

RedWolves™

Monthly Newsletter

New things for 2017

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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

RedWolves fans it is Christmas time and it sure does feel like it. The colder weather has hit, at least for the time being, the Christmas carols are being sung, and the cookies are being baked. Get ready for another issue of the RedWolves Monthly Newsletter!!

2017 is Coming

Quickly- The 2017 RedWolves Baseball season is just around the corner and we couldn't be more excited for it to arrive.

There are many things on the near horizon, which will be thrilling!

We will let one present sneak out of Santa's sleigh - The RedWolves will be introducing to their social media pages and website, the Sponsor of the Day!

Individual sponsors will be highlighted each day throughout the months leading up to Opening Day, and into the season!

The second issue of the RedWolves Monthly Newsletter will dive into great topics for the upcoming 2017 season.

We were able to catch up with Mrs. Pam Rhoads, a host family mom, and ask her about her hosting experiences.

Host Families are a crucial, much-appreciated part of the RedWolves baseball organization. Each summer local families open their homes to our players and their generosity has helped us make the RedWolves a part of the Florence community for 19 years.

Being a host family is a great opportunity for you and your family to connect with a college player while being part of the larger RedWolves family.

Another exciting announcement is that the annual Florence RedWolves Kids Baseball Camp dates have been announced.

The 2017 Kids Baseball Camp will be held from June 19-22 at Sparrow Stadium on the campus of Francis Marion University.

Barbara Osborne, General Manager of the RedWolves is, "very excited for another year of Kids Baseball Camp. It really gives a great learning environment that is a grand slam for the kids."

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Hosting Is So Rewarding In So Many Ways

Pam Rhoads' Testimony

After Surviving cancer in 2010, Pam Rhoads and her supportive husband made it a goal to give back to the community and to others at a stronger level. They became interested in hosting the Florence RedWolves, as they saw a chance to support a young person's interest in improving their skills, and potentially becoming a professional ball player. Plus they were now empty nesters and had spare bedrooms to host players over the summer.

The players arrive at the end of May and they find it amusing how the players think it's a little weird to live with 'strangers,' while playing ball in Florence. It doesn't take long before the players and hosts get to know each other, although time spent around each other is limited if host families work like the Rhoads do. Most of the time when getting home, the players have headed out early in the day for their own activities and practice. Members of the family who also get to know the ball players include their daughter, Michelle who lives locally and the three family dogs. Each player seems to claim at least one of the dogs as their favorite, and soon they have one sitting on their lap while watching TV, or they spend extra time with them and have been known to take a nap with one. Last year one of the players connected to our dog Roxy and often let her hang with him up in the bonus room suite. For two weeks after he left, Roxy laid on the stairs each morning waiting for him to come out of the room or to come 'home.' She was truly sad to have lost her friend.

Being a host family is very rewarding. "Our RedWolves always inspire me to stay disciplined and pursue my own goals for taking my oil painting to new levels. They are so dedicated with how they eat, workout, and keep their schedules. They remind me that dreams take work," said Pam Rhoads.

The Rhoads love to go to the home games and support their RedWolves [player] so that they know someone is there for them. The Rhoads have hosted seven ball players and say it's been a pleasure to know each of these young men. "Our family feels like it extends as the players come in and out of it."

If you are interested in becoming a host family with the RedWolves, please e-mail Barbara, Barbara@floreceredwolves.com, or call the RedWolves' office at **843-629-0700** and we will answer any of your questions about becoming a host family!



BE A HOST FAMILY

2017 Kids Baseball Camp

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The Florence RedWolves are pleased to announce the 2017 Summer Kids Baseball Camp dates have been released. Camp will be held from Monday, June 19th, through Thursday, June 22nd, 2017.

Each day of camp will run from 9:00am - 12:30pm, and the cost is \$85.00 per player. Campers will need to bring their glove, bat, cleats, and a water bottle. Drinks will be readily available for \$1 and water will be present while camp is in session.

With a new coaching staff and new players for the 2017 season, kids ages 6-15 will have a unique opportunity to practice and learn from today's college baseball stars and their championship winning coaches.

The 2017 Summer Kids Baseball Camp will be conducted at Sparrow Stadium on the campus of Francis Marion University, in conjunction with McLeod Sports Medicine. Campers should come dressed appropriately, well rested, hydrated and ready for great instruction.

RedWolves General Manager Barbara Osborne said, "I'm excited for another year of Kids Baseball Camp. It really gives a great learning environment that is a grand slam of fun for the kids."

Campers will be conducting drills on field, in the bullpens and in the batting cages practicing like the big guys do. "When the kids come off the field they feel like All-Stars. The RedWolves take great pride in that," Osborne stated.

2017 Kids Baseball Camp waivers can be found by visiting FlorenceRedWolves.com under the 'Schedule' tab, listed as 2017 Kids Baseball Camp. Payment must be sent with form, with checks made out to the Florence RedWolves Baseball, RedWolves Baseball PO Box 809 Florence, SC 29503.

