

2013 has been a year of stories for SC FCA Outdoors

The year started off with rough weather but some really fun fishing on the Saluda River in Lexington. Then it was off for our first trip to Jekyll Island, GA where we learned timing is everything in coastal waters, but still caught a lot of fish and came home with some great stories. On that trip as well we made friends with some Raccoons and this would not be our last visit from them. We then brought in our new Girls SC FCA Outdoors group with a trip to Kings Mountain State Park. The girls had a great time many catching their first fish and even some getting to ride a horse for the first time. The group continued on with the annual Goat Island all night Cat-fishing trip, and then back to Hunting Island State park where we hooked into an over 8 foot shark that we saw and hooked but never could land. These trips were followed by trips back to Burrells Ford and a couple to Helen, GA. The fishing was good on these, but the experiences made for stories we will tell for years. Rather it was raccoons, vehicle transmissions, rough weather, or unexpected stops there was never a dull moment. Most importantly we were able to dive into God's Word and while some people came to know Jesus for the first time others had the chance to grow in their relationship with him. The season wrapped up with Coach Herring getting married and moving to Clover, SC.

Growth and change is coming in 2014

Coach Herring is now starting the group in York County and in 2014 we hope to partner Lexington and York counties together as York gets up and going. College leader Ryan Brazell and high school senior Tyler Moore are ready and will be taking over running the Lexington County group. Ryan and Tyler have been with this group from the time it was Blue Herring Outdoors and have been trained by Coach Herring so we know they will do a great job. We will also be introducing new college girl leaders. Last spring Ryan's twin sister Kayln began working with our new girls group and this year we are really excited about adding Amanda Purvis as a college girl leader. These are the type of girls all parents want their little girls to grow up and be like so we know they are going to have a great impact.

ADULTS YOU ARE NEEDED

Most everyone understands that the leaders of this group are 100% volunteers and are not paid at all. In most cases our adult leaders even end up giving large sums of their own limited personal money to this ministry. This group's mission is "To inspire those with a passion for the Outdoors to use their influence and abilities as a platform to share the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church." Therefore we are asking if you are 18-100 years old and you want to take part in helping this group to grow please contact Coach Herring so he can pray with you

and find how God wants to use you in this group. If you feel led to help run a camp, chaperone a camp, allow us to use your property for a fishing or hunting trip, donate money or supplies to help send a kid to camp, or even if to be a prayer partner we need each of you who God calls.

Change is coming...

For the first time our leadership will begin meeting once a month for devotionals, leadership training, and growth both personal and as a group from a spiritual side. This year at each event participants will get a New Testament Bible, be taught how to study and not just read the Bible, and they will get a T-Shirt to remember their trips by. Each leader will also have different events they are in charge of with Coach Herring and Ryan Brazell helping guide them.

This January...

Last spring the guys found some new places at Burrells Ford. Due to this and a lack of events in the Fall some student leaders went to Coach Herring asking for a December trip. So we are granting that with a trip this coming December 6-8. This will be for boys only, will be very cold, and limited to only the first 5 guys to sign up. If we have another adult volunteer to go we will increase that number to the first 8 guys who sign up. To get more information and sign up please email Coach Herring at SCFCAOutdoors@gmail.com This trip is open to both the Lexington group and the new York County group. If you do not live in one of those areas please just contact Coach Herring and we will try to still accommodate you if possible.

Girls you did great in 2013 so more is coming in 2014

Girls as we started this group Coach Herring was the only adult and that kept us from allowing girls on camping trips. Last year thanks to several women and new female student leaders we took a trip in April to Camp Cherokee at Kings Mountain State Park. This even included horses and fishing. That trip went so well that this year we are finally going to allow the girls to go on the guys favorite trip to Helen, GA. It will be the first girls trip to the Squirrels Nest.

WE WILL STILL REQUIRE A DEPOSIT ON TRIPS THIS YEAR

We used to not do this, but we have almost had to cancel trips because of people having to back out in the last minute. This year each trip will have a nonrefundable deposit required a month before the trip. This will ensure that all trips will take place, and others will not lose out on great opportunities. We will still keep cost at a minimum.

Please see the other events coming in 2014