

## BEMA Annual Meeting

June 17-22, 2010



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### **Wild Dunes Resort is the location for BEMA's Annual Meeting.**

5757 Palm Boulevard

Isle of Palms, SC 29451

MAIN NUMBER: 843 886 6000

RESERVATIONS: 800 845 8880

[www.wilddunes.com](http://www.wilddunes.com)

### **Making your Reservations**

Hotel Registration Deadline: May 30, 2010

To make reservations, call Wild Dunes at 1 800 845 8880. Please mention BEMA to receive our group rates. A one night deposit is required at the time of reservation. This deposit is fully refundable if the reservation is cancelled more than 24 hours prior to the arrival date. Reservations received after May 30, 2010 will be accepted on a space available basis at the best available rate.

### **Room Descriptions and Pricing**

You'll enjoy the best of coastal living at Wild Dunes Resort. Wild Dunes is located on the Isle of Palms, one of the many islands that make up the greater Charleston area. Wild Dunes features a pristine white sand beach, pools, tennis and two golf courses.

The many housing options for BEMA members are listed below. We strongly suggest you register for your rooms as soon as possible to secure the type of accommodation that works best for you and your family or guests. Full room descriptions are available at [www.wilddunes.com](http://www.wilddunes.com) (click "accommodations"). Prices are per night; 11.5% sales & accommodations tax and 4% resort fee not included in rates listed below. A \$1.00 per unit per night destination marketing fee and a \$9.00 per unit per night taxable amenity fee will be added to your resort bill.

Boardwalk Inn Hotel Rooms <i>kings or double queens</i>	\$289	Village 1 Bedroom Condo	\$359
Village Hotel Rooms <i>double queens</i>	\$289	Village 2 Bedroom Condo	\$459
		Village 3 Bedroom Condo	\$559
		Beach Home	\$700

All condos and homes have full kitchens. The agents at Wild Dunes will be happy to help you determine which configuration is best for your family and guests.

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*There is something for everyone here – the history buff, the art lover, the foodie, the fisherman (or woman) and the kid in all of us. Stand on the site of the first shot in the Civil War. Come face to face with a giant sea turtle. Take a tour of an antebellum mansion. Climb aboard a WWII aircraft carrier. Take in the sights and smells of a blossoming garden. Delight your tastebuds in a top rated restaurant.*

### Things to do in Charleston

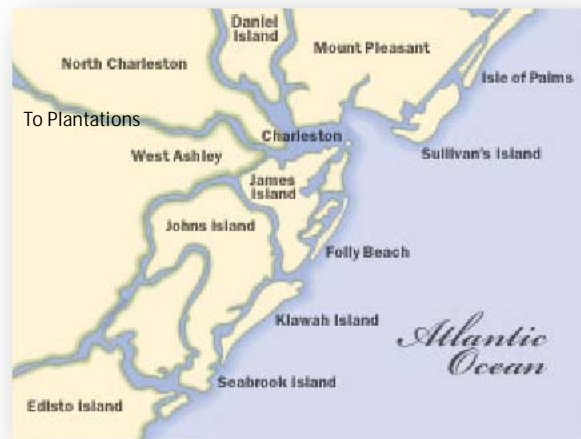
Wild Dunes offers a full service concierge and a wide variety of activities including golf & tennis lessons, water sports, eco tours, historical tours, bike rentals, kid contests and the “Wild Adventure” club for kids. Their vacation planner fills in all the details. It, along with spa information, can be downloaded from: [www.wilddunes.com/charleston\\_resort\\_activities.php](http://www.wilddunes.com/charleston_resort_activities.php). The concierge can be reached through the hotel’s main number: 843 886 6000.

The BEMA staff is always eager to help! If you need their assistance, please call 913 338 1300.

### The Lay of the Land

The city of Charleston is located on a peninsula created by the convergence of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers. Charleston’s coast is surrounded by small islands which feature fun small towns, beaches and historical sites. Wild Dunes Resort is located on the north end of the Isle of Palms, only 15 miles from downtown Charleston. This unique location gives you many options for entertainment from rivers to beach to cobblestone streets.

We’ve organized the activities by location. This little map will help you get your bearings.



### Charleston Activities

The descriptions listed on the following pages **are provided by the vendors themselves. Their listing here is for your convenience and does not constitute an endorsement by BEMA.**

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## **BEMA's Saturday Tours**

Saturday (this year June 19) is our traditional day to spend time together enjoying all that our meeting location has to offer. This year, BEMA attendees can select from an active, family friendly tour of Capers Island or a tour of historic downtown Charleston. You might not want to visit the same places on your own if you plan to take the tours. We've described the tours below for your reference.

### **Carriages, Dungeons & Fantastic Food – The Best of Historic Charleston**

Travel through historic downtown Charleston in a horse drawn carriage. Visit the 1825 antebellum Edmondston Alston House. Explore Charleston's waterfront and The Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon, built in 1771. All this is included in your tour of Charleston, which culminates in a private luncheon at Magnolias, an upscale Southern restaurant.

### **Family Adventure on Capers Island**

To explore the natural side of Charleston, tour Capers Island, an untouched barrier island off the Carolina coast. From the comfort of 40 passenger boats, naturalists will guide you through the Intracoastal Waterway and winding tidal creeks, where you might spy bottlenose dolphins, pelicans, and more. On the island, you'll have free time to kayak, fish, and play games on Boneyard Beach, followed by a seaside picnic.

## **Historical Sites & Homes**

### **House Museums**

*There are many historic homes in downtown Charleston that are open for tours. The Edmonston Alston House is part of the BEMA Historic Charleston Tour on Saturday. There are also many historic churches located in Charleston – so many, it's called the "Holy City."*

#### **Aiken Rhett House**

Phone: 843 723 1159

[www.historiccharleston.org/experience/arh/](http://www.historiccharleston.org/experience/arh/)

#### **Edmonston Alston House (1825)**

Phone: 843 722 7171

[www.middletonplace.org](http://www.middletonplace.org)

#### **Joseph Manigault House (1803)**

Phone: 843 723 2996

[www.charlestonmuseum.org](http://www.charlestonmuseum.org)

#### **Nathaniel Russell House (1806)**

Phone: 843 724 8481

[www.historiccharleston.org](http://www.historiccharleston.org)

## Plantations

*Except for Boone Hall, these plantations are located along the Ashley River Road (Highway 61) heading northwest out of Charleston (toward Summerville). If you are making the "plantation run" take time to see Angel Oak on John's Island ([www.angeloaktree.org](http://www.angeloaktree.org)) This 1,500+ year old oak has a 25 foot circumference and limbs up to 89 feet long. You have to see it to believe it.*

### **Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens**

**Phone: 843 884 4371**

<http://www.boonehallplantation.com>

Boone Hall Plantation welcomes guests with the Avenue of Oaks, one of the most spectacular entrances anywhere in the world. Explore the Gullah Culture, visit one of the only still existing Slave Streets in America, tour the Plantation Home, and experience live presentations. Enjoy the setting in which many television shows and movies have been filmed. This is the plantation located closest to Wild Dunes.

### **Drayton Hall**

**Phone: 843 769 2600**

<http://www.draytonhall.org>

An accredited museum, Drayton Hall is the oldest preserved plantation house in America that is open to the public and is world

renowned for its architectural significance and for its well preserved condition.

### **Magnolia Plantation & Gardens**

**Phone: 843 571 1266**

[www.magnoliaplantation.com](http://www.magnoliaplantation.com)

Since 1676, Magnolia is one of the Lowcountry's premiere plantations and is still owned by the original family. It is known for its renowned and resplendent Romantic gardens created in the early 1800's.

### **Middleton Place**

**Phone: 843 556 6020**

[www.middletonplace.org](http://www.middletonplace.org)

Middleton Place is a National Historic Landmark and a carefully preserved 18th century plantation that has survived revolution, Civil War, and earthquake. Its formal gardens are a must see.

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## Forts & Other Historical Sites

### **Fort Sumter**

**Phone: 843 883 3123**

[www.nps.gov/fosu](http://www.nps.gov/fosu)

In 1861 the Confederacy demanded that Ft. Sumter be vacated by the Union and shot a mortar shell over the fort, starting the Civil War. Today, visitors take a water taxi from Liberty Square or Patriots Point to explore the fort.

### **Fort Moultrie**

**Phone: 843 883 3123**

[www.nps.gov/fosu](http://www.nps.gov/fosu)

Fort Moultrie defended Charleston Harbor twice – once in the Revolutionary War then again in the Civil War. Visitors will see two centuries of coastal defenses as they evolved. The fort is accessible by car.

### **The Battery**

**East Bay Street & Murray Blvd.**

Also known as White Point Gardens, this isn't an attraction, per se. It is THE area of Charleston that has had the best view of Charleston's history from settlement to war to peaceful park. At the connection of East Bay and Murray Blvd. visitors will find the park and its spreading live oaks.

### **Charles Towne Landing**

**Phone: (843) 852 4200**

[http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/parkfinder/state\\_park/1575.aspx](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/parkfinder/state_park/1575.aspx)

Charles Towne Landing recreates 17<sup>th</sup> century life complete with settlements, trails, and English park style gardens. This is a wonderful site for kids.

### **The Charleston Museum**

**Phone:** 843 722 2996

<http://www.charlestonmuseum.org/topic.asp?id=1>

The Charleston Museum, America's first museum, showcases a variety of cultural and natural history artifacts from ancient fossils and an enormous whale skeleton to elegant costumes and Charleston silver that tell the story of the South Carolina Lowcountry.

### **Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture**

**Phone:** 843 953 7609

<http://avery.cofc.edu/>

Beautifully restored facility, site of former Avery School built in 1865. Research Center's purpose is to document, preserve, and make public the unique historical and cultural heritage of South Carolina Lowcountry African Americans. Tour of building includes exhibits and archives

### **Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon**

**Phone:** 843 727 2165

[www.oldexchange.com](http://www.oldexchange.com)

Completed in 1771 by the British, the Exchange quickly became the hub of social, political & the economy. The colony of South Carolina was declared from its steps in 1776 – and that's just the beginning. See the original wall of the Charles Towne settlement and the pirates' dungeon in the basement. *Note: this building is included in BEMA's Saturday Tour.*

### **Old Slave Mart Museum**

**Phone:** 843 958 6467

<http://www.charlestoncity.info/dept/content.aspx?nid=1469>

The museum recounts the story of Charleston's role in this inter state slave trade by focusing on the history of this particular building and site and the slave sales that occurred here.

### **Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum**

**Phone:** 843 884 2727

[www.patriotspoint.org](http://www.patriotspoint.org)

The USS Yorktown, docked here, is the site for BEMA's theme dinner. But you might want to explore the other ships and submarines docked here on your own.

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## **Culinary Adventures**

### **Charleston Cooks!, Maverick Kitchen Store**

**Phone:** (843)722 1212

<http://www.mavericksouthernkitchens.com/cooks/>

State of the art cooking studio downtown where you can enjoy cooking classes by leading chefs; experience the secrets, tastes, and entertainment of the Lowcountry's culinary scene.

### **Southern Cooking Ya'll**

**Phone:** (843) 723 3681

<http://www.southerncookingyall.com/>

Experience, participate, and learn Traditional Southern Cooking in lively two hour classes offered at a downtown Charleston historic property.

## Outdoor Adventures

### Canoe & Kayak Rentals

#### **The Inn at Middleton Place – Outdoor Center**

**Phone:** 843 266 7492

<http://www.theinnatmiddletonplace.com/content.asp?catID=6295>

Explore the rich ecosystems at Middleton Place by kayak, bike, horseback or hiking an interpretive nature trail. Guided tours and self guided adventures available daily. Kayak day trips, sunset tours and seasonal tours of a Black Cypress Swamp highlight local flora, fauna and wildlife.

#### **Nature Adventures Kayak & Canoe Outfitters**

**Phone:** 800 673 0679

<http://www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com/>

Guided Tours of Francis Marion National Forest and explore Blackwater Swamps, historic rice

plantations or journey to saltmarshes and coastal barrier islands with 4,000 yr. old Indian Shell rings to see dolphins, alligators and shore birds.

#### **PaddleFish Kayaking, Inc.**

**Phone:** 843 407 0470 or 888 254 7076

<http://www.paddlefishkayaking.com/>

PaddleFish offers guided kayak nature tours from three unique Charleston locations, Historic Downtown, Kiawah & Seabrook Islands, and Folly Beach. Each location features daily departure times, safe & stable kayaks, and a variety of nature tours for all ages. No experience necessary. Reservations required.

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### Fishing Boats and Charters

#### **Aqua Safaris, Inc. Worldwide Charter Yachts**

**Located on Isle of Palms**

**Phone:** 800 524 3444 or 843 886 8133

<http://www.aqua-safaris.com/>

With over 20 years experience Aqua Safaris offer fishing guides inshore for Red Drum, Trout, and more; or offshore for the big fish like Dolphin and Marlin.

#### **Barrier Island Ecotours**

**Located on Isle of Palms**

**Phone:** 843 886 5000

<http://www.nature-tours.com/>

The Charleston area offers excellent opportunities for calm water fishing in the marshes and inlets. Catches include redfish, flounder and many other delectable species.

#### **Coastal Yacht Charters**

**Phone:** 843 557 5805

<http://www.coastal-yacht-charters.com/>

Coastal Yacht Charters offer everything from the basic to the all inclusive aboard a fleet of luxury yachts. Types of cruises available: Harbor Cruises, Executive Tours, Multi Day Golf Excursions, Wedding Getaways, Sunset Cruises, Dock Parties, and Day Trips.

#### **The Reel Deal Charters, LLC**

**Phone:** 843 388 5093 or 843 437 7333

<http://www.thereeldealcharters.com/>

Year round inshore/offshore, deep sea & big game saltwater fishing. Targeting Red Drum, SeaTrout, Flounder, Sheepshead, Snapper, Grouper, Dolphin, Tuna, Wahoo, Shark & many others.

## Sailing

### **Aqua Safaris, Inc. Worldwide Charter Yachts Located on Isle of Palms**

**Phone:** 800 524 3444 or 843 886 8133

<http://www.aqua-safaris.com/>

Fishing, power and sailing yachts. PALMETTO BREEZE Catamaran Harbor Sails 100 people. Vessels insured and exceed U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations. Private sailing lessons available: Boats 33' 55.'

### **OSA Sailing in Charleston Harbor**

**Phone:** 843 971 0700 or 866.971.0700

<http://www.osasailing.com/>

1/2 Day Sails., Be part of the crew aboard Ocean Sailing Academy's 2 6 passenger sailboats. Pitch in

and sail with the skipper/instructor or relax. Breeze across Charleston Harbor, legendary for its excellent sailing conditions.

### **SC Maritime Foundation**

**Phone:** 843 722 1030

<http://www.scmaritime.org/>

The Spirit of South Carolina tall ship provides sailing opportunities for young people to experience the sea while participating in a variety of educational and youth development programs. Profits from events such as Charleston Harbor Fest, Charleston Race Week and the Charleston to Bermuda Race directly contribute to educational programs aboard the Spirit.

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## Sports Venues

### **Charleston RiverDogs Baseball**

**Phone:** 843 723 7241

or 843 577 3647 (tickets)

<http://www.riverdogs.com/>

The Charleston RiverDogs are a Single A, Minor League Baseball Club affiliate for the New York Yankees. Providing fun, affordable entertainment in a gorgeous downtown ballpark April – August. Ticket prices range from \$5 10 per ticket. There's no such thing as too much fun!

### **Family Circle Tennis Center**

**Phone:** 843 856 7900

<http://www.familycirclecup.com/>

Open daily. M – F 8am – 8pm, Sat. 8am – 5pm and Sun. 9am 5pm. Within 15 minutes from downtown Charleston, enjoy one of the finest tennis facilities in the country. Home of the Family Circle Cup. Open to the public year round with 17 championship tennis courts (13 clay, 7 hard) all lighted for night play.

## Especially for Kids

Wild Dunes Resort has many programs for kids – camps, lessons, crafts, etc. Check out the activities guide at : [www.wilddunes.com/charleston\\_resort\\_activities.php](http://www.wilddunes.com/charleston_resort_activities.php). Note, it will be updated for summer activities.

## Family Fun Centers & Water Parks

The water parks are located within county parks with other features.

### Blackbeard's Cove Family Fun Park

Phone: 843 971 1223

#### Mount Pleasant

<http://www.blackbeardscove.net/>

Open 7 days a week/hours vary per season.  
Free admission – pay per attraction/packages.  
Featuring mini golf, go carts, laser tag, 25' climbing wall, arcade, Jumpland, Animaland, and restaurant.

### Splash Island Waterpark

Phone: 843 884 0832 or 843 795 4386

#### Mount Pleasant

<http://www.ccprc.com/index.aspx?nid=10>

Located within the Palmetto Islands County Park, this waterpark offers visitors a thrilling 200 ft slide, a 16 ft otter slide, sprays, waterfalls, geysers, and the Cyclone a water ride that swirls visitors around. General admission: \$6.99; children under 42" tall: \$4.99; & children 2 & under: Free (a \$1 park gate admission is also required).

### *Located in James Island:*

#### Splash Zone Waterpark

Phone: 843 795 7275 or 843 795 4386

<http://www.ccprc.com/index.aspx?nid=10>

Located within the James Island County Park, this well rounded water playground offers two 200 ft tube slides, a 500 ft lazy river with an adventure channel featuring sprays and a waterfall, a leisure pool, and a Caribbean play structure with interactive elements. General admission: \$9.99; children under 42" tall: \$6.99; & children 2 & under: Free (a \$1 park gate admission is also required).

#### Whirlin' Waters Adventure Waterpark

Phone: 843 572 7275 or 843 795 4386

<http://www.ccprc.com/index.aspx?nid=10>

Located at the North Charleston Wannamaker County Park. Over 15 acres of cool fun and island style water play area offering a toddler play area, and kiddie pool area with slides and interactive features, a 27,000 sq ft wave pool, three tube slides each over 300 ft long, a lazy river, and a Big Splash Tree house and more! General admission: \$18.99; children under 48" tall: \$13.99; & children 2 & under: Free.

## Cultural Attractions & Museums

- Charles Towne Landing – described in the historical section – is designed with kids in mind.
- The SC Maritime Foundation described in the sailing section provides tall ship sailing excursions for kids.

### Caw Caw Interpretive Center

**Phone:** 843 889 8898 or 843 795 4386

[www.ccprc.com/index.aspx?nid=53](http://www.ccprc.com/index.aspx?nid=53)

654 acre park highlights Charleston's heritage, including the significance of successful rice cultivation technology brought to America by Africans. Environmental education classrooms and eight miles of nature trails oak forest, and salt and fresh water marsh.

### Children's Museum of the Lowcountry

**Phone:** 843 853 8962

[www.explorecmi.org](http://www.explorecmi.org)

Located in downtown Charleston, this wonderful, hands on museum will be the best

memory of the trip for the 12 and under crowd. Explore the ocean, a castle, the art room and more.

### South Carolina Aquarium

**Phone:** 843 720 1990

<http://www.scaquarium.org/>

Fun, wonder, and education come together at the South Carolina Aquarium. Explore Penguin Planet, take a hike through Camp Carolina, get up close and touch an Atlantic Stingray at the touch tank or take a behind the scenes tour of the Sea Turtle Hospital.

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## Parks & Beaches

Many of the county parks boast water parks inside of them (see above).

### James Island County Park

**Phone:** 843 795 7275 or 843 795 4386

A 643 acre park with a variety of recreational opportunities, including crabbing and fishing from floating docks along tidal creeks and lagoons, biking, pedal boats, and picnicking. Splash Zone waterpark open seasonally. 50 foot climbing wall.

### Palmetto Islands County Park

**Phone:** 843 884 0832 or 843 795 4FUN (4386)

<http://www.ccprc.com/index.aspx?nid=69>

This 943 acre park offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including crabbing and fishing from floating docks along tidal creeks and lagoons, biking, pedal boating, and picnicking.

**Wild Dunes' Beach is beautiful and will be just right for most of us. But if you want to explore another part of Charleston's coast, here's how to do it.**

### Isle of Palms – Wild Dunes is located on Isle of Palms

<http://www.iop.net/Community/FrontBeach.aspx?section=visitors>

The Isle of Palms offers every activity imaginable. Isle of Palms County Park offers beautiful ocean frontage with lifeguards on duty seasonally along a beachfront designated swimming area. There is also a beautiful family oriented park located directly on the beach! The Isle of Palms is conveniently located just 12 miles from historic Charleston. For an unforgettable vacation, come to the Isle of Palms...you won't want your first visit to be your last.

**Kiawah Island Beachwalker County Park**  
<http://www.kiawahisland.org/TheBeach/Default.aspx>

Walking along this 10 mile stretch of undisturbed Atlantic beach, guests find it hard to believe that the City of Charleston is a mere 21 miles away. Public access to the beach is available at Beachwalker County Park, located on the west end of the island. The island abounds in natural beauty, from endless acres of marsh to thick forests of pines, magnolias and massive live oaks. Travel Channel called Kiawah's beach one of the nation's "Top Ten." Note this is about a 40 minute drive from Wild Dunes.

**Folly Beach**

<http://www.cityoffollybeach.com/>

Folly Beach, also known as "The Edge of America", is a beautiful barrier island only 15

minutes from downtown historic Charleston. The Folly Beach County Park is located at the east end of the island and includes outdoor showers, restrooms, picnic areas and more. Folly Beach is the home of sea, sand and surfing, historical and cultural sites; a maritime forest; Morris Island Lighthouse; gourmet food and southern hospitality.

**Sullivan's Island**

[www.sullivanislandsc.com](http://www.sullivanislandsc.com)

Casual, unhurried Sullivan's Island is one of the most relaxing and family friendly beaches on South Carolina's coast. Year round, visitors enjoy the island's inviting beaches, charming seaside neighborhoods and laid back dining venues. Sullivan's Island is treasured by visitors and residents alike for its rich history, friendly atmosphere, and simple beauty.