

Soundside Learning

Wrapping Up The Year!

Core Sound Ends Year With Flurry of Kids

Carteret County Parks & Recreation's Winter Camp

The Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center was honored to have the opportunity to share with yet another group of young men and women the wonders of Christmases of old on Core Sound!

A group from Carteret County's Parks and Recreation visited the Core Sound Museum this past week where students learned about the various communities of Down East during the days of relative isolation when Mailboats and their captains were household names; especially during the Christmas season as families anxiously awaited packages from mainland commercial hubs like Beaufort, Morehead City, or New Bern.

Students finished the day's program by making their very own model of the mailboat *Pet*. Captained by Mr. Kelly Willis, the *Pet* was the last mailboat to run the route from Beaufort to Harkers Island, and Cape Lookout until 1942 when a wooden bridge connected Harkers Island to the mainland community of Straits and Mr. Willis began delivering the mail by automobile.



A student carefully paints a waterline on the *Pet*
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Sound Reading
Material For You &
Your Child

Teach's Light
By: Nell Wechter

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The legend of Teach's Light has been handed down by the people of Stumpy Point village in coastal North Carolina for nearly three centuries. None can say when the mysterious light that hovers above Little Dismal Swamp will next appear, but it is said to guard a store of treasure buried long ago by Edward Teach (c. 1680-1718), better known as the infamous pirate Blackbeard.

In Our Wake...

Reflecting on 2021

In a year that was at times filled with uncertainty and frustration stemming from the periodic surges of COVID-19 that threatened our hard earned progress and future, we are happy to report that despite these challenges, education has made a marked comeback at Core Sound! Here is a little of what we have been up to this year...

Over the summer we once again began welcoming education groups for summer programs and with the help of wonderful volunteers from the community, these programs were a massive success as students learned about the biodiversity of marine ecosystems, learned about the amazing astronomy opportunities that our pristine night skies offer, and even learned about painting their very own decoy heads!

Before the start of school, we shifted gears and welcomed local teachers for two days of programming where we examined what it means to be an educator in the Down East communities, and even took a trip to Cape Lookout where local guide, Heber Guthrie, shared his knowledge and stories of Cape Lookout Village and Diamond City communities.

As the school year settled in, our institution was honored to partner with The Bridge Down East to welcome students from all of our Down East community schools for after-school programming on a weekly basis where students learned about their heritage, while also taking part in curriculum oriented activities.

None of our progress this year would have been possible without the aide of wonderful volunteers, partner organizations, schools, teachers, and a supporting community. For this support, we are extremely grateful. We are excited to launch into an even more successful and exciting 2022!

From everyone at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Carteret County educators visit Cape Lookout,
Summer 2021
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