



Wildlife Action, Inc. Upstate Chapter Newsletter March 2018

Our Motto: Local Folks Solving Local Problems
Our Slogan: To Put Back More Than We Take

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Chapter Meeting: Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Location: Fuddruckers, 1509 John B White Sr. Blvd, Spartanburg, SC, 29301
Program: Steven Ansel – Waterfalls of the Carolinas

February WLA Upstate Chapter Meeting

The WLA Upstate Chapter Meeting was held at Fuddruckers on February 12th with 26 WLA Upstate Members, 1 Pioneers and 4 guest attending.



The speaker was Joy Deer (left) who was the past President and is currently Program Chairman of the Spartanburg Beekeepers Association. She spoke about raising honeybees and products that are detrimental to them. Joy presented some interesting facts about bees. During the

winter months, bees keep the nest at 93°F by swarming around the queen. Bees forage up to 3 miles and are particularly fond of swimming pools and birdbaths for water. Worker bees live only 6 weeks in the summer, but 3-4 months during the winter surviving on extra stored fat. Queen bees typically lived 3-4 years but she noted that recently their lifespan have been reduced to 1 year because of recent environmental factors. Bees are immediately aware when the queen is missing.

Neonicotinoid pesticides commonly used in farming are toxic to bees. Workers lose orientation ability preventing them from returning to the hive. These pesticides contribute to hive collapse because queens are severely affected by these pesticides. Another cause of hive collapse is the Varroa mite. It is a vector of many viruses detrimental to bees. Joy recommends treating the nest box three times per year to keep the mite population under control.

Joy and husband Kim run J&K Honey Bee Swarm Removal. They provide a free swarm removal service for Spartanburg City and County. Their slogan is *We Save the Honey Bees – Do Not Spray – Call Us*. They can be reached at (864) 449-5045 or 583-1052.

WLA Upstate Chapter Insurance Needs

It recently came to the attention of the WLA Upstate Chapter Board that Wildlife Action, Inc. only carries General Liability Insurance for the local WLA chapters. Now with the new Education Building nearing completion, it has become important that the Upstate Chapter carry Commercial Property Insurance. The policy should include coverage for structures and contents in the event of damage or theft. If you are interested in providing a competitive quote for commercial property insurance to cover WLA Upstate Chapter facilities, contact Dick Cassel at (864) 474-3004 or dcassel@bellsouth.net for details.

WLA Upstate Upcoming Events

Monday March 12	Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM at Fuddruckers, 1509 John B White Sr. Blvd, Spartanburg, SC, 29301 Program: Steven Ansel – Waterfalls of the Carolinas WLA Upstate Benefit: A part of the proceeds from ALL meals sold at Spartanburg Fuddruckers on March 12 th , from 5 PM – 8 PM, will go to WLA Upstate. Invite your friends to dine; patrons need not attend the chapter meeting.
Wednesday March 21	Cooley Springs-Fingerville Elementary School 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (40 3 rd Grade) at Lost Acres Program: Bird Boxes, Skins & Skulls, Nature Trail, Eddie Eagle Video
Friday March 23	West Christian Home School Group 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (15 – 25 all ages) at Lost Acres Program: Bird Boxes or Archery, Skins & Skulls, Nature Trail, Eddie Eagle Video
Friday March 23	Arch Ministries After School Program 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM (33 1 st Grade) at Arcadia Methodist Church. Program: Bird Boxes
Tuesday March 27	Chapter Board Meeting 6:30 PM at Lost Acres
Saturday April 7	Girl Scouts - Wild G.I.R.L 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (30+ Girl Scouts and Leaders) at Lost Acres Program: Bird Boxes, Skins & Skulls, Scavenger Hunt, Leaf Printing, Archery, Eddie Eagle Video

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