



News from the forest

2nd Annual F.L.A.M.E Week

This year, Turnbull Creek ESF held its second annual F.L.A.M.E (Fire Learning and Mitigation Education) Week Feb. 5-10. The week was full of exciting workshops and presentations aimed to bring awareness to prescribed burning and wildfires in North Carolina. During the 2023 F.L.A.M.E. Week, all events were held virtually through online webinars. For the second annual F.L.A.M.E. Week this year, most events were held in person. Read on to learn more about the programs that took place!

Fire Weather and Stories from the Fireline

The week started off with a webinar about fire weather. Participants were able to hear about some of the wildfire incidents in the state and how weather impacted firefighter tactics. The full webinar presentation is now available on YouTube via the TCESF website. Follow the link below to check them out!

<https://www.ncsf.org/tbVideos.html>

Forest Health and Fire Workshop

The Forest Health workshop was an opportunity to learn more about the different components of a healthy forest, including burning. Participants had the opportunity to witness a live burning demonstration during the workshop.



📷 Lili Stapel

N.C. Forest Service Forest Health Staff pictured from left to right: Jim Moeller, Heather Moonier, Jim Slye, and Wayne Langston 📷 Lili Stapel

Visitor Hours

March 1– Oct. 31

Monday: closed

Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 1- end of February

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Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Closed
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Congratulations to Cody Clark for winning the grand prize from our Friends and Family Day survey drawing!

Project Learning Tree “Nature of Fire” workshop

This year’s fire focused PLT event was a two-day, 10-hour workshop where participants were able to learn more about the role of fire in ecosystems and had the opportunity to observe and evaluate recently burned areas on TCESF.



📷 Lili Stapel



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📷 Hannah Thompson-Welch

Prescribed Fire: Burning for the Birds

Participants heard from natural resource professionals on how utilizing prescribed burning on their properties can increase the presence of bird species such as bobwhite quail and wild turkey. Participants also learned about the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and witnessed one fly from a cavity nest on the forest! They received resource information to help with burning their woodlands and proper channels to help get them started. Participants also learned about local Prescribed Burn Associations (PBAs) and the N.C. Certified Burner Program.



📷 Monique Mckoy

Friends and Family Day

New to this year’s F.L.A.M.E. Week was an event geared towards families that included various stations and presentations. There were arts and crafts, a sensory station, tree giveaways and much more. Presentations included *The True Story of Smokey Bear* and a talk on the longleaf pine ecosystem. Attendees were given a card at the beginning of the event to receive stickers when visiting each station. Completed cards received a prize in return. For those who filled out the post-event survey, a drawing was conducted and the winner received Smokey Bear swag and even some swag from the Longleaf Alliance.



📷 Hannah Thompson-Welch



📷 Taylor McCullen



We would like to thank everyone who dedicated their time and efforts to making F.L.A.M.E. Week a success. This event would not have been possible without you!

Logging operations

Here at Turnbull Creek ESF, we are receipt-based. This means that our operating funds come from money made from products sold on the forest. Pine straw raking and timber sales are the main two sources of revenue generated. A tract in the forest was sold under contract to be clearcut and logging operations have now begun. Once logging is completed, plans are in place to prepare the site and replant the more than 40-acre tract with new trees. Visitors should be cautious and follow trail detours to remain safe while at the forest.



[Saturday Class Registration](#)

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday Class: Arbor Day History, March 23, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Turkey Hunts: April 18-20, FOREST WILL BE CLOSED
- Wildland Urban Interface Workday—May 18, stay tuned for details.



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