



Ecotourism Programs

February 2 to March 17, 2016 2 - 5 p.m. Fridays Location: Main Campus in Bolivia

Coastal Carolina Heritage: Life and work in the Carolinas

This course will provide an entertaining and educational look at our region utilizing historical facts and information as well as local stories, folklore, old photographs, religious traditions, poetry and artifacts to create a sense of time and place. Topics will range from the Scottish immigration of the 1700s to Gullah culture and traditions; from the history of Rosenwald schools to the work of locally born and nationally known poet A. R. Ammons; from travel networks of rivers and railroads to work in the timber industry and the introduction of strawberries to the region; from chicken bogs to smoke houses -- and more. Two of the six classes will include on-site visits. Both courses are informal and will appeal to life-long residents who want to learn more about their home place as well as those who have moved here and want to get a better sense of their chosen home. This course can also be for individuals who want to add value to their job in the hospitality industry, tour guides interested in adding to their knowledge, or even volunteers who want to be able to share with the public interesting local facts. Registration fee: \$70

March 15 to May 12, 2016 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays Location: Southport Center

Ecotourism-Nature and History Interpretive Guide Certificate

This program combines classroom and field trip experiences, puts the student in touch with guest speakers' experts in their field. It is designed for job seekers looking for employment in a nature or history-based field, individuals looking interested in a change of career, volunteers, or entrepreneurs interested in starting a nature or history-based business. The course is designed to: enable guides to provide clients with nature and history based experiences; educate business owners and employees on resource sustainability; create a natural and historical-centered network of guides and program participants; and provide information and knowledge of Brunswick County. This program also includes safety guidelines, CPR training and certification, outdoor activity basics, customer service basics, and interpretive skills to inform, plan and organize tours. Admission fees to some of the site visits are not included. NC Environmental Educator Criteria II and NAI Interpretive Host Certificate. Registration fee is \$182.50.

March 17 to April 21, 2016 9-12 p.m. Thursdays First class meets at Southport Center

Hiking the Coastal Plain

Hiking the Coastal Plain is a course designed to introduce students to the varied hiking locations in Southeastern, North Carolina. Locations will be within urban, suburban, and rural areas. The hikes themselves will take in a variety of terrain, ecosystems. Viewing opportunities of flora and fauna unique to this region will be a focus. The hiking will be presented in a way to be welcoming to all abilities and interests. This program qualifies for the [NC Environmental Educator Criteria II](#). Registration fee is \$70.

March 18 to April 22, 2016 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Fridays First class meets at Main Campus in Bolivia

Introduction to Birding

This course provides an introduction to birding in Southeastern, North Carolina. Emphasis will be placed on identifying common species, anatomy, flight, migration, breeding, and habitats. The class will meet at various outdoor locations to observe various bird populations. This program qualifies for the [NC Environmental Educator Criteria II](#). Registration fee is \$70.



March 19 to April 22, 2016 9-12 p.m. Fridays First class meets at the Main Campus in Bolivia

Natural Wonders of Brunswick County

This course is designed to visit and introduce students to the natural habitats for a variety of animal and plant species in Southeastern, North Carolina. Discover the variety of carnivorous plants native to this area, the impact of the American alligator, the Long Leaf Pine historical significance, the Bobcat habitat, Black Bear population, and Osprey sites. Challenges and opportunities for preservation and interpretation for the agencies that manage them. This program qualifies for the [NC Environmental Educator Criteria II](#). Registration fee is \$70.

April 4 to May 12, 2016 Friday's 2 - 5 p.m. Location: Main Campus in Bolivia

Coastal Carolina Heritage: History and Architecture of Brunswick County

This course will use the same format and resources as described in Coastal Carolina Heritage I but will focus exclusively on the six townships of Brunswick County--their unique stories, historical sites, architecture, artifacts and natural environment. How did Bolivia get its name? Where is Makatoka? What is a dog-trot house? Who is Joe Baldwin? Where are the oldest buildings in the county? What are the unique stories of some early churches? Two of the six classes will include on-site visits. This course is designed to appeal to life-long residents who want to learn more about their home place as well as those who have moved here and want to get a better sense of their chosen home. This course can also be for individuals who want to add value to their job in the hospitality industry, tour guides interested in adding to their knowledge, or even volunteers who would like to share with the public interesting local facts. Registration fee: \$70

April 29 to June 03, 2016 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fridays Location: Main Campus in Bolivia

Wilderness Survival

This course provides an essential overview of how to survive in wilderness settings. Emphasis is placed on shelter building, locating and purifying water, fire building, identifying wild edibles, trapping, cleaning, and cooking wild game, and basic first-aid. This program qualifies for the [NC Environmental Educator Criteria II](#). Registration Fee is \$70.

April 29 to June 03, 2016 2 – 5 p.m. Fridays Location: Main Campus in Bolivia

Outdoor Cooking

Learning how to cook outdoors using a variety of methods is a fun, useful skill. This six week course is designed to introduce the participant to different fuel sources to be used in an outdoor environment. In addition, the course will focus on how to cook a variety of different foods. Registration fee is \$70. Supplies are not included.