

Meet the Founding Members of the DREAM Team



Carol Kauffman, Terry Skinner, Molly Broderson, Bambi Thompson, & Susan Walton

Instructional personnel for DREAM 2026



Molly Broderson is a retired educator with over 35 years teaching physical education, students with special needs, and finishing her career as an elementary school principal. Her love for anything outdoors started during bird walks with her family in the Great Swamp in NJ, continued through her teenage years canoeing and camping in Canada and continues with her outdoor experiences as a member of the Friends of the Dragon Run



Carol Kauffman, FODR President: Carol has been on the FODR board for over six years. She is a retired teacher and has taught mathematics, life science, computer technology, and gifted and talented students in grades pre-K through 12. She is a Middle Peninsula Master Naturalist (MPMN), former Curriculum Committee Chair for the MPMN Basic Training Course, FODR Webmaster, Guest Relations, serves on the Youth and Community Outreach committee, and is a FODR paddle guide.



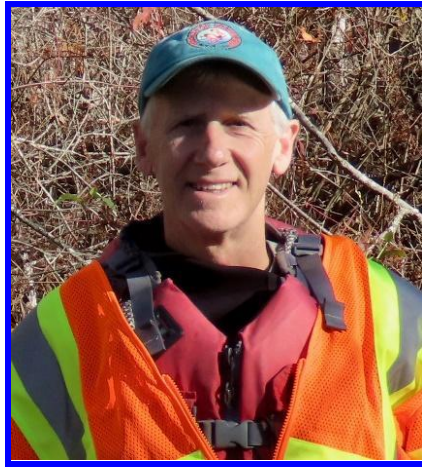
Terry Skinner earned a BS in Biology and Animal Science and an MA in Elementary Education from Virginia Tech. She has taught in public school and homeschooled 6 children K-12. She is a Middle Peninsula Master Naturalist, a member of the Youth and Community Outreach committee, and on the FODR paddle crew.



Susan Walton is a retired life science teacher who taught in Gloucester County for 31 years. She continues to work as an environmental educator and looks forward to bringing positive outdoor experiences to more teachers and students as well as the general public. She is a member of Middle Peninsula Master Naturalists. She participates in numerous citizen science projects and enjoys photography.



Dave Norman, FODR Treasurer; is a Middle Peninsula Master Naturalist with a strong interest in estuarine science. A member of the Jacques Cousteau generation, he majored in zoology in college and planned to become a marine biologist. But he ended up going in a completely different direction, practicing law as a public defender for many years before becoming a middle school math teacher. Since retiring, he has devoted countless volunteer hours to nature education and citizen science, first with the Smithsonian's Environmental Research Center, and more recently with the James River Association, VCU's Oyster Shell Recycling Program, and Friends of Dragon Run.



Jack Kauffman has been a member of the FODR board for five years. He is a retired Scientist who worked in the Pharmaceutical Industry for 30+ years. As a Master Naturalist, FODR Paddle Guide, Communications Director, and in his work developing the Stewardship Management Plans for FODR, Jack has been able to work for the conservation of natural ecosystems and teach the importance of conservation.



Kevin Howe, Ph.D., FODR Treasurer and a retired aquatic ecologist having taught and done research at Oregon State University, Willamette University, University of Southern Mississippi and University of Washington. Also worked for the EPA, The Nature Conservancy, and the Smithsonian Institution. He is a member and instructor of the Middle Peninsula & Northern Neck Chapters of Virginia Master Naturalists and a nature guide for FODR.



Jeff Wright is a past president of the Friends of Dragon Run and a Kayak Paddle and Hike Tour Guide. He is a volunteer preserve leader, steward, and leads hikes for The Nature Conservancy at preserves in Virginia. He is the initiator, leader, and compiler for the Northumberland-Lancaster Christmas Bird, the Dragon Run Christmas Bird Count, the Winter Waterfowl Count that encompasses the Middle Peninsula and the Northern Neck, as well as the following Butterfly Counts: Northumberland-Lancaster, George Washington Birthplace, and Dragon Run. Jeff is the President of the Old Growth Forest Network, a national organization dedicated to creating a network of forests, with one in each county where forests can grow, open for visitors and never logged, and a network of people inspired to protect them. He is a Certified Virginia Master Naturalist, having recorded over 5000 volunteer hours and a past President of the Northern Neck Master Naturalists Chapter. He likes to run toward nature.