

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"To Put back More Than We Take"



National Photo Contest

Entries must be submitted into local chapters by Sept 30 & National by Nov 30, 2015

MCLELLAN PARK UPDATE

If you are a Wildlife Action member and possess a CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT or pay for and pass a Wildlife Action Basic Safety Course, then you may purchase a key for \$40 and come and go from 9am - 7pm (unless otherwise posted) for use of the pistol and/or rifle range. Key access also allows fishing, picnicking and trails.

Keys renew on January 1st, no matter what time of year you purchased it.

You must read, fill out and sign forms and then pay your range fees each and every time you shoot before you leave on the day of your visit as well as your guest.

On Saturdays from 11am - 7pm and on Sundays from 2pm - 8pm, a Range Safety Officer (RSO) will be onsite to operate the skeet and trap fields from Sept 19 - Dec 19. The clays are provided but you must bring your own ammo or available to purchase from WLA.

Prices:

Skeet and Trap: Member: \$6/round Organization: \$7/round Guest: \$10/round Pistol and Rifle Range: Member: \$2/day Organization: \$3/day Guest: \$5/day Member: \$15/tent/day Camping:

Organization: \$18/tent/day Guest: \$20/tent/day Picnic Shelters, Grounds, Trails, FirePit, fishing & Bathroom (Excludes shooting facilities): \$100/day

up to 25 people. Additional charge for larger groups.

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\$20/day

Ammo:

Shotgun shells: \$10/box

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YOU AGREE TO RELEASE, WAIVER, HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY AND ASSUME YOUR OWN RISK WHEN PRESENT.

MUST BE A MEMBER OR GUEST OF A MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE.

MEMBERS MAY ONLY BRING A GUEST TWICE ANNUALLY THEN THEY MUST PURCHASE THEIR OWN MEMBERSHIP AND KEY.

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COMMANDS OF THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER MUST BE OBEYED IMMEDIATELY AND WITH-OUT QUESTION.

COMPETITIONS AND ARRANGED PROGRAMS HAVE PRIORITY AT THE RANGE DURING SCHED-ULED TIMES.

NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, PROFANITY OR UNSAFE BEHAVIOR ALLOWED (WLA Goodwill Ambassador Clause, Article XI - C p.17 Form 8).

GUN ACTIONS MUST BE OPEN, RACKED OR CASED WHEN NOT IN USE.

CHILDREN UNDER 18 MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES!

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NO SHOTGUN SHOT LARGER THAN 7 1/2.



Fur, Fin, and Feather Hunts & Sponsorship



Every year Wildlife Action sends numerous pioneers(children) to our camps through a system of sponsorships given by businesses and individuals. This year we were able to give over \$13,000 dollars worth to deserving children. If it were not for this program, many of our pioneers would not have been able to attend. For some, this is a life changing event. They are given the opportunity to see life unplugged from technology and get back to basics. Our staff works tirelessly to expose these young minds to the beauty and lessons of God's Backyard. Each donor should be so proud to be a part of that. Take the time to look at the faces from camp in this Wildlife Pride Magazine and hear the stories of growth as these kids reconnected to nature, the Good Lord, and themselves through Wildlife Action.

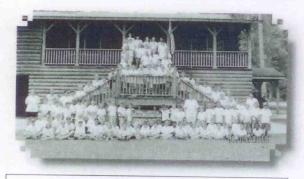
We are continuing this mission through our youth fishing and hunt programs called **Fur**, **Fin and Feather** to expose more pioneers to these same lessons. Some again need *your* help! Wildlife Action keeps cost as low as we can and our fine partners do

the same so that as many youth as possible can participate in these events. For this reason, we are asking individuals, organizations, and businesses to please support our right to fish and hunt and keep this important lesson alive in the hearts of the next generation. Won't you or your company consider sponsoring a pioneer to come on a hunt this season? We have the children with the heart and desire to be outside, they just need the help to go.

We are also in need of equipment such as rod & reels, bows, firearms, ammunition, skeet, camouflage clothing, blinds, deerstands and the like to provide to those children who do not have their own. Please use this tax donation for the good of children from all over the Southeast and for the love of fishing, hunting and the great outdoors. The rewards will be seen in the faces and minds of our next generation of leaders. Please contact us at (843)464-0635 or wlavped@bellsouth. net with any questions that you may have or to reserve your spot to hunt. Thank you for your support!

- A. September 12, 2015. Deer and Hog Hunt at Eulonia Hunt Club in Gresham, SC. Four children with their parent or adult looking on will have a chance to take one deer or as many hogs as possible on this hunt. Thanks to Mr. Jimmy Sawyer for providing this opportunity. Arrive at 2pm for lunch, followed by safety talk and orientation and late afternoon hunt. FULL
- **B. October 10, 2015.** WLA Pioneer Deer Hunt with Mr. Wayne Stroud. Come for a great meal by the pond, lots of fellowship and a memorable afternoon hunt! We have always had tremendous success on this hunt! Special thanks to Mr. Jimbo Wiggins for providing this incredible hunting property. Cost: \$40
- C. January 2, 2016 Pioneer Deer DOG DRIVE Hunt at Ashpole Hunt Club in Dillon/Horry County, SC. Arrive 6:30am at Ashpole and be ready for an exciting day hearing the dogs run! Lunch included. Cost \$25
- D. Febuary TBA, 2016 DW Outdoors Youth Skeet Shoot and Duck Hunt.
- 5 children, with their parents watching on, will be able to hunt Mallards with callers, dogs, meals, and lodging included. Skeet shoot under the lights Friday evening to get warmed up for Saturday mornings hunt. \$400 value at this incredible hunting preserve for **only \$125** for WLA Youth on this day. **FULL**
- E March TBA, 2016 Wildlife Action Youth QUAIL HUNT & SKEET SHOOT. Morning and afternoon hunt with skeet shoot in between. 1st place prize and door prizes for all youth. Rolling Rock Hunting Preserve, Rayle, Georgia. Must sign up by Feb. 20, 2016. Only 12 spots available! Cost: Only \$25 for Wildlife Action Youth! (706)401-2012
- F. March 26, 2016 SC State Youth TURKEY HUNT Day. Come enjoy a morning of guided Turkey hunting at some great turkey hunting properties. Space is limited and spots are gone in a hurry folks. Cost \$50

Wildlife Action Adventure Camps Pictures



Pioneer Day Camp



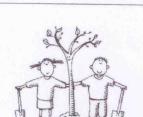
North Carolina Pioneer Day Camp



Pioneer Adventure Day Camp



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Wildlife Action Adventure Camps Pictures



Staff Members making life long memories with a special group of girls



Day Camp Staff Members



Staff Appreciation Day at Fantasy Lake, Hope Mills, NC



Tyler Wright - Senior Staff Member teaching Birds of Prey



Senior Staff Member Katilyn Marie White was also crowned Teen Miss SC



Staff Members Taylor Smith and Holden Gasque

A Partnership With Our Youth!

The Following Businesses and Individuals are Supporters of Wildlife Action Camps for 2015. Their Contributions for Scholarships for Children are Deeply Appreciated. (Each name represents a scholarship for a child)

Day Camp Scholarships <u>\$125.00 Per Child</u>

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Bunny's Pioneers (x14)

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Camp Staff E-mails and Letters

I just wanted to write you and say thank you for giving me the opportunity to work this summer! It has easily been the funnest summer I've ever had! It's really opened my eyes and I have learned to appreciate things so much more! Thank you so much and hopefully I'll get this same opportunity again next year!

Holden Gasque - Senior Counselor Mullins, South Carolina

Frank.

I would like to tell you thank you for this summer and thank you for the opportunity to fill in a big role in this summer camp system. I love Wildlife Action and I don't know where I would be without it. Nobody there is my friend, they're family and I love every single one of them to death. Wildlife Action truly changed my life and I'm so thankful for that and the opportunities you have given me through it. The friendships and memories are the best pay I could ask for. I never thought I'd get emotional over camp but I'm honestly going to miss it and everyone who has come through the system this year. Strength and honor.

Josh Owens - Senior Counselor Aynor, South Carolina

Hey Mr. Frank,

I wanted to let you know that this year was one of the best years of camp I've ever experienced! Personally I think we had a great staff even though there were a few bumps in the road, I felt more comfortable around the staff we had this year than I ever have before. I also want to let you know that I tried my best to improve on my mistakes I've had in the past. I want to say thank you for letting me come again this year and for showing me and letting me have a big leadership role in both overnight camps I was at. Wildlife Action camp is what I look forward to every year! It's the main part of my summer and it's bitter sweet that it's already over with! Thank you for everything you have done for me, showed me, and taught me the past 6 years I have been coming to camp from being a camper, to a tribe leader, and a ruff rider!

Matthew Huffman - Senior Counselor Washington, Georgia

Dear Wildlife Action,

These past two summers have been the best I've ever had all thanks to WLA. When I came during my first day camp I remember being rather nervous about how everything was going to turn out, but that didn't last long. As soon as I stepped foot onto Fork Retch Wildlife Refuge I was greeted with smiling faces. And as time past I didn't just make friends, I became part of a family. And that wasn't just me, I've seen some kids who have never been to camp before come feeling just how I did, but by the end of the week they are begging to come back next year! And the amazing thing is that we have such a variety of kids that come to our camps, I've seen some kids who can fish like crazy and some who've never seen a hook before, but at the end of the day everyone gets along and end up making best friends. It's an amazing thing to see. And I'd just like to say thank you, to all of Wildlife Action, for allowing me to be a part of such an amazing organization, for letting me help spread the word about conservation to the next generation, for letting me see the excitement in a kids eye after they hit their first bulls eye, and for letting me be a part of the Wildlife Action family. I cannot wait to be back for another great summer at WLA!

Tyler Wright - Senior Counselor Monks Corner, SC

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2001

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Ashley McGuire Jessie Brown Blythe Padgett

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Tyler Branch Michael Davis Brandon Lewis Thomas Morgan Blaire Kobliski Cody Bullard Alex Almond Chris Underwood

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Graham Porter Tyler Beaver Cassie Faulk Devin Beaver Sarah Labod

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Brad McGuffin Lulu Leask Miranda Floyd Danny Lamm Sabrina Alford TJ Vargo Nicole Cagle Elizabeth Tillman Leanna Herbert

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Anthony Wayne Lucas Reynolds Teal Britt Camp Britt Brandon Burroughs

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Tyler Rogers Caitlyn Snowberger Matt Wilhelm Ben Walter

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Jeremy Tillman Jackson Woodle Allyson Santini Katelyn Caulder Skylar Sanders Robert Trevathan **Drew Covington** Katie Piner

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Bekah Johnston Josh Owens Brandon Cartee Stewart Shelton Kyle Piner Garrett Lane Ian Diaz Nick Dame

2012

Lucas McDowell Kyle Zeman

TJ Smith Allyson Jaymes Isa Farrell Mya Diaz Hunter Lane Erica Scott Shane Shelton Hannah Page

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Wes Smith Delanie Baker (record 36 minutes)

Nancy Bocabello Davis Cook

2014

Tyler Wright Bryce Ford Landon Gordon Julia Graham

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CAMP - 5K Nature Run Hall of Fame

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Bekah Johnston Will Etheridge

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First let us say how much we at Wildlife Action appreciate your support. As you well know, each year we have a \$100 Supper to raise money for certain projects. Last year was for our camp system and McLellan Park. Because of your help, these projects are going great!

Please purchse your ticket as early as possible to be eligible for the "Early Bird" prize of a tactile 12 gauge shotgun. Our Grand Prize winner will recieve \$3000.00!! There will also be 10 - \$100 prize winners with lots of door prizes and give aways. Come and enjoy a great night for two and show your support!

Tickets are available currently at our National Headquarters Office on Main St, Mullins or with any of our National Board members or staff. The venue will be at Woodhaven right on Hwy 76 in Marion, SC. Start time is 6:00 pm with supper to be served at 7:00 pm. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

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