

# Staff Kudos

Reserve staff stay pretty busy between all of the field trips, site monitoring activities, workshops, and field research occurring at our sites during the summer. With a limited staff, the Reserve schedule can seem overwhelming at times. We continue to fill the calendar with so many programs because a huge part of what makes our efforts so rewarding is when participants express their gratitude to Reserve employees who go above and beyond to ensure that programs are effective and enjoyable for all. Below is kudos for staff provided by individuals who recently attended one or more of our programs.

After leading a workshop with indoor and outdoor classroom activities for educators, a teacher provided this feedback to our Education Coordinator, Lori Davis:



Teachers participate in a workshop offered by the Reserve's Education Program

*"Thank you SO much for working with our group of teachers today. You were so great, the teachers loved it, and said they will use all the information and materials! You know just what the teachers need and they said they especially liked that you used inexpensive materials that they could scrounge up or find at home. I'm so glad you went on the field trip to the island! Some teachers said they had never been there and had always wanted to go."*

Realtors attending workshops provided by our Coastal Training Program always have wonderful things to say about CTP Coordinator Whitney Jenkins and the guest speakers:

*"Thank you Whitney for one of the most informative, fast paced and organized continuing education classes that I have ever taken in the thirteen years I have been a licensed agent. I hope you can come back again with your team and bring additional information to share with the Brunswick County Association of Realtors."*

*"This was without a doubt one of the best presentations I have attended in 24 years of practice in two states. Everyone involved did an outstanding job. I would love to see this as an update/series every year."*



Realtors attend a CTP Program workshop on barrier islands

After exploring the Rachel Carson Reserve with Central Sites Manager Paula Gillikin and volunteer guide Susan Suggs, a public field trip participant had this to say about their experience:



Volunteers participate in a training session before the start of the Reserve's summer public field trips.

*"My group of five from Pittsburgh (Rachel Carson's birthplace) and rural West Virginia consisted of family members from 20-something to 80+ years old. Thanks to you and the volunteer guide, Susan, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves on the boat tour today, which included educational and environmental components. Our group included birders, a nurse, a retired physician/surgeon, and me, an environmentalist, and faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh. Thanks, too, to Cody, the intern, for showing the video introducing us to the ecosystem."*

Research Coordinator Brandon Puckett delivered a highly successful presentation during the N.C. Oyster Summer held in Raleigh:

*"Well Brandon, you've done it again! You wowed everyone with your wonderful presentation skills and ability to take very complex issues and drill them down to a tangible, comprehensible message. Thank you for all of the time, energy, and effort you put into a great presentation at the 2015 N.C. Oyster Summit. On behalf of everyone at the coastal federation, I extend the deepest gratitude for your help in making the event such a success and for advancing the efforts in the state. We look forward to continued collaborations and presentations!"*



Brandon Puckett, Research Coordinator

The Reserve is always proud of our staff's commitment to providing new experiences, knowledge, and lasting memories for all participants.