

How You Can Save North Carolina's Trees While Relaxing by the Pool this Summer

Midsummer in North Carolina brings lots of sunshine and high temperatures, and many people enjoy this warm weather by the pool. But did you know that while you're splashing in the water and enjoying the sun's rays, you can help save our trees?

The link between trees and pool water may not seem clear at first, but two pests that threaten plants are attracted to water and may end up in your pool filters and skimmers! The spotted lanternfly (SLF) and Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) are invasive insects that feed on many plant species. The SLF was recently discovered in North Carolina and it's important that any future infestations in the state are found quickly. The ALB has yet to be discovered in the state, but it's getting closer. For both pests, early detection is key to management. By checking your pools for these insects and reporting them if you see them, you can help protect our forests!

Both the SLF and ALB cause significant damage to plants. The ALB is a striking beetle which feeds on many species of hardwood trees but prefers maple. As the beetle feeds, it weakens and eventually kills its host trees. While it hasn't been found in the state, this destructive pest is present in South Carolina, so it's getting close! Similarly, the SLF is an insect that feeds on the sap of many plant species, including fruit trees and grapes. The feeding habits of the SLF make it a threat to North Carolina's grapevine and wine industries. On top of this economic threat, the pest is also a huge nuisance as it invades in large numbers and leads to the growth of sooty mold from the honeydew that it excretes. The first SLF infestation in North Carolina was discovered during the summer of 2022 in Kernersville thanks to a citizen report.

Finding these pests in new areas early is incredibly important for managing them, so we need your help! While cleaning out your pool filters this summer, you can be on the lookout for these two insects and report them if you see them. You can report the SLF using the Spotted Lanternfly Reporting Form, and you can report the ALB using the Regulated Pest Reporting Form. Both forms are available at ncagr.gov.

These pests can be found anywhere. Even if you don't have a pool, you can still help by reporting them when you see them. If you aren't sure whether the insect is ALB or SLF, you can snap a photo and upload the image. It is especially helpful if you can capture the specimen and store it in a sealed container.

So, while you're enjoying summertime in North Carolina, keep our forests in mind and be on the lookout for the poolside pests! Check out the Poolside Pests website (poolsidepests.com) for more information on the ALB and SLF. Poolside Pests is a collaborative program between N.C. State University Extension, the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Plant Industry Division and the N.C. Forest Service.



The Spotted lanternfly, at left, was discovered for the first time in North Carolina last summer. While the Asian longhorned beetle, at right, has not been detected in North Carolina, it was discovered in South Carolina in 2020.

Lions Club Brooms - THE BEST Broom You Can Buy!

The Wadesboro Lions Club sells brooms to help meet humanitarian needs worldwide, and help local causes right here in Anson County.

In support of that mission the Lions Club sells brooms, and the brooms are of excellent quality. The Original Soft Sweep Magnetic Action Broom features a unique magnetic cleaning action that picks up lint and dust, especially human and pet hair. It will not scratch any floor, and rinses clean and dries quickly. The kitten soft bristle is approximately 12" long and comes with a metal handle.

Pick up yours at Allen's Restaurant in Peachland or Lacy's and Martin Furniture in Wadesboro for only \$12. The Lions Club's purple handled straw broom is also available.

Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- August 17 Thursday - Thrift Shop Day
- August 18 Friday - Mail Order Catalog Day
- August 19 Saturday - World Photo Day
- August 20 Sunday - Chocolate Pecan Pie Day
- August 21 Monday - Spumoni Day
- August 22 Tuesday - Be An Angel Day
- August 23 Wednesday - Ride Like the Wind Day

Church

THE CHURCH CALENDAR IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THESE SPONSORS

AUGUST 19

Shellem Cline Concert

Christian country music at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Rd in Wadesboro, 5:30pm. Enjoy an evening of fun-filled music and worship.

AUGUST 20

Homecoming

At Rocky Mount AME Zion Church, 11am with Pastor Shirley McConnell. No afternoon service.

AUGUST 20 & 22-23

Homecoming & Revival

At Pleasant Hill AME Zion Church, 109 South, Wadesboro. Homecoming Sun with Rev. Marvin Pearson at 11am followed by lunch. Revival Tue & Wed with Rev. Fred Miller, Pastor of Centenary AME Zion Church in Lilesville at 7pm nightly. Please join us for a great time.

AUGUST 20 - 24

Homecoming & Revival

At Garris Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Homecoming Sun with Dr. R.A. Lisenby at 11am followed by dinner. Revival Mon-Thur with Rev. Samantha Bowen, Pastor of Red Hill Baptist Church at 7pm nightly. All are invited.

AUGUST 27

Homecoming Family

& Friends Day At Thomas Chapel AME Zion Church, 11am worship service. Let's celebrate God's blessings and love.

SEPTEMBER 18 - 20

Fall Revival

At First Baptist Church, 722 Sikes Ave in Wadesboro with Pastor Tobias Wall of Saron Missionary Baptist Church, Polkton at 7pm nightly. All are welcome!

SEPTEMBER 24

Special Program Chalktalks.net evangelist and chalk artists Dwight Haynes and his wife Ann at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Rd in Wadesboro. They will minister through music, chalk art and preaching.

SEPTEMBER 30

Free Household Items & Paper Goods at Community Outreach Tent Meeting hosted by Lamb of God Church in the Wadesboro IGA parking lot, 805 Camden Rd, 9am as long as supplies last. Info 843-623-3777.

ONGOING

HOPE Grief Support Group at Harmony Community Church, meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm offering help for anyone suffering from grief, like death, sickness, divorce, separation from family, job, etc.. Free & confidential, everyone welcome. Come join others experiencing grief. We will pray with you. Info 704-272-7127. Located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland

Youth Night

At Vision of God Ministries in Morven each Sat, 5-7pm w/bible study, Christian movies, games, crafts refreshments & more

Events

ONGOING EVENTS

Chair Exercise

Every Tuesday & Thursday at Grace Senior Center, 10-11am. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

Compassionate

Friends Meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm, at the Training Room at First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. Bereaved parents, family and friends who have lost a child of any age are invited. Info 704-694-2425

Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups Call the Farm Service Agency Office at 704-694-3516 ext. 2 to complete eligibility forms

Senior Box Program at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

Food Pantry

Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182

Book Club 1st Thursday each month, 10am-12 noon at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

Craft & Workshops 3rd Thursday each month, 12-2pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

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Learning Center Hours Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, Mon-Fri, 10:30-5:30pm. Computer lab (children & adults), copy service, fax service & resource library. All available to the public for a small fee

Cheraw Arts Commission Weekly Theatre Classes for Kids

The Cheraw Arts Commission will offer weekly Theatre Classes for children ages 3rd grade & up. 2nd graders who have participated in previous CAC Theatre can participate. The classes will be held on Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm at the Theatre on the Green in Cheraw beginning September 18th.

These classes will run September 2023-April 2024 and will follow the school calendar. The classes will concentrate on basic acting skills that include improvisation, theatre games, blocking shows, production/stage assistance, and voice projection. Participants will be introduced to stage makeup application, audition techniques and learn songs and dance routines. Classes will culminate with a musical production April 2024.

Laney Rogers will provide instruction for the weekly classes. Cost is \$40 per month. Registration will be conducted at the Cheraw Community Center - 200 Powe Street from 8:30am-5:00pm on Mondays-Fridays. Call the Cheraw Arts Commission 843.537.8420 x 12 for additional information.

PEACHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Back to School Bash

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH
10:00AM-12:00PM

Giveaway of bookbags, school supplies, shoes, haircuts, & food!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT EMILY SNODGRASS: 704-322-9116

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BOUNTIFUL HARVEST
ANSON COUNTY DAY OF PRAYER
Sunday, August 20

There are over 100 churches in Anson County; each is an important member of the Body of Christ. We are excited to dedicate **Sunday, August 20 as the Anson County Day of Prayer.**

We are inviting all to join in prayer for a "Bountiful Harvest" as we prepare for the new school year. Our hope is that this 24-hours is covered in prayer, with a variety of ways to participate in worship and on social media.

Join us in prayer - one of the first steps towards a more unified Body of Christ as we seek Heaven's solution for the challenges unique to our county.

Support materials will be emailed, so register your church at: tinyurl.com/ACDayOfPrayer.

You can direct questions to: AnsonCountyDayOfPrayer@gmail.com.



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