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To: FFA Advisors

From: Jason Davis, State FFA Coordinator

RE: NC FFA Wildlife Camp

The North Carolina FFA Center is excited to offer the 4th annual mini camp. NC FFA Wildlife Camp will be offered the weekend of September 15-17, 2017 at the NC FFA Center at White Lake. The purpose of this event is to give FFA students across the state a hands on learning environment in a variety of areas of wildlife, resources conservation, and careers in the field Courses and training will be provided by certified instructors from the North Carolina Hunter Safety Commission and related organizations.

NC FFA Wildlife Camps primary goals are to:

* Increase safety, awareness, and appreciation of wildlife among youth in agriculture through hands on learning and experiences.
* To instill values such as integrity, respect, responsibility, and commitment in wildlife and resource management.

NC FFA Wildlife Camp is designed for participants that have completed the North Carolina Hunter Education Certification. Participating students are requested to have completed and passed the basic hunter education course. Areas to be covered may include:

**SESSION TOPICS:**

* Basic Archery
* 3D Archery
* Aging Deer and Deer Habitat
* Birding
* Decoy Carving- Bill Ellis, Quail and Upland Game
* Farming for Wildlife- Bill Ellis, Quail and Upland Game
* Furs, Skulls, and Tracks- Ann May, CCCWE
* GPS - CCCWE
* Invasive Pests and Hunting- Darrell Bays, USDA
* Lake Ecology with shocking boat demo – Michael Fisk, NCWRC
* Lure Making (Soft Plastics)- Pechmann Center, NCWRC
* Fishing Techniques – Gerald Barlow, FFA
* Wood duck Boxes- Justin Aycock, DU
* Outdoor Cooking- BB Gillen, NCWRC
* Outdoor Photography- Chet Clark, NCWRC
* Reptile and Amphibian Identification- Mike Campbell, NCWRC
* Shotgun- C.P. White and Kevin Crabtree NCWRC
* Survival Techniques– Mel Atkins
* Trapping- Bo Benton, USDA
* Waterfowl ID and Calling- Kevin Crabtree, NCWRC
* Taxidermy -  Steve Guyton
* Turkey Talk – NWTF

**Registration**

$90 Registration Fee to cover the cost of meals and materials. Participants will receive a conference t-shirt. Students will not need to provide any supplies, materials, or equipment**. Please do not bring them**. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

Please visit the following link to register: https://goo.gl/PA91Il

What do we need to bring to camp?

Students typically take a variety of items to camp not limited to: Toiletries (Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, etc.), towels, sheets, blanket, pillows, sunglasses, fan, clothes, shorts, pants, rain gear, sweat shirt/windbreaker, tennis shoes, flip flops, swimsuit, flashlight, bug spray, sunscreen, and spending money.

What is the physical address of the NC FFA Center?

1247 Hwy 53 East White Lake, NC 28337

**Tentative Schedule**

***Friday September 15***

3:00-5:30 Check in

6:00-7:00 Dinner

7:00-8:30 Opening Session (Camp Rules/Cell Phone Usage/Safety Briefing/Ice Breaker/Careers in Wildlife)

8:30-10:00 Recreation time, mixer, & Campfire

9:00 Boys &Girls Talk

10:30 Reflections

11:00 Lights Out

***Saturday September 16***

7:00 Wake Up & Reflections

7:30 Breakfast

8:30 Small Group Break Outs

Session 1 (8:00-9:45)

Session 2 (10:00-11:45)

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:30-5:00 Small Group Break Out

Session 3 (1:15-2:45)

Session 4 (3:00-5:00)

5:00 Wildlife Contests (Prizes!!!!)

Turkey Call

Duck Call

5:30-7:00 Wildlife Banquet & Keynote

7:00-8:00 General Session (Reptiles!)

8:30-10:00 Social& Campfire S’mores!

10:30 Reflections

11:00 Lights Out

***Sunday September 17***

7:00 Wake Up & Reflections

7:30 Breakfast

8:00-9:45 Small Group Breakout Sessions

Session 5 (8:00-9:45)

10:00-11:00 Conference Closing Session

(Conference Slide Show/Staff Thank you/Group Certificates/Honorary State Degrees/Conference Challenge)