



The Yadkin Report

Lake Information & Relicensing News



In the Community

Outdoor Discovery Club Helps Plant Trees to Improve Wildlife Habitat

Local high school students from the Outdoor Discovery Club worked with Alcoa-Yadkin employees to plant more than 100 persimmon trees on Alcoa property on March 5. The trees, planted in support of Alcoa's Ten Million Trees program, will improve wildlife habitat in the area.

"We chose native persimmon trees, on the advice of North Carolina Wildlife biologist Ken Knight, because of their value as a food source to a number of wildlife species," said Marshall Olson, natural resources specialist for Alcoa-Yadkin.

The Outdoor Discovery Club provides students from North Stanly High School and Albemarle High School an opportunity to have a tangible impact in the region.

"We are happy to see our kids getting involved in not only the community, but also becoming stewards of the environment," said



Michael Furr, Albemarle High School science teacher and co-founder of the Outdoor Discovery Club. In addition to the tree planting, the Outdoor Discovery Club recently completed the construction of a section of trail at City Lake Park in Albemarle, North Carolina.

Launched on Earth Day in June 2003, Alcoa's Ten Million Trees program encourages and recognizes the value of planting new trees. The goal is to plant 10 million new trees by 2020. The potential impact: the absorption of more than 250,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year.

The program grew from Alcoa's extraordinarily successful One Million Trees program, which began in 1998 with the goal of fostering the planting of a million trees by Alcoa employees within ten years. Employees and contractors alike, along with their families at more than 140 Alcoa locations in 20 countries, raced to that goal in half the time expected.

Badin Works Celebrates Arbor Day with Free Trees

Alcoa's Badin Works is giving away free trees to all employees to plant in celebration of Arbor Day, held on March 18 in North Carolina. The company will contribute more than 300 dogwood, persimmon, sumac and white oak trees as part of its 10 Million Trees program.

This electronic newsletter is designed to keep the community informed about important issues related to the relicensing of the Yadkin Project. Please pass this newsletter along to others who may be interesting in [signing up for our newsletter mailing list](#).

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Around the Lakes

Look for Rising Lake Levels

The winter drawdown phase at High Rock Lake has ended and lake levels should begin to rise steadily in anticipation of the spring recreation season. Lake levels (as measured at the High Rock Lake dam) have historically averaged 4.7 feet below full pool in March, 3.2 feet below full in April, and 2.4 feet below in May.

Reminder: Put Excavation Plans On Hold

A reminder to lake residents: No excavation work may occur from March – June due to the potential impact on fishing spawning.

Relicensing News

Alcoa-Yadkin continues to work with stakeholders to prepare for substantive negotiations regarding future project operations. At the most recent negotiations session, held on March 2 at the Alcoa Conference Center in Badin, NC, the group reviewed and approved a consolidated outline of interest statements. Negotiation participants will review and discuss an outline of key settlement issues when it meets again on April 7.

Badin Lake to Host Fishing Tournament in April; Event to Benefit Nazareth Children's Home

A new bass fishing tournament, sanctioned by the National Striped Bass Association, is coming to Badin Lake on Saturday, April 2. The event, sponsored by Alcoa-Yadkin, will raise money to benefit the Nazareth Children's Home in Rockwell.

The event is expected to attract anglers from across North Carolina as well as South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. The top 10 fishers will earn cash and prizes, including points toward regional and national qualification, with the winner earning \$1,000.

The Nazareth Children's Home, founded in 1906, provides residential group care services for abused, neglected or abandoned children who are in need of a stable living environment. All proceeds from the fishing tournament will go directly to Nazareth Children's Home.



Did You Know?

Alcoa-Yadkin has launched an [updated web site](#) that includes extensive information regarding lake levels, relicensing activities and community involvement.

Additional enhancements to the site are coming soon, including more detail about current and historic lake levels.

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Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

April 5

Fish & Aquatics Issue Advisory Group (IAG) Meeting

April 6

Water Quality IAG Meeting

April 7

Settlement Negotiations Meeting

* Authorized Representatives Only

May 4

County Economic Impacts IAG Meeting

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Recreation, Aesthetics, and Shoreline Management IAG Meeting

May 5

Settlement Negotiations Meeting

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