Dear Friends,

2010 has come and gone. We've done some good things, made some mistakes, thankfully minor and learned a lot. Any year where you can say those things was a good year. The good news is Wildlife Action of Georgia is here to stay. I would like you to join me in dedicating this year as the year of resurrection.

For the past several years WLA of Georgia has been in something of a survival mode. The Georgia Resource Education Center has been a facilities provider for many groups of young people including scouting and youth groups. This year I invite YOU to follow your board's lead and find ways to get involved.

Joe Fraser
Georgia State Chapter President.

Read with pride and Recycle...
This newsletter is printed quarterly and is dedicated to enlightening the community to the goals and achievements of WLA members. We invite you to take this opportunity to learn what you can do and have done for the good earth. When finished with the Georgia Pride, pass it on to a friend, your newspaper, or place it in an office.

What is it?
Guess what this device is. If you think you know what it is; then take a chance on winning this brand new Temple Fork Outfitters fly rod outfit valued at $189.00!

This is an NXT series 8'6" fly rod kit donated by our friends at Dry Side Up.
It is a complete four piece rod with reel and line.

How to play:
1- Go to our website at www.wildlifeactiongeorgia.com and make a tax deductible donation of at least $25.00 using PayPal.
2- Send email with your PayPal confirmation number to info@wildlifeactiongeorgia.com with your answer identifying the device in the picture.
3- At the April 10th, board meeting the winner will be selected at random from the correct answers.

The proceeds of this contest will fund the maintenance projects at the Georgia Resource Education Center.

To play by US Post: Send donation of at least $25.00 and your answer to our WLA at PO Box 700, Woodstock, GA 30188.
All entries must be received by Friday April 8th. The answer and winner will be posted on the website and in the next issue of Georgia Pride.
Wildlife Action of Georgia

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Wildlife Action, Inc., A private non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt volunteer organization with a 509(a)(2) public charity status, is dedicated to the appreciation and enjoyment of our wildlife heritage and to the educating the public in the value of protection, restoration, enhancement, and wise use of our natural resources.

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Sondra McDaniel - Lawrenceville, GA
Gerald L Pickell - Stockbridge, GA
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Alan & Sandy Marion - Piedmont, AL
Mike & Sandi McDaniel - Charlotte, AL
Tim & Carol Shelmuth - Athens, GA
Mark Williams - Duluth, GA

We now accept PayPal on our website for donations, dues, and facilities rentals. Check out the links on the website.

God Bless America
and those who serve her!

Our Veterans Are Remembered.

"WLA Worth Howling About"
**Important Dates and Information**

**State Chapter Board Meetings**
- Sunday, April 10\(^{th}\) @ 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 17\(^{th}\) @ 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 23\(^{rd}\) @ 4:00 p.m.

All members of the board are expected to attend the board meetings. The general chapter membership is also invited to attend and be heard at the board meetings.

Remember the name of our organization is called **Wildlife Action**, not **Wildlife Sit On My Backside and Hope That Others Will Take Care Of Things for Us**.

**Members Activity & Pioneer Day**

We need you the members’ involvement for activity days and pioneer days. We will be setting the proposed dates up at the spring board meeting. We cannot do this with out you.

You will be receiving in the mail a survey requesting your input on the types of activities that you’d be interested in participating in. Please take the time to read, answer, and get involved.

**Tell me – I Forget**

**Show me – I Remember**

**Involve me – I Understand**

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**Spring Gate Code Change**

Watch your mail for a post card with the new gate code. Only members in good standing with paid memberships will receive the code to the gate.

**Watch your mail for a postcard with the new gate code and effective date after the April 10\(^{th}\), board meeting.**

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**Reserve Your Campsite**

Please remember to call ahead if you intend to camp at the GREC over the weekend. Just call the main telephone number 770-924-7464 to make your camping reservations. We have quite a few booked already. Check out the calendar on the website to see what is already reserved. If you have a question please feel free to call the number.

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**GREC Restricted Dates**

During dates of June 7\(^{th}\) through June 11\(^{th}\) the Georgia Resource Education Center will be closed to all members between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for Camp Camellia Rose.

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**Community Service Supervisor Schedule**

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Special thanks to those who spend their Saturday's helping to maintain and preserve the Georgia Resource Education Center.

If you are an active member of WLA and would like to help with guiding our Community Service Volunteers please contact the chapter president.

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**Letter from the Chapter President**

Dear Members and Friends,

As we embark on another year here at WLA of Georgia, I am reminded of the questions that I asked myself when you asked me to be your chapter president. Am I up to the task? Bunny himself has asked me several times if I was getting discouraged. These are sometimes tough questions to answer. To answer them honestly you have to self examine. Yes I do get discouraged. The real question is what I am I going to do about it? I have been successful in my professional career because I observe before I start

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"**Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists of its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.**"

– Josh Billings
changing things. I do this for many reasons, the most logical of course is that if you immediately start changing things without observation how will you know if you’ve made it better or worse? The only thing you can truly be certain of is that you made it different. Odds are you are reading this because you are a member of WLA. The definition of the word MEMBER is...

One of the persons who compose a social group (especially individuals who have joined and participate in a group organization); "only members will be admitted"; "a member of the faculty"; "she was introduced to all the members of his family"

In this issue of the Pride you will find that I am going to ask you to become a member.

Sincerely,
Joe Fraser
President
Georgia State Chapter

“The block of granite which is an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, becomes the stepping-stone of the strong.”

– Thomas Carlyle

GEORGIA STATE CHAPTER NEWS

Community Service Volunteers

The winter of 2010 brought with it rough roads and much erosion from the heavy rains. It also brought with it Community Service volunteers to the rescue. The volunteers helped to dig out the plugged drains that were causing the rain waters to wash over the roads making them all but impassible for the mere family cars. You may also remember the heavy rains in September that knocked over the retaining walls. Community Service volunteers to the rescue again. We used the block that was stored in the upper parking lot and after repairing the foundations rebuilt those walls.

They should stand for many more years to come. Thanks to the volunteers but also to the WLA members who gave their Saturdays to be on-site supervising these projects.

New Board Member - Familiar Face

We welcomed a few new board members in 2010. One especially has an early tie to the land we know as the Georgia Resource Education Center.

Ed Grier enjoyed the GREC property before WLA, first as a camper when the property was under the control of the Boys Club of America then later as a camp counselor. We will certainly enjoy having him on the board and hope to hear a little about the history of our Georgia State Chapter home.

We also welcomed April Wilson, Mandy Endicott, and Dale Brott Jr. to the board.
Pioneer & Members Day
This was a big day for WLA. We kicked things off by celebrating the life of our former vice president who we lost last year quite suddenly by dedicating the area called the Fish Cleaning station. Terry Harmsen put in many hours helping to improve and maintain the GREC facility. We honored his memory with the dedication.

The Sea Scouts were our color guard for the day. Tim Pierce, a life long friend of Terry said a few words and started us off with the prayer to begin our Pioneer Activities.

Terry’s son, Mathew, wife Kay, and daughter Melissa were on site for the event. We provided the dogs and burgers…

Potluck for the fixing’s until everyone had their fill.

Once the food was consumed it was on to the events.

The events themes were target oriented. In the case of fishing, the objective was to hit the casting targets. Fishing was followed by a little archery target contest.

Our marksmen and family pose in front of the flying arrow archery range.
As the day wound down, we retired back to the lodge as the weather closed in on us a little to build some bird feeders as our environmental project. Kids of all ages were welcome to build a simple suet bird feeder to help our feathered friends. Even the four legged members were interested.

Finally the fruits of our labors; this simple feeder is sized to take the standard suet cakes that you can find at your local department's store.

The state also has 3 free fishing days where no fishing license is required. In order to promote and encourage people to discover fishing the state has set aside June 4th, June 11th, and September 24th, 2011 as the...

**GEORGIA'S FREE FISHING DAYS.**
- No fishing or trout license required
- All waters in the state of Georgia
- Must be a Georgia resident
- Does not include fees at private lakes
- No WMA license required to fish on a Public Fishing Area or Waters Creek trophy trout stream
- All other fishing regulations apply

### Are the fish we catch safe to eat?
Typically the fish caught in Georgia Lakes are safe to eat. Georgia DNR samples fish from water bodies each year to test for contaminants such as PCBs, chlordane, and mercury. They have created an excellent table listing the bodies of water and the consumption recommendations for each species based on the respective bodies of water they were caught. The website link is at the end of this article.

There are some steps that you can take that make consuming the freshwater fish even healthier.

- Eat smaller fish and vary the kind of fish you eat. Remember that contaminants build up in predators, bottom feeders, and older (larger) fish.
- Clean and cook the fish properly. Contaminates typically accumulate in the fatty tissues.
- Cook the fish so that the fat drips away. Broil, bake, or grill the fish and don't use the drippings.


If you have a fishing story that you'd like to share with other Pride readers, send it to: info@wildlifeactiongeorgia.com. Don't forget to include pictures if you have them.

"Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers."

– Herbert Hoover

![GoFish Georgia](image)
Bull Bay Farms Youth Duck Hunt
Floyd Higgins, Chapter President from Fishing Creek Chapter hosted a kid’s duck hunt the last weekend of January. It was a rainy weekend and a little adventurous getting into position according to Floyd, but the 6 kids that attended took 1 Drake Wood duck and 3 Ring necks.

Andrew Spooner, Will Etheridge, Justin Lolley, Jaylan Danner, Mathew Huffman, Cowen Pate

Bull Bay Farms was once the largest commercial catfish farm in South Carolina, has converted over 150 acres of ponds into prime duck habitat. With the ability to drain plant and re-flood 13 separate ponds, they have created ideal conditions for waterfowl. They have been a great host for kids hunting events for Wildlife Action.

Turn in Poachers & Polluters
At the Wildlife Action main telephone number I have had some calls regarding poaching and illegal hunting around Lake Allatoona.

A poacher is a thief who steals wildlife that belongs to you and all other Georgians. Poachers rob you of recreational opportunities that you pay for through hunting and fishing license fees. You can be paid for turning in a poacher! If your TIP leads to an arrest, arrangements will be made for you to receive reward money even if you wish to remain anonymous. If you see or learn of a violation, try to write down: a description of the violator; a description of their vehicle; the location of the violation; and the type of violation.

Great Lake Allatoona Clean Up
The Georgia State Chapter of WLA has become one of the stake holders in the Great Lake Allatoona Clean Up. In the previous years we have hosted cleaning crews at the GREC as a staging area for the Kellogg Creek cove. The Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority took on the responsibility of the GLAC from the USACE four years ago. The GLAC has been going on for over 25 years. The LAPA board has decided to create an organization that can ensure the long term future of the GLAC. A broad based organization will expand volunteer involvement and open doors to new avenues of funding the expenses of the GLAC. The goal is to ensure a successful cleanup for years to come.

Last year over 6000 volunteers collected over 40 tons of trash, debris and tires from over 250 miles of shoreline in an effort that provides environmental stewardship to this valuable resource. The volunteers consist of boy & girl scouts; lease holders around the lake; private clubs; marinas; boaters; fishermen; environmentalists and families that are vigilant in wanting to improve the water quality and protect the quality of life around Lake Allatoona.

Local Folks Solving Local Problems

Can you help? Donation Wish List...
Gravel for our roads Lawn Equipment
• Walk behind Mowers
• Weed trimmers
• Blowers
Grass seed Fertilizer
Weed & feed Fishing Equipment
Light Archery Equipment
Board Siding Building Materials
Electrical Materials
Tractor Bobcat
Skilled Labor
Plumbers
Electricians
HVAC

We have an urgent need for fill dirt to combat erosion on the entrance drive of the GREC.
Your Advertisement here helps us publish the GEORGIA PRIDE.
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