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***Magic School Bus* Children's Author to Read at N.C. Coastal Federation Center**

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH - The author of the *Magic School Bus* children's series will read from her latest book on June 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the N.C. Coastal Federation's Fred and Alice Stanback Coastal Education in Wrightsville Beach.

Joanna Cole, the author of more than 250 children's books, will read from *The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge*. She will also sign books. Children's games and an ice-cream social will also be featured.

Fans of all ages are invited to attend. Bring a personal book from the series to be signed and dress up as your favorite *Magic School Bus* character. Books from the series will also be available for purchase.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Cole to our education center," said Tracy Skrabal, the federation's regional manager and coastal scientist. "As both a scientist and parent, I admire her ability to present complex scientific principles in plain language and even make it fun. This event will be a blast."

The fee for federation members is \$10 for individuals or \$20 for a whole family. For nonmembers, the fee is \$15 for individuals or \$25 for a whole family. Children under the age of 6 attend for free.

People should register for the event online at www.nccoast.org. For more information or with any questions, you can visit www.nccoast.org, call 910.509.2838, email nccf@nccoast.org or visit the Fred and Alice Stanback Coastal Education Center, 309 W. Salisbury St. in Wrightsville Beach

Cole wrote first *Magic School Bus* book in 1985. She continues to work with *Magic School Bus* illustrator Bruce Degen on new projects and manuscripts. More information on Cole and her *Magic School Bus* series can be found on www.scholastic.com.

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About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:

"Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters are at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wrightsville Beach and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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