

Foundation News

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TO PRESERVE OPEN LAND, TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND TO OFFER A PLACE FOR EQUESTRIAN PURPOSES



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PROJECTS CREATE HOMES FOR WOODPECKERS AND DUCKS IN WMF NORTH COUNTRY



RCW CAVITY INSTALLATION

Red Cockaded Woodpecker Cavities

The Sandhills Ecological Institute (SEI) directed the establishment of a second red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) recruitment cluster in the North Country of The Walthour-Moss Foundation this past October. (The first North Country cluster established near Moor Meadow in 2016 produced one nestling in the Spring of 2017.) Four insert box cavities were installed to provide RCW roost and nest cavities in a longleaf pine stand on the southeast side of Firestone Lake. Biologists from SEI will inspect the artificial cavities for signs of RCW occupancy prior to and throughout the 2018 nesting season.

Recruitment clusters are strategically placed on the landscape to attract RCWs to historically occupied clusters through artificial cavity (i.e., insert or drilled) construction, or as in the case with the North Country clusters, to entice RCWs into a new territories near Moor Meadow and Firestone Lake. Artificial cavities are also constructed within clusters that possess RCW family groups to supplement naturally excavated cavities and help stabilize their territories.

For more information on RCWs, please contact Kerry Brust of the Sandhills Ecological Institute at 910-695-0872.

Wood Duck Nesting Boxes

Eagle Scout candidate Peter Seiffert designed, built and installed three wood duck boxes with help from his fellow scouts from Southern Pines Boy Scout Troop 1. The three nest boxes were placed around Firestone Lake.



EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE PETER SEIFFERT AND BOY SCOUT NOAH HALL

Photos by Kerry Brust and Landon Russell



RCW INSERT CAVITY



WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX

2017 WMF TRICK-AND-TREAT TRAIL RIDE A HUGE HIT



DeSELL AND COMPANY REALTY GROUP VIGNETTE



KYLA ROEBER AND LAURA SHINN



KAREN BARBOUR AND DANIEL SCHUBERT

The morning was foggy and the afternoon crystal clear for the WMF Trick-and-Treat Trail Ride held on Sunday, October 22. Starting and ending at Lyell's Meadow, a spooky, six mile trail wound its way through across the Foundation. One hundred and fifteen brave souls and their trusty equine partners, including several carriage drivers, took to the trails to see the wonderfully freightful Halloween decorations placed by our hardworking team of volunteers.

Congratulations to our costume contest winners Daniel Schubert for his fireman's garb and Nelson Garnett for donning a full gorilla suit. An honorary prize was awarded to Janine Schroeder for her American flag costume. Many, many thanks to Ron Baldwin for making and donating the horse shoe pumpkin prizes.

Ghostly gratitude to Carolina Polocrosse Club, Katie Cochran, DeSell and Company Realty Group, Foundation Equine Mobile Medicine and Dentistry, Hilltop Farm in the Pines, Knowlbrook Farms Inc., the Moore County Pony Club, and Audrey Wiggins, Realtor for setting up fantastic vignettes.

Thank you to the WMF trail marking and decorating team that included team members Joan and Ron Baldwin, Ramsey Fisher, Dennis Paules, Irene Russell, Landon Russell, and Grant Wise. Thank you to Leigh Allen and Neil Schwartzberg for setting up the parking area and decorating the shed at Lyell's Meadow.

Registration for the event ran smoothly thanks to volunteers Blair Spencer, Colette Leber, and Isabella Miller from the O'Neal School Key Club.

A very special thank you to Shirley and John Gaither for donating the food for the Gaither's Ghostly Grub concession stand and for cooking and serving the "heavenly" burgers and "hotdogs to die for."

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Diane McKay for serving as the event photographer. To see additional pictures from the Trick-and-Treat Trail ride, please visit our website at www.walthour-moss.org.



Photos by Diane McKay



VIGNETTE BY KNOWLBROOK FARMS



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DIRECTIONS TO ACCESS LOCATION ON WMF GOOGLE MAP USING SMARTPHONE



WMF INTERACTIVE GOOGLE MAP

Did you know that you can use our WMF interactive Google map to show your location on the trails? Follow these steps to access your location on the WMF Google map:

1. On your smartphone, download then open the Google Maps application.
2. Sign in to your Google account within the Google Maps app.
3. Open your internet browser and go to www.walthour-moss.org
4. Choose the option for the interactive WMF Google map under 'Visiting Us.'
5. Once the map opens up on your web browser, log on to your Google account on the browser.
6. Once you are logged in on both the web browser and the Google map app, open the Google maps app and select the menu button in the upper left corner.
7. Within the menu select the option that says "WMF Trail Map".
8. Once you select the "WMF Trail Map", the trails will come up and a blue dot will show your current location on the map.

Please note: Users must have a registered Google or gmail account.

REMINDER: WMF IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

For those of you linked to various social media accounts: The Walthour-Moss Foundation can be found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Links to our sites can be accessed directly from our website.



WMF EQUESTRIAN ACCESS UPDATE

Members of our community continue to protect and preserve access to The Walthour-Moss Foundation as well as historic neighborhood bridle trails by granting equestrian access easements. These equestrian accesses tie our community together and protect the equestrian nature of our community both now and for the future. A very special thank you to the following equestrian access donor:

Martin/Logan Access

Diane Martin and Bill Logan granted an equestrian access easement on their property that connects Furr Road with The Walthour-Moss Foundation near the southeast side of Firestone Lake.

If you have any questions about donating an equestrian access to The Walthour-Moss Foundation, please contact Landon Russell at 910-695-7811 or email director@walthour-moss.org.

ANNUAL WAIVER REMINDER

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN AND RETURN A WAIVER
EACH CALENDAR YEAR!**

The Walthour-Moss Foundation continues to annually collect waivers from our local and out of town users. The waivers are necessary to maintain our insurance and keep our insurance rates down.

If you ride, drive a carriage, walk, or run on The Walthour-Moss Foundation, please sign and return a waiver each and every calendar year. Copies are available at the kiosks at Equestrian Road, Moor Meadow, and Magnolia Hill, online at www.walthour-moss.org or by calling 910- 695-7811.

SAVE THE DATE!

**HORSE COUNTRY HOEDOWN
APRIL 21, 2018**

**SPRING TRAIL RIDE
MAY 19, 2018**

**FUN DOG SHOW
JUNE 9, 2018**



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or via email at director@walthour-moss.org or logon to our website at
www.walthour-moss.org.

WMF BUSHWHACKER CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bluebird Box Cleaning & Repair Day

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Equestrian Road, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Longleaf Pine Planting Day

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Moor Meadow, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Email director@walthour-moss.org or call 910-695-7811 to volunteer.