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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



The new Aldo Leopold "Shack" during construction in January. The "Shack" will be used for educational outreach in the garden at the Goodall Center when it is completed later this month.

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Thinking Like a River: Introducing the Fellows

An important part of the *Thinking Like a River* initiative funded by the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation is the interaction with members of our wider community, facilitated partly through our new Fellows program. Over the course of three years, five groups of Fellows will participate. During the first week of spring semester, the inaugural group of Fellows had its second meeting at our Goodall Center for Environmental Studies at Glendale Shoals. The first meeting, held in October, was a chance for the Fellows to get to know one another with a short float to the Upper Shoals.

This time, we got down to business! Each Fellow is responsible for developing a project that will bring awareness and appreciation of rivers to the community. Dr. Terry Ferguson, who is directing the Fellows program, kicked off the meeting with a video about project management featuring Dean Scott Cochran of Wofford's Mungo Center for Professional Excellence.

The Fellows used the information in the video to begin defining the objectives and scope of their preliminary project ideas. Ned Barrett, of *Partners for Active Living*, is thinking about how to communicate the value of trails in an effort to expand Spartanburg's system of bike and walking trails. Peyton Howell, of *Tindall Corporation*, is working to involve community organizations in Glendale in river issues. Alissa Ritzo Duncan, of *Ten at the Top*, an organization that coordinates with government leaders in the ten counties of the upstate to foster collaboration, is planning a set of videos introducing beginning paddlers to the logistics of planning a river adventure. Finally, Renee Phillips, of *Spartanburg School District Three*, is developing curricular materials for river education.

Future meetings will continue the project focus with input from local water experts, and of course the Fellows will also have opportunities to get out on our local rivers together with Wofford students! For additional information, contact Dr. Ferguson.



Pictures taken by Dr. Ferguson on January 17 & 18, 2013 show Glendale Shoals at flood level.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- February 11th **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** First meeting of spring semester in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.
- February 15th **Application Deadline - Santee Cooper's 2013 Environmental Intern Program:** Only 12 South Carolina college students will be chosen to participate in this year's program (May 28– August 2). Come by the ENVS office and talk to Dr. Savage for more information. Two Wofford ENVS majors loved their internship experience!
- February 19th **Writer, Naturalist, and Environmental Activist Janisse Ray to Speak:** SC Native Plant Society is sponsoring "*How Clearcut Does It Have To Be?*", a discussion about the disappearance of the South's longleaf pine forests. 7:00pm in the J. Verne Smith Technical Resource Center Auditorium on Greenville Tech Main Campus.
- February 20th **Dedication of the Shack & "Green Fire" Film Screening:** Come out to the Goodall Center at 5:00pm for the dedication ceremony of the new "shack" in the Goodall Garden. Reception to follow with the screening of "*Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time*" starting at 6:30pm. This film explores the life and legacy of famed conservationist Aldo Leopold and the many ways his land ethic philosophy lives on today. *Film is 73 minutes.*
- Late February **Sierra Club Essay Contest:** *What does wilderness mean to the millennial generation? Does the idea of wilderness have any relevance for twenty-first century environmentalists? Is there still a case to be made for wilderness? If so, how can we make that case?* Essays should be no more than 1000 words. Contest will open in late February. Stay tuned for instructions on submitting an essay.
- Ongoing **Sustainability Cups Are Still Available:** Cups are \$20 and can be purchased by contacting Cyrus Corbett at corbettwc@email.wofford.edu with your name, W number, and CPO box number. Use your cup at many of the dining facilities on campus for free soft drinks!
- Ongoing **Summer 2013 Intern Program:** Applications for The Savannah River Remediation (SRR) Intern Program at the Savannah River Site (SRS) are being accepted beginning November 1st. See Dr. Savage for information on submitting an application. Selected applicants will be contacted by March 31, 2013.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

New York University – MA in Environmental Conservation Education

NYU's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development offers a MA in Environmental Conservation Education. Students study environmental education, environmental thought, environmental politics, and ecology and can choose from a wide range of electives such as environmental policy, environmental history, economics, biology and education.

NYU's urban experience offers students the opportunity to intern with well-known organizations such as the Audubon Society, Department of Environmental Protection, and the United Nations.

Also the program offers the opportunity to take classes within NYU's Steinhardt's Science Education program and the Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education and the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

The program is ideally suited for those who have a demonstrated interest in environmental issues and/or education. Visit <http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/teachlearn/environmental/> for more information on this program.