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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



FGF student group designed this great logo for the first annual Fun Run. Stay tuned for another Fun Run this fall!



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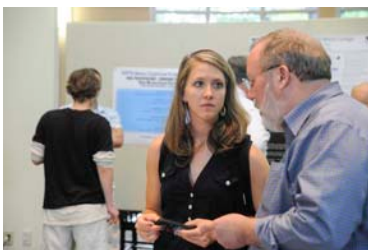
## Senior Capstone Projects Presented on April 18<sup>th</sup>



*Hunter Holladay discusses his Senior Capstone Project with Dr. John Simmons.*



*Zach Murray refers to his Senior Capstone Project as he talks to fellow students.*



*Dr. Ferguson talks with Rachel Brittenham about her Senior Capstone Project.*

## *FGF Student Group Hosts First Annual Shoals Fun Run* by Jan Patton

Last Sunday, Fierce Green Fire (FGF) hosted the first annual Shoals Fun Run in Glendale, SC. I would say the run was a smashing success! Participants said they had a great time and really enjoyed the scenic course and Glendale's atmosphere. We were also able to make a little profit from the run, which will go towards supporting club promoted sustainable projects and we will also make a donation to a fund that will help support the upkeep of the Glendale area (e.g. removing debris and litter from the trails).

The course was approximately three miles. The first loop wrapped around the Glendale village neighborhood, the second part was an out-and-back on the Palmetto Conservation Foundation's Trail along Lawson's Fork Creek, which was followed by a repeat of the first loop.

After the run, some of the participants enjoyed a beautiful kayak trip above the Glendale Shoals dam on Lawson's Fork Creek, using the kayaks

purchased as part of the Environmental Studies Program's *Thinking Like a River* Initiative. This part of the event was assisted by Bob Hathcock, who has been helping with all of the *Thinking Like a River* kayak adventures. We are grateful for his expertise and experience!

We did learn a few things with this event – one being that the Earth Day weekend has many other activities going on. With that in mind, in the future we will hold our annual fun run a few weeks into the fall semester. Many thanks to all of the student volunteers who made this event possible, and to our sponsors: Monsoon Noodle House, Ace Hardware-Gaffney, Buford Street Drugs and Home Medicine, RoadID, Gaffney Carpet Cleaning, Smith & Jones Janitorial Supplies & Equipment, Inc.



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- April 26<sup>th</sup> **National Arbor Day Celebration:** 9:30am at Morgan Square in downtown Spartanburg.
- April 27<sup>th</sup> **Concert at Glendale Shoals:** *The Antibodies* will perform at the outdoor amphitheater at 5:30pm. Admission is free, but we are collecting donated supplies for The Adult Learning Center (writing utensils, notebooks, dry erase materials, etc.).
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spartanburg Regional Classic:** Come out and enjoy the races in downtown Spartanburg! The first race starts at 4:00pm. Races are scheduled throughout the afternoon/evening with the women's pros starting at 7:05pm and the men's pros at 8:30pm. May is National Bike Month! Check out <http://www.active-living.org/Spartanburg-Regional-Classic.html> for more details.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> **Croft State Park Fishing for Fun:** 8:00am-2:00pm, Volunteers needed to help with a day of fishing for low-income children. Contact Jan Patton [pattonje@email.wofford.edu](mailto:pattonje@email.wofford.edu) if you are interested in helping out.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> **Spartanburg County Spring 2013 Bird Count:** Help count the bird population of the Upstate. Contact Lyle Campbell, [lcampbell@uscupstate.edu](mailto:lcampbell@uscupstate.edu), for information.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** Last meeting of the year in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.
- Ongoing **Job Opening at GOLS - Palmetto Conservation Foundation:** GOLS is hiring someone to work 10 to 25 hours a week throughout the summer and into fall depending on the student's schedule. Tasks include answering phone calls and emails, taking group reservations, camp registrations, maintaining social media and website, and writing a monthly newsletter. The position may also include helping with teambuilding facilitation, rock climbing birthday parties, and summer camps. Pay is \$10/hour. If you are interested, please contact Kari Hanna, (803) 771- 0870 or [kari@palmettoconservation.org](mailto:kari@palmettoconservation.org).

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Tulane University – Environmental Law*

Tulane Law School offers six certificates of specialization, which includes environmental law. It is the 12<sup>th</sup> oldest law school in the nation and was established in 1847.

In addition to the law program, The Environmental Law Society (ELS) is one of the oldest and most active environmental law volunteer student groups in the nation. ELS provides a diverse forum for environmental activists, connecting law students with the local, statewide, and nationwide environmental communities. The

Society hosts an annual *Tulane Law School Summit on Environmental Law and Policy*, a nationwide and entirely student-run public interest conference that discusses the day's most pressing environmental concerns.

Additionally, ELS presents and sponsors diverse speakers, organizes campus-renowned hiking, camping, canoeing, and bicycle trips and maintains the law school's recycling program. Visit <http://www.law.tulane.edu/tlsabout/index.aspx> for more information on this program.