

## **North Carolina FFLA Chapter Report 2013**

**Membership: 23**

**Carry forward: \$1,032.27**

### **2013 Chapter Activity:**

- Presented Friends of Smokies w/ \$500 FFLA Restoration grant for Mt. Cammerer lookout tower in Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Continued discussions with NC Forest Service about restoration of Bearwallow Mountain lookout tower
- Cleaned Bearwallow Mountain fire tower site following vandalism incident
- Gave presentation on western NC past & present fire lookout tower to Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust; led WNC fire tower eco-tour
- Still pursuing restoration plans for Shuckstack lookout tower in Great Smoky Mountains National Park with NPS; \$3,000+ privately fundraised sum available for project
- Hosted visit by Bob Spear (NJ director) in NC; visited Bearwallow Mountain lookout tower
- Made partnership with private contractor who restored Fryingpan Mountain and Green Knob lookout towers for potential in-kind service to WNC tower restoration projects
- Visited/documented Woody Knob lookout tower for first time
- Awarded 3 completers of NC FFLA/Carolina Mtn. Club "Lookout Tower Challenge" program

### **Goals for 2014:**

- Reach agreement for plan for restoration of Bearwallow Mountain fire tower with NC Forest Service
- Revitalize NC Chapter/NC Lookouts website & formally launch chapter Facebook page
- Update NC tower inventory
- Explore scenarios to prevent demolition of Toxaway Mountain lookout tower
- Meet with NPS Landscape Architect in Great Smoky Mountains National Park to discuss plans and scenarios for Shuckstack lookout tower restoration feasibility

Respectfully submitted,

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