

Wildlife Commission Invites Public Comment on Game Land Management

Anson County is a part of the plans

After conducting a series of public meetings to gather input on developing management plans for game lands across the state, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has posted draft plans for seven game lands on its website for additional public comment.

The Commission is accepting comments through February 2 for the following game lands:

- Brunswick - Columbus County Complex, comprising 28,963 acres in Columbus and Brunswick counties
- Buffalo Cove - Mitchell River - Thurmond Chatham, comprising 15,411 acres in Caldwell, Wilkes, Alleghany and Surry counties
- Chowan Swamp - Chowan, comprising 31,372 acres in Chowan, Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties
- Goose Creek, comprising 7,308 acres in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
- Johns River - South Mountains, comprising 25,539 acres in Cleveland, McDowell and Burke counties
- Pee Dee River, comprising 2,260 acres in Anson and Richmond counties
- Pisgah, comprising 4,780 acres in Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Mitchell and McDowell counties

Comments can be emailed, with the game land name in the subject line and the individual tract within in the body of the email, to gamelandplan@ncwildlife.org. For more information on game lands, go to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelands.

Partnership for Children Offers New Reading Program

An exciting new literacy program for mothers will be offered at Anson County Partnership for Children. It is called Motherread, and will be held at the Partnership every Thursday at 3 p.m. starting February 22. Motherread is a literacy program that uses children's books, adult poems, and narratives to teach literacy skills and practice strategies for reading with children. Mothers not only learn the 'why' of reading with their children, but also the 'how.'

Childcare will be provided for participants. The Early Childhood Resource Center is located at 117 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

According to Alexandra Harrington, Literacy and Community Outreach Coordinator, "The unique concept about Motherread is that it is very similar to a book club. While exploring various children's books we discuss developmental milestones that children go through and talk about the different excitements that are connected to these milestones. I have never seen a literacy program that explores children's books the way Motherread does. Participants learn about reading, but they also get the chance to express their thoughts, fears and pride regarding their growing children."

Motherread applications are available for mothers and grandmothers who reside in Anson County. Applications will be located at the Partnership and online at www.ansonchildren.org. Motherread applications will be due to the Partnership by Monday, January 29. For further information please contact Harrington at (704) 694-4036 or email Alexandra.harrington@ansonchildren.org.

The Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information contact the Partnership at 704-694-4036 or visit the Partnership's website at www.ansonchildren.org.

Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). For more information on helping, call 704-694-4832.

Anson County Animal Shelter is listed on Petfinder.com. This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo.

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