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N.C. Coastal Federation, Turtle Volunteers Plan Night Turtle Walk

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH - Visitors will walk alongside turtle experts from the Wrightsville Beach Turtle Project and staff of the N.C. Coastal Federation for a nighttime beach stroll on Aug. 7.

During this family event, people will learn about the annual turtle migrations and this year's turtle nesting activity at Wrightsville Beach and on nearby islands. They will also learn how turtles are affected by tides and phases of the moon, how to identify a "scute" and how sea turtles come onto the beach to build a nest and lay their eggs. Trip leaders will demonstrate how the hatchlings use a temporary tooth called a caruncle to tear open the egg and how the hatchlings imprint onto the sand setting their internal compass to return to the same beach one day to nest and lay their own eggs!

"The federation is excited to work with the Wrightsville Beach Sea Turtle project. Their leadership and volunteers are so dedicated to the conservation of North Carolina's sea turtles," said federation Coastal Scientist Tracy Skrabal. "We welcome the opportunity to share the message about these truly amazing animals, and spread the word about ways we can all help to preserve their populations."

The walk is open to all ages. It will begin at 7 p.m. at the federation's Fred and Alice Stanback Coastal Education Center in the Historic Square in Wrightsville Beach. You can register online at the federation's Events Calendar at

www.nccoast.org or at the education center, 309 W. Salisbury St., Wrightsville Beach. The fee is \$5 for federation members and \$10 for non-members.

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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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