



MEETING YOUR NEEDS

- Workshops are offered year-round across the state and are led by regional education specialists with the Wildlife Resources Commission. Instructors can also bring workshops to your site as a staff development opportunity.
- Youth leaders in scouting, 4-H, after-school and youth camps incorporate Project WILD and CATCH activities in their programs. Workshops are open to all adults.
- WILD and CATCH workshops meet Criteria I requirements in N.C. Environmental Education Certification Program, Office of Environmental Education. Activities can be correlated to the Essential Standards and Common Core, and participants may receive Continuing Education Units. Workshops range from 6 to 10 hours long.



To register for a wildlife workshop near you, visit ncwildlife.org/educators or contact a regional education specialist listed on the back of this brochure.

For more information on the Project WILD program, visit projectwild.org.



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WILDLIFE WORKSHOPS
for Educators

Project **WILD**



Project WILD is an international wildlife education program that assists educators and youth leaders in teaching conservation across the disciplines. Project WILD capitalizes on children's natural interest in wildlife and provides hands-on activities for use in the classroom and outdoors. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission offers Project WILD workshops and educational materials free of charge to all North Carolina educators and youth leaders.

Project WILD teaches how to think, not what to think, through:

- balanced instruction that is neutral on value-sensitive issues
- effective methods for teaching problem-solving and decision-making
- inquiry-based learning integrated in many of the activities



WILD WORKSHOPS

A WILD activity guide is the core of each workshop. Teachers learn how to choose activities that meet their needs for wildlife and habitat curriculum objectives. Each activity in the WILD guides includes objectives, methods, materials, background information, procedures and suggestions for evaluation. Activities are correlated to grade level, subject area, skills and key vocabulary.

- **PROJECT WILD K-12** activities teach about terrestrial wildlife and ecosystems, with a NC focus. For 30 years, Project WILD has engaged teachers and their students through fun, interactive, multidisciplinary games and activities. No one forgets playing "Oh Deer!" to learn about carrying capacity, or creating imaginary animals in Adaptation Artistry. Years later, teachers report they are still using these activities in their classroom.
- **AQUATIC WILD K-12** activities teach about aquatic wildlife and ecosystems, with a NC focus. The guide includes connections to STEM, field investigations and wildlife careers. The innovative, multidisciplinary lessons offered through Aquatic WILD are timeless and timely. Throughout the workshop, educators recognize ready connections to Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards.
- **GROWING UP WILD** is primarily oriented towards formal and non-formal educators, who work with children ages 3-7, this pre-school offering invites children to explore wildlife and their habitats. Educators love coming to this fun, "make-and-take" workshop, where they share ideas and familiarize themselves with the many ways to teach early childhood skills through an outdoor, nature-based approach.
- **FLYING WILD** provides activities to teach middle school students about birds, their migration, and what people can do to help birds and their habitats. Set up in a school-wide festival format, the activities can also be used to teach individual classroom lessons or to set up service-learning projects to research birds, their habitats and the impacts of human activities on populations.



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SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOPS

Special topic workshops for adults focus on an aspect of North Carolina wildlife, habitats, or outdoor skills opportunities.

- **CATCH** In a CATCH (Caring for Aquatics Through Conservation Habits) workshop, educators train to teach youth ages 8-15 topics such as fishing skills, NC fish species, fish adaptations and biology, habitat requirements, water safety and conservation ethics. The CATCH workshop is free and includes an activity guide, wall posters and online resources.
- **WILDLIFE WORKSHOPS** Wildlife workshops offer in-depth information about a particular wildlife species, group or topic. Participants receive up-to-date information and learn about wildlife research in North Carolina. Workshop topics include: bears, reptiles and amphibians, bats, migratory birds and water quality.
- **OUTDOOR SKILLS** Outdoor Skills Experiences provide hands-on training in skills that increase enjoyment of the wildlife resources of North Carolina. Open to all adults, skill-based workshops include using game cameras, bird watching, fishing, outdoor cooking, archery, and shooting sports. Day-long and weekend workshops especially for women provide skill-building and camaraderie through the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program.

Register at:
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