

Learning is a journey that begins with the spark of inspiration. Saluda Shoals Park is that catalyst, an invitation to walk down a new path toward a heightened awareness of our place in the world.

November 21, 2014

Dear Friend of Saluda Shoals Park,

Since opening in 1999, Saluda Shoals Park has welcomed more than 5.5 million visitors! In fact, the park is the second most visited attraction in the Midlands and is a top five TripAdvisor favorite!

While you may know about the Park's beautiful trails, scenic river trips, excellent event facilities as well as its exciting and unique cultural arts programming – you may not realize one of the most important roles the Park plays – **the role of educating our youth!**

With 400 acres of forested trails and wetlands to explore, Saluda Shoals invites children to experience nature and encourages them to use their imaginations. The Park has offered exceptional environmental education programs and field trip opportunities for more than 12 years. And, our Park Rangers are experienced educators with a passion for connecting children to nature through hands-on exploration. With camps ranging from Outdoor Adventures to Bugs and Beasties, there's something for everyone.

Last year, more than 12,000 students participated in environmental education programs at Saluda Shoals Park. Generous gifts, from donors like you, supported the purchase of 10 microscopes, five iPADS, two projectors and 10 micro-dipping nets for the Wetlands Environmental Education Program. This program gives students the best opportunity to learn by doing! We also provided art instruction to more than 100 Summer Campers who learned about nature through self-expression and creativity.

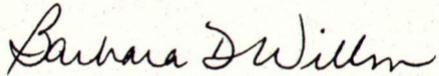
Most recently, Saluda Shoals Park established an exciting partnership with the Academy of Environmental Sciences at Dutch Fork Elementary School in School District 5 of Richland & Lexington Counties. Unfortunately, this school has some of the lowest test scores in the District. Over the past three years, students "not meeting" the PASS science standards increased from 21% to 28%. To help close this achievement gap, our partnership enables students to explore the natural world, giving real life meaning to academic learning.

Great educational experiences can, and often do, change a child's life forever. Providing high-quality, accessible and engaging learning opportunities is one of the most worthwhile gifts we can give to our community.

We need your help to continue this important mission! Your investment today will enable us to provide the gift of education and help us sustain a vital environmental resource for the future.

Thank you for your generosity and support! Please call Dolly Patton, our Director, at (803) 213-2035 or email dpatton@icrc.net if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Barbara D. Willm
Chair, Saluda Shoals Foundation



PS – Please consider giving a 'gift of the environment' by making a donation in honor or memory of someone special this holiday season. It's a wonderful way to leave a lasting legacy.

YES! I would like to JOIN the Saluda Shoals Foundation

by contributing to the annual campaign.

\$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 \$2,500

\$5,000 Other \$ _____

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Please make my gift in Honor of _____

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Make your donation online at www.saludashoalsfoundation.org

All donations are tax deductible and will be applied towards the Annual Fund Campaign. Please make checks payable to the Saluda Shoals Foundation.

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Saluda Shoals Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to serving as a steward of Saluda Shoals Park through financial support and as an advocate for the preservation and sustainability of the park's programs and the environment.

- Carolina Wren** **\$100**
- 2 guest passes
 - 1 special event pass

- Eastern Bluebird** **\$250**
- 4 guest passes
 - 1 special event pass
 - 2 Saluda Splash passes

- Painted Bunting** **\$500**
- 4 guest passes
 - 2 special event passes
 - 4 Saluda Splash passes
 - \$50 discount on a facility rental

- Pileated Woodpecker** **\$1,000**
- 4 guest passes
 - 4 special event passes
 - 5 Saluda Splash passes
 - \$50 discount on a facility rental

- Barred Owl** **\$2,500**
- 8 guest passes
 - 8 special event passes
 - 10 Saluda Splash passes
 - \$100 discount on a facility rental
 - Behind the scenes tour of Holiday Lights for 5 people
 - Saluda River canoe trip for 8 people

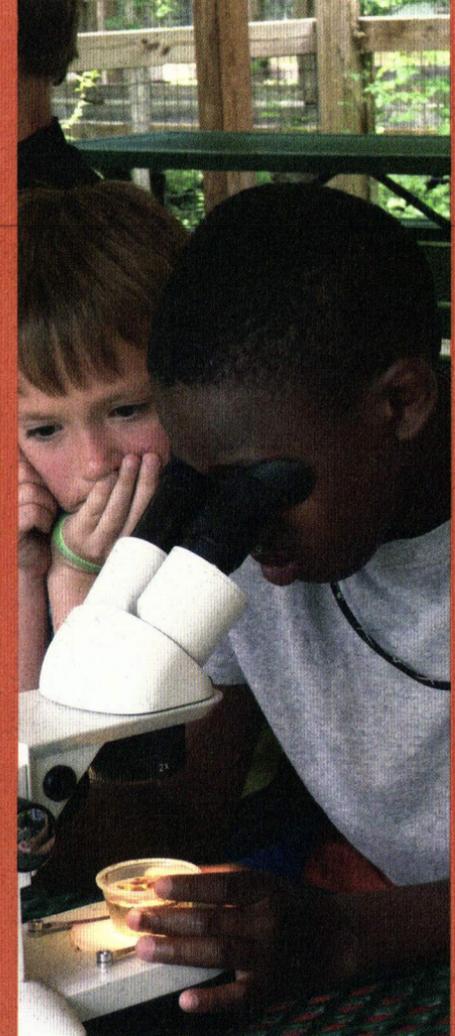
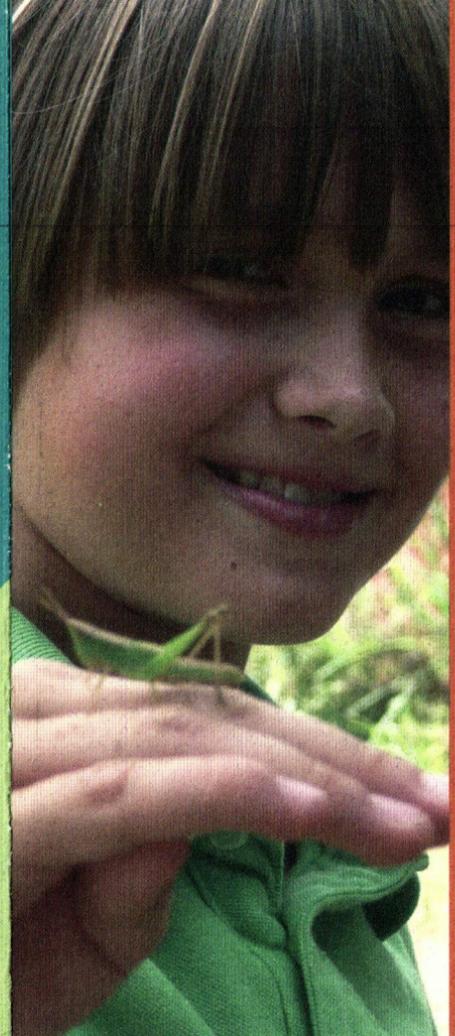
- Great Blue Heron** **\$5,000**
- 20 guest passes
 - 20 special event passes
 - 20 Saluda Splash passes
 - Behind the scenes tour of Holiday Lights for 10 people
 - Saluda River canoe trip and picnic lunch for 20 people
 - \$100 discount on a facility rental
 - Invitation to an evening with the Chairman

All donors at the *\$100 level and above* receive:

- A one year pass to Saluda Shoals Park
- Acknowledgment in the ICRC Annual Report

All donors at the *\$1,000 level and above* receive these additional benefits:

- Acknowledgment in the ICRC Annual Report
- Special gift from Saluda Shoals Foundation
- 2 invitations to Holiday Lights Chairman's Lighting
- 2 Invitations to Foundation hosted events





of possibility waiting to be discovered