

For Immediate Release

BHI Conservancy Celebrates 25th Anniversary Seven Wonders of Bald Head Island Benefit Picnic

Please join us as we celebrate 25 years at our July 3rd Seven Wonders of BHI Annual Benefit Picnic at the Common at Cape Fear Station.

Our islands are one of the few barrier islands on the East and Gulf Coasts with such a natural diversity of landscapes and extensive wildlife!

Beaches
Dunes
Marshes
Maritime Forest

Wildlife on the Wing
Wildlife in the Water
Wildlife on the Land

The event will feature a superb program of bluegrass music, a delicious pork and chicken barbecue dinner, a bake sale, games and crafts for the children, silent and live auctions and the popular golf cart raffle. Jay Copan, Chair of the Picnic Committee, and Ricki Grantmyre, Vice Chair, announced the chairs of the picnic committees. They are:

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| • Charlie Himes
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i> | • Sheila May
<i>Volunteer Committee</i> |
| • John May
<i>Food Committee</i> | • John Fisher
<i>Marketing and PR Committee</i> |
| • The Horton and Neuwirth Families
<i>Beverage Committee</i> | • Gene Douglas
<i>Infra-structure Committee</i> |
| • Janet Johnson
<i>Children's Events</i> | • Joyce Lambert
<i>Raffle Ticket Sales</i> |
| • Lee Wester
<i>Bake Sale</i> | • Keith Suttle
<i>Sponsor Committee</i> |
| • Judy Porter
<i>Auction/Raffle Committee</i> | • Jeff Harms
<i>Kids Korner</i> |
| • Sarah Neuwirth
<i>Finance Committee</i> | • Bob Helgesen
<i>Electronics Committee</i> |
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Volunteers are needed for each committee! If you have a special interest, please contact the chair of the committee. If you would like to volunteer where there is the greatest need, contact Sheila May. Last year the picnic drew over 1,000 participants, and we anticipate more this year. Come have fun and support the Conservancy by volunteering for the 2008 Picnic celebrating nature.

Also, if you have silent auction or raffle items or are planning to bring baked goods, please contact the appropriate chairs.

All proceeds benefit the BHI Conservancy, a nonprofit organization, dedicated to preservation, education and conservation of environmental resources of the Smith Island Complex and all barrier islands.

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