

Coastal Happenings July 2014



Want to help the coast? The federation has several <u>clean-ups and work days</u> scheduled in <u>July</u>. Come join us - it's a great opportunity to learn something new and meet some great people who share your love of our coast.

Dear Friend of the Coast,

A federation member once wrote, "...try to imagine what the N.C. coastal region would be like today without the efforts of the N.C. Coastal Federation..."

As we pulled together our <u>2013 Annual Report</u>, we were acutely aware of this sentiment. The past year was full of environmental challenges, but with your help and that of other friends, we ended the year with many significant accomplishments. In other words - the coast is much better off today than it would have been without our combined efforts.

Coastal Review Online June Summary



COMING EVENTS

July 9 Coastal Speaker Series Wrightsville Beach

10,17,24,31 Morning Yoga Wrightsville Beach

10,15,17,22,24,29,31 Coastal Cruises Hammocks Beach State Park Swansboro

10, 17, 24, 31 Boat the Bay Manteo

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Coastal Adventures: Marshy Creeks Wrightsville Beach Together we protected and restored our coast. This included our work to build living shorelines, create new oyster reefs, restore more than 6,000 acres of coastal wetlands, promote Low-Impact Development, and report more than 240 original coastal stories through the federation's on-line daily news service.

Please take a few minutes and read our Annual Report. You helped make our coast better in 2013 by being a member, as well as if you took part in one of our informative programs or restoration projects. If you have doubts - just imagine what our coast would look like without you and the federation. Thank you.

N.C. Coastal Federation staff



Hammocks Beach State Park to Expand

The long-running legal battle over 289 mainland acres adjacent to Hammocks Beach State Park is over. Both parties signed an agreement last month

that will lead to the eventual expansion of the park. Coastal Review Online (CRO) covered the <u>story</u>.

Isolated Wetlands

Wetlands are a valuable part of North Carolina's ecosystem and isolated wetlands play an important role in



recharging groundwater and reducing stormwater and flooding. A popular <u>CRO article</u> last month explains the complexity and importance of these special places.



14, 28 Jones Island Day Camp Swansboro

15 TouchTank Tuesday Wrightsville Beach

15,22,29 Sea Turtle Talks Wrightsville Beach

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Oyster Reef Construction Jones Island Swansboro*

16,23,30 Coastal Birding Trips Wrightsville Beach

18 Rain Garden Maintenance Wrightsville Beach*

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Education Center Work day: Paint the Trellis Wrightsville Beach*

22, 29 Salt Marsh Planting & Oyster Monitoring Morris Landing*

23

Sugarloaf Island Clean-up Morehead City*



Magic School Bus

Children gathered around Joanna Cole, author of the *Magic School Bus* series. Ms. Cole appeared at the federation's new education center in Wrightsville Beach on June

7. About 150 people attended the ice cream party celebrating Ms. Cole's latest book - *The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge*.

The new center is full of activity this summer. Check out their <u>schedule of events</u> and join us for an adventure.

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26 Kayak/Yoga Trip Jones Island Swansboro

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Radio Island & Pivers Island Clean-up Morehead City/Beaufort*

* Volunteers Needed

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