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Media Alert

Take a Safari Adventure without Leaving the Lowcountry

*Coastal Expeditions Hosting Special Bulls Island Event
to Benefit The Center for Birds of Prey*

MT. PLEASANT, SC – Coastal Expeditions is sponsoring a unique Barrier Island Safari Adventure that will give guests an unusual glimpse into the human and natural history of Bulls Island, the gem of Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, and benefit The Center for Birds of Prey.

Rarely is there an opportunity to experience Bulls Island as a naturalist-guided adventure by vehicle. During this "Safari" style tour guests will have the opportunity to experience:

- The dynamic edges of the barrier island ecosystem
- Botanical specimens of the salt marsh flats
- The diverse maritime forest
- View alligators of the interior ponds
- See the magnificent Boneyard Beach

“It is our hope that events of this kind will foster and reinforce the connection with nature that inspires stewardship of the natural world and the fragile communities that depend on our support,” said Chris Crolley, Steward of Coastal Expeditions.

Bulls Island and Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge have been named in the top 50 places in the nation for birding with some 277 different species of resident and migratory birds. This day is truly "for the birds" as the adventure will also feature a live flight demonstration presented by the avian stewards from The Center for the Birds of Prey.

“I am honored to be working with Chris Crolley and the entire Coastal Expeditions team,” said Jim Elliott, Executive Director of The Center for Birds of Prey. “Chris and his staff bring an intense knowledge of and sensitivity to their interpretation of the Refuge. Each experience is unfailingly enjoyable and rewarding.”

This signature event on May 15th is being offered in partnership by Coastal Expeditions and The Center for the Birds of Prey. Tickets are \$40/per person and include a guided boat ride through the waterways of Cape Romain, a guided tour of Bulls Island led by a naturalist, lunch, and a special flying presentation by The Center for Birds of Prey. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Coastal Expeditions at (843) 884-7684. All proceeds from the safari will benefit the Avian Conservation Center / The Center for Birds of Prey.

For the Media

- Photographs of Bulls Island
- Photographs of birds in flight from The Center for Birds of Prey

About the Avian Conservation Center and The Center for Birds of Prey

The Avian Conservation Center and its operating division, The Center for Birds of Prey, identify and address vital environmental issues by providing medical care for injured birds of prey and shorebirds, and through educational, research, and conservation initiatives. Established in 1991, the Center has grown to having admitted more than 5400 birds into the medical clinic, offering more than 350 educational presentations annually to thousands of individuals from throughout South Carolina and the US, and participating in numerous research and conservation efforts with partners on national and international levels. For more information, please visit www.theCenterforBirdsofPrey.org.

About Coastal Expeditions

Charleston's original outfitter, Coastal Expeditions, has been getting people on the water longer since 1992. Coastal Expeditions' four on-water locations in Mt. Pleasant, Folly Beach, Isle of Palms and Cape Romain make it easy for people to immerse themselves in the natural beauty that makes Charleston one of the most scenic cities in the world. The company supports local, national, and international organizations making a difference in the natural world. For further information call (843) 884-7684 or visit www.coastalexpeditions.com.

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