



**WILDLIFE ACTION, INC
UPSTATE UPDATE
FEBRUARY, 2012**

CHAPTER MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 5:30PM

NEW CHINA RESTAURANT 860 E. MAIN STREET

**PROGRAM: "POT LUCK" AUCTION BRING A FRIEND & ITEM/S
RECEIVING ITEMS 5:30PM-6:45PM BROWSING 7:00PM AUCTION 7:30PM**

National WLA Chapter of the Year 1993, 2003, 2007, and 2010 2007 WLA National Trail Blazer Award to Jane and Newt Hughston

2011 WLA National Photography Contest Winner – Dr. Mark Fullerton

Our Motto: LOCAL FOLKS SOLVING LOCAL PROBLEMS

Our Slogan: TO PUT BACK MORE THAN WE TAKE

To All Wildlife Action Upstate Chapter Members,

I recently took a survey of MOST of our active membership to determine if the desires of our members are being met concerning the proposed NEW Building and Driveway. Statistically, 61% were against the "package", as presented (and approved) by our Board and National WLA Land Management. Consequently, the board has changed the existing proposals and I have encouraged/directed the Board to discontinue the "package" plan and to revise the building plan so that it will be agreeable to most of our members. This will require member involvement and interaction, so please tell a Board member what you want, and think about, the new proposals. We want to fund and build a NEW Building that will enhance our existing and future programs at Lost Acres, and meet membership needs.

Interestingly, the 3 main reasons for the dissatisfaction with the original "package" were: wanting to maintain as much naturalness as possible, wanting all funds in the bank before starting the building and our vulnerability to theft, abuse/destruction and legal responsibilities by making the NEW Building available to outside renters. These are all legitimate concerns and I would encourage all members to advise a Board Member of your thoughts on these concerns and any other concerns as well.

Another proposal is being presented by me to the Chapter Land Management Team to be brought to our Board that would provide a temporary solution concerning inclement weather protection for our young guests. Initial estimates of this enhancement to our pavilion would be approximately \$1280 to "seasonally" enclose and heat our pavilion and still maintain full visibility. We are hoping to raise most of this in our next two events, our Pancake Breakfast on January 28th and our Pot Luck Auction on February 13th.

Right now we have confirmations from 6 schools that'll bring approximately 410 children to Lost Acres between March 16 and May 8 this year. We are off to a good start. Thank-you for volunteering to help as you are able. As such, I would recommend any construction be scheduled for late May through July to avoid any interference with our visiting children.

As always, I am interested in your thoughts, appreciate your prayers and thank YOU for your support.

Mark Fullerton, D.C.
President-WLA Upstate

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Thank you to John and Linda Harris and their guest, Kathy Felker, Director of Urban Outreach for Mobile Meals, who shared their "Pet Companions" program at our meeting. As John and Kathy explained, many of the elderly served by Mobile Meals have pets that also require food. If you wish to send a donation for their program, their address is P. O. Box 461, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304. Items are packaged for delivery on the second Tuesday before the third Wednesday at Mobile Meals. Contact Kathy Felker, (864) 573-7684 for further details.

SPRING PLANT SALE: Do your plants need pruning or dividing? Dr. Nancy Hughston is looking for extra your plants. Please contact her with what you can share, (864-576-7689). Dr. Hughston wants to sell them at our Wild Day in April.

USC UPSTATE FOOD PANTRY FOR STUDENTS: Thank you to the members who brought items. If you bring items to the February meeting, someone will be there to collect them.

WORKDAYS: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH AND FEBRUARY 25TH 9:00AM-NOON
PREPARING THE PRESERVE FOR OUR SPRING EVENTS. BRING YOUR TOOLS AND JOIN US!

Regular WLA Upstate Meetings are generally the 2nd Monday of the Month

FEBRUARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
Mon. 2/13	CHAPTER MEETING 5:30PM AT NEW CHINA RESTAURANT, 860 E. MAIN STREET PROGRAM: POT LUCK AUCTION – BRING AN ITEM or TWO TO DONATE FOR THE AUCTION. AUCTIONEERS AND HELPERS: DOT LONG, CARRIE LONG, ANN MARIE SULIVAN, DEE FULLERTON – COME EARLY TO EAT, BRING YOUR ITEMS AND BROWSE DONATION SLIPS AVAILABLE
Wed. 2/15	LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING 7:00PM N. SPARTANBURG FIRE STATION MEMBERS WELCOME
Sat. 2/18	WORKDAY AT HUGHSTON'S RESOURCE EDUCATION CENTER BRING TOOLS 9AM
Sat. 2/25	WORKDAY AT HUGHSTON'S RESOURCE EDUCATION CENTER BRING TOOLS 9AM
Tues. 2/28	CHAPTER BOARD MEETING 7PM N. SPARTANBURG FIRE STATION MEMBERS WELCOME
MARCH MEETINGS	
Mon. 3/12	CHAPTER MEETING: 6:30PM BIG DADDY'S FAMILY RESTAURANT 1100 ASHEVILLE HWY BUFFET OR MENU AVAILABLE PROGRAM: BIRDING IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY DR. LYLE CAMPBELL AND MRS. SARAH CAMPBELL
Tues 3/27	CHAPTER BOARD MEETING 7PM N. SPARTANBURG FIRE STATION MEMBERS WELCOME

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2012 Officers			2012 Board of Directors		
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2012 CALENDAR: UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED REGULAR SCHOOL PROGRAM AT "LOST ACRES":
EDDIE EAGLE GUN SAFETY, BIRDHOUSES, BIRDS, BIRD CALLS, NATURE TRAIL, SKULLS & SKINS
THE SCHOOLS ARRIVE BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 9:AM. LEAVE AROUND 1:00PM
FRI., MARCH 16TH (TENTATIVE) TRINITY UNITED METHODIST
 25 STUDENTS WANT ARCHERY OTHER EVENTS TO BE DETERMINED
 THIS NEEDS TO BE CONFIRMED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FRI., MARCH 23RD ABNER CREEK ELEM. SCHOOL 4TH GRADE
 40 STUDENTS REGULAR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
RAIN DATE FOR MARCH 23RD - ENTIRE 4TH GRADE WILL COME THE 30TH
WED, MARCH 28TH LYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4TH GRADE 60 STUDENTS
 EACH DAY REGULAR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
THURS. MARCH 29TH LYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4TH GRADE 60 STUDENTS
 EACH DAY REGULAR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FRI., MARCH 30TH ABNER CREEK ELEM SCHOOL 4TH GRADE
 40 STUDENTS REGULAR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
THURS., APRIL 19TH FANNIE LOUISE HOLCOMB GARDEN CLUB, 15-20,
 9:30AM-11:30AM AT THE PRESERVE BIRD HOUSES, BIRD CALLS, NATURE TRAIL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FRI. APRIL 20TH ARCADIA ELEMENTARY 2ND GRADE 60 STUDENTS
 REGULAR PROGRAM 9:00AM-2:00PM WILL BRING LUNCH
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED RAIN DATE FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH
THURS., MAY 3RD CARLISLE-FOSTER'S GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND GRADE
 60 STUDENTS REGULAR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FRI., MAY 4TH CARLISLE-FOSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND GRADE
 40 STUDENTS REGULAR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
TUES., MAY 8TH OAKBROOK SCHOOL 9AM AT THEIR SCHOOL 25 BIRDHOUSES
 AND BIRD CALLS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED