



August 1, 2017

TO: SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS

REFERENCE: EXCUSED ABSENCES OF STUDENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITES

The Carolina Bird Club (CBC) supports young birders by sponsoring them to attend bird-related events, camps, workshops, etc. Our seasonal meetings are held 3 times a year during the school year on Fridays and Saturdays, at various locations throughout North and South Carolina. Our meetings feature professional speakers on many topics, including preservation and conservation of habitat, science studies, and endangered species. At times, young birders will speak at these meetings or assist on field trips. The attendance of young birders at these meetings also creates opportunities for our members to mentor them in the fields of species studies, conservation, and raising community awareness of the environment. This highlights ways to make a difference in the local community by sharing their enjoyment of nature and protecting habitat.

Drive times to these events vary and may require the young birder to take off one or two days from school. We request that CBC events be considered an excused absence for students. The CBC will provide an attendance report upon request by the school and each student will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the event.

The CBC appreciates your continued partnership. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at cssrbdr@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Best Regards,

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