



Come Celebrate the “Wild Side”

Information Kiosks to be Unveiled May 12, 2005

Join the Red Wolf Coalition, Defenders of Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau on Thursday, May 12th at 4:30 pm as we host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Wolf Exhibit and Red Wolf Kiosk!

Can't make it? Don't worry! All summer long The Outer Banks Visitor Center will showcase this beautiful exhibit! Visitors can learn about the red wolf, the gray wolf and the coyote by studying mounts of each animal. Special thanks go to Michael Morse, USFWS biologist for his vision and tenacity in bringing the mounts here and to the center's Managing Director, Carolyn McCormick, for giving them a summer “home”!

Funded by a generous grant from the Alex C. Walker Foundation, the colorful educational kiosks relate fascinating facts about the red wolf, including the ecological and economic benefits. Look for the other three kiosks as you travel our beautiful part of North Carolina at these prominent locations: the NCDOT Rest Stop in Plymouth; the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge headquarters in Columbia; and the Goose Creek State Park near Washington, NC.

Welcome New Board Members

“All Aboard” to Our Three New Board Members!

The Red Wolf Coalition welcomes an energetic and talented threesome to the board of directors: Gina Schrader, Donna Storie and Kim Wheeler. Gina is a Conservation Associate in the Field Conservation Program for Defenders of Wildlife. She has already contributed much time and effort to the Coalition. Donna Storie was deeply involved with Preserve Arizona's Wolves (PAWS) during the first years of the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction program in the Southwest. Kim Wheeler was a “nanny” at the International Wolf Center in Minnesota last summer and helped raise three wolf pups for the Center's resident pack. These women bring diversity, wolf knowledge and experience to the Coalition.

Want To Do Something Wild?

Red Wolf Coalition Needs Your Help

The Red Wolf Coalition is sending out a howl to recruit volunteers. We have a wide variety of tasks you can help with. We need people to give our staff a hand with mailings, shine up the office in Columbia, register people for howling safaris, and assist with merchandise sales at the safaris—just to mention a few. Whether you have a few hours or can help on a regular basis, we appreciate any time and talents you have to donate. Your generous effort will help the wild red wolves and the Red Wolf Coalition. Contact Lauren at the office at 252-796-5600, email her at redwolf@redwolves.com, or stop in at 212 Main Street in Columbia if you would like to become involved.

**Outlying
Landing Field
Update**

In granting plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment on February 18, 2005, Judge Boyle granted a permanent injunction that will prohibit further Outlying Landing Field (OLF) activity until the Navy completes additional environmental impact studies. The ruling prevents the Navy from taking any further steps in the planning, development, or construction of the OLF in Washington and Beaufort Counties without first complying with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Navy has taken the first step in an appeal. Meanwhile, the North Carolina House of Representatives has introduced a bill that may give state officials some legal say regarding the final outcome of the Navy's proposal.

You can read the full ruling and learn more on The Southern Environmental Law Center's Web site at <http://www.southernenvironment.org>. More information can also be found on the NO-OLF Albemarle Community Network's website at <http://www.albemarlecommunity.net>. You can find ways to get involved, such as letter writing, on both websites.

The North Carolina Sierra Club has launched a postcard campaign to help. Information about the OLF can be found on its website at <http://nc.sierraclub.org/issues/olf.htm>. Stop by the office in Columbia to pick up the postcards to sign.

**Red Wolf
Featured in
Latest
Defenders
Magazine**

Be sure to check out "Wolf Song of the South" by Bill Updike in the Spring 2005 issue of Defenders of Wildlife's magazine. Updike spent a week with red wolf biologists and Coalition members, and his article reflects a deep understanding of current issues facing the recovery effort. The article will make you want to pack your bags and head for red wolf country and a red wolf howling! The article is also available on the Defenders website:

<http://www.defenders.org/defendersmag/issues/spring05/rdewolf.html>

**USFWS
Quarterly
Report:
January –
March 2005**

The United States Fish & Wildlife Service provides its red wolf update four times yearly. This report provides an overview of both the wild and captive red wolf populations, and also details important details about the recovery program.

Radio-collared wolves	64
Radio-collared hybrids/coyotes.....	9
Captive red wolves	153
Captive wolves on islands.....	5
Confirmed births.....	0
Deaths	6
Wolf packs known/suspected.....	17

**Coalition
Welcomes
Diane Hendry**

Diane Hendry is the new Red Wolf Recovery Team Outreach and Education Coordinator. She has been in the environmental communications field for over 12 years and has worked in Florida and Nevada. Diane sends the following message to Coalition members:

My husband Marvin and I enjoy natural areas and spend much of our recreation time outdoors, so a career that supports ecosystem preservation is a "natural" for me, and I have enjoyed the last 12 years immensely. It is a pleasure to be a member of the Red Wolf Recovery Program team and to have an opportunity to work with its many partners and cooperators.

Surf the Web, Support the Coalition

Have you recently surfed the Red Wolf Coalition website? Board member Mark MacAllister has been hard at work updating and adding some sizzling stuff, including a number of new tools that allow website users to support the Coalition. For example:

- Use your **Food Lion MVP Card** and a portion of your grocery bill will be donated to the Coalition via Food Lion's "Shop and Share" program. Check out the "Shop and Share" icon on the Coalition's home page for easy instructions.
- Planning to buy anything—books, electronics, music, clothes, gifts, tools—from Amazon? The Coalition is now an **Amazon Associate**, meaning that a percentage of every purchase made on Amazon via the Coalition website will be donated to the Coalition. It's easy to do, and costs you nothing! To begin, just click on the Amazon icon at the bottom of the Coalition home page. Remember—as long as you begin your search of the Amazon website by using the link on the Coalition's homepage, your purchases will benefit the Coalition.
- You can now create or renew your membership and/or make a donation to the Red Wolf Coalition online! **BONUS OFFER:** The first 25 people to donate \$100 or more will receive an autographed copy of Steve Grooms' acclaimed book *Return of the Wolf*, now in its third edition!
- Soon, you'll be able to shop 'til you drop! Watch for a shopping cart that will allow you to purchase Red Wolf Coalition merchandise online. Colorful t-shirts, ball caps and beautiful journals are just a few of the items that will soon be available. All profits from merchandise sales support our efforts to conserve red wolves.

The Coalition website also makes important red wolf information available:

- You will find the Howling Safari schedule and a tool for making your howling reservation online.
- To get the most up-to-date information about the Navy's proposed Outlying Landing Field, you can click on the OLF update link which will take you to the NO-OLF group's website.
- Our site contains an excellent reading list of wolf books. Buy them for gifts or for yourself! Purchase them through Amazon.com using the icon on the Coalition website, and red wolves will benefit from your reading!
- You can see beautiful photographs of red wolves.
- Red wolf coloring pages are waiting to be downloaded for hours of fun for kids!

Newsflash! • Newsflash! • Newsflash!

For the fourth time in its history, the North Carolina Zoological Park in Asheboro is the birthplace of red wolf pups! Three males and two females were born to an adult pair housed at the Zoo's North American region. The mother is three years old and came to North Carolina last December from the Oklahoma Zoo. The four year-old father came to Asheboro in September 2003 from the Brevard Zoo in Florida. Since the pups may someday be released to the wild as part of the red wolf reintroduction program, they will not be exhibited publicly.

Outreach and Education Report

The Coalition continues to expand programs while experiencing wonderful turnout and public support:

- Children and adults alike listened and learned at the after-school program held at the Roanoke/Cashie River Center in Windsor, NC;
- Program Director Lauren Greene held a lunch hour chat during the “Where Swans Fly and Bears Walk” workshop hosted by the Museum of Natural Sciences and held at Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge;
- Kim Wheeler and Lauren “took the show on the road” as they traveled to Raleigh to participate in the Piedmont Wildlife Center’s “Walk for Wildlife” at Lake Crabtree County Park. People of all ages enjoyed the park while learning about a variety of animals and other aspects of nature;
- On a beautiful “Earth Day” night, under a nearly full moon, our first howling safari of the year was a wild success! The wolves’ distinctive howls were accompanied by an owl’s harmonious hoot, and the bull frogs chiming in created an incredible “nature’s symphony!” What a night!
- The Palmetto-Peartree Preserve (P3) is a 10,000 acre preserve home to many threatened and endangered species of wildlife, including red wolves and red-cockaded woodpeckers, within one of the few surviving primordial maritime forests. The P3 recently held its grand opening, and this festive affair was enhanced by the fun and educational booths staffed by the Coalition and USFWS.



After-school program at Roanoke/Cashie River Center

Upcoming Events

June 4-5: Red Wolf Education Summit, Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky

June 18: The Coalition will have a presence at the Community Music and Water Festival in Edenton, NC. Please join us in the festivities that day.

October 1-4: International Wolf Center Conference “Frontiers of Wolf Recovery: Southwestern U.S. and the World.” Colorado Springs, CO. See <http://www.wolf.org> for details. Defenders of Wildlife and the Red Wolf Coalition are partners in the conference.

Office Wish List

Though our new office is pretty well-outfitted, we can always use office supplies and other materials. Below is a list of the things we are especially in need of:

- area rug(s)
- table banner for events
- blank CDs
- bottled water
- copy machine
- donation jar (not glass)
- envelope moistener
- file cabinets
- file folders
- household lightbulbs (50W fan bulbs, 60W tracklights)
- laminating sheets
- large bulletin boards
- manila envelopes
- marking pens
- office desk with drawers plotter
- pop-up tent for events
- poster board, all colors
- printer cartridges (HP Cartridge 94, 95, 97 or 99)
- printer paper
- red wolf prints/photos
- stamps
- wolf-related books

If you would like to donate supplies or equipment, please contact Lauren Greene at redwolf@redwolves.com or at 252.796.5600. *Thanks!*

Thanks to Our Supporters!

Applause and a STANDING HOWLATION from the Red Wolf Coalition to our supporters and friends! The Coalition is benefiting from your involvement and so are the red wolves of northeastern North Carolina. Special thanks and a bow to:

- *Barrett Walker and the Alex C. Walker Foundation* for continued generous support of red wolf projects, including an ecotourism study for a red wolf center and red wolf outdoor informational displays to educate tourists.
- *Defenders of Wildlife* for its continuing support of the Red Wolf Recovery Program and the Red Wolf Coalition. Defenders' staff expertise and the organization's sponsorship of Coalition projects are making great things happen.
- *North Carolina Department of Transportation* for its cooperative spirit and its support of our red wolf kiosk project. These exhibits have beautiful homes thanks to NCDOT.
- *Noah O'Bryant*, who requested that, in lieu of gifts for his 7th birthday, he wanted his friends to donate money to the Red Wolf Coalition.
- *Eliza Cowen*, who has sponsored a wild red wolf.
- *The International Wolf Center*, which has made the Red Wolf Coalition a full partner in the conference "Frontiers of Wolf Recovery: Southwestern U.S. and the World," Colorado Springs, CO, October 1-4, 2005. For more information, visit <http://www.wolf.org>.
- *Carolyn McCormick*, Director of the Outer Banks Visitor Center, for her assistance with the celebration of the wolf exhibit and the red wolf kiosk at the Center on May 12, 2005
- *Michael Morse*, Red Wolf Recovery Team biologist, for the wolf and coyote mounts on display at the Outer Banks Visitor Center.
- *Evelyn L. Mercer*, professional photographer, for allowing the Red Wolf Coalition to use her photographs at no charge for educational and promotional materials.

Yes! I want to contribute to red wolf conservation!

If you would like to become a member of the Red Wolf Coalition, please complete the membership form below and return it with a check, money order, or your credit card information. Thanks for becoming an important part of red wolf recovery!

Member Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____



Photo courtesy Evelyn L. Mercer

Payment Information

Level of support

- Patron Donor: \$1000
- Patron Sponsor: \$500
- Alpha Wolf: \$100
- Pack Member: \$50
- Supporter: \$25
- Other:

Payment method

- Check

Please make checks payable to Red Wolf Coalition

- Money Order
- Credit Card
 - MasterCard
 - Visa

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Please return with payment to
Red Wolf Coalition/PO BOX 96/Columbia NC 27925