The Cape Fear Wildlife Expo is a "must see" for every serious sportsman - Please mark you calendars and pass the word!

2011 Cape Fear Wildlife Expo will feature interactive activities & seminars, wildlife art and decoy displays, book-signings by regional authors, hunting and fishing products, boats and accessories, truck and ATV displays, fly-fishing and decoy-carving demonstrations, conservation exhibits and booths featuring hunting and fishing guides and outfitters.

When: March 18th, 19th, and 20th, 2011
Hours: Friday and Saturday 9am - 6pm; Sunday 10am - 5pm
Where: Wilmington Convention Center - located on Wilmington's picturesque waterfront and steps away from Wilmington's historic shopping district.
Admission: $8/adult; $5/senior (65+); Kids 10 and under admitted free with accompanying adult.

Bring a new deer hunter on Sunday
Know anyone new to the sport, or thinking about getting involved? The Cape Fear River Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association will be offering a half-day interactive workshop to reduce the learning curve. Open to new hunters of all ages. Youth are asked to attend with an accompanying adult. Free to all attending the Cape Fear Wildlife Expo.

Introduction to Deer Hunting

- Get to know the white-tailed deer
- Select the right tools for the job
- Develop hunt strategies and technique
- Discover tracking and field dressing tips
- Take home some Wild game processing tips & recipes

You may reserve seats by calling 919.552.9449 or ncqdma@yahoo.com

Natural Resource Seminar Series - offered free to those attending the Cape Fear Wildlife Expo except as noted below. **Friday, March 18th (9am - 6pm)**

- 2:00 pm Fish of the Lower Cape Fear River
- 2:30 pm Managing Long leaf Ecosystems for Wildlife
- 3:00 pm Aquatic Fur-bearers of North Carolina
- 3:00 pm Top Dog: on Flounder Fishing
- 3:30 pm Learn to Hunt with your Eyes Closed - discover the sights & sounds of nature (Joe Hamilton, QDMA)
- 4:00 pm The Fascinating Gulf Stream
- 4:30 pm Whitetail Vocabulary - learn to recognize what deer are “saying” with their posture (Joe Hamilton, QDMA)
- 5:00 pm NC Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing Discoveries
- 5:00 pm Food Plots 101

Saturday, March 19th (Expo Hours 9am - 6pm)

- NC Sportsman's Fishing School ($) - must pre-register call 1-800-538-4355 or visit www.northcarolinasportsmen.com
- Duck Calling Contest ($) - Duck, Goose and Swan (Youth and All Age categories); Plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners

Sunday, March 20th (Expo Hours 10am - 5pm)

- 11:00 am Wild Game Cooking: Fish and Duck
- 11:30 am A Year in the Life of Down East Guide Service - a photo journey from NC to Costa Rica
- 12 Noon Inshore Fishing for Redfish, Flounder and Trout
- 12:30 pm Introduction to Deer Hunting - a half-day workshop that will dramatically reduce the learning curve for any new hunter
- 1:00 pm Top Dog: on Flounder Fishing
- 1:30 pm Food Plots 101
- 2:00 pm The Fascinating Gulf Stream
- 2:30 pm Critter Conservation
- 3:00 pm Offshore Fishing
- 3:30 pm Birds of Southeastern North Carolina

The Cape Fear Wildlife Expo is a Family Affair!

Here's a sample of events scheduled which will be geared to "kids" of all ages - offered free to those attending the Expo except as noted below

- **The Wildlife Trail -** investigate native and non-native animal species in the pre-function area of the Wilmington Convention Center - wolves, swan, turkey, snakes, nutria, foxes, coyotes, aquatic fur bearers, deer, alligators, lizards and frogs. (Wolves will be on-site Friday only)

- **The Wild Child Scavenger Hunt** - Sponsored by Time Warner Cable "Connect A Million Minds" and the QDMA Club at NCSU- Kids will be sent on expedition, in search of wildlife artifacts (under age 10) and fun facts (age 10-17). Little ones will collect stickers and return to "Camp" to collect a free gift from area sponsors; while older kids will participate in a drawing for valuable prizes on Sunday (they don't need to be present to win).

- **Other interactive activities set up within the Expo**
  - NCWRC Laser Shot
  - NRA BB Guns
  - Guilford Bowhunters Archery Range
  - NCWRC Aquatic Trailer
  - NCWRC Safari Trailer
  - Five Star Gem mining ($)
  - Casting Lessons

Hope to see you there!

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