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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Professor Lane's ENVS 101 lab spent Wednesday afternoon on the Lawson's Fork at Glendale.



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It's Time to Tailgate & Recycle! By Jan Patton & Jessica Jones

Fierce Green Fire (FGF) is a group of students focused on spreading knowledge and raising awareness about sustainability at Wofford and in the surrounding community. FGF was established because students asked for a club on campus to be focused on environmental concerns such as sustainability issues and practices. Many members asked for a club where environmental studies majors and faculty, and others who are interested in promoting sustainability can congregate outside of the classroom to do hands-on projects both on and off campus. FGF welcomes all majors and faculty members to collaborate on these projects and activities to raise awareness and educate the campus and our community about sustainability.

Our most recent project is promoting recycling during Wofford's football tailgating, and educating fans. Each home game, our group gathers next to the student gate, and each volunteer receives clear trash bags and recycling flyers to pass along to tailgaters. The group asks the tailgaters to use the bags for all of their recyclables such as aluminum cans, plastics, paper, cardboard, and glass. These designated bags are left at the tailgate site and picked up by the maintenance staff, then recycled.

We will continue the tailgate-recycling program this coming football season with guidance from Junk Matters, LLC. This year, Junk Matters is involved in a zero waste initiative within the stadium. Everything purchased in the stadium (including cans, bottles, cups, candy wrappers, etc.) will be separated as compostable and recyclable items, and there will be stations of bins for compostable and recyclable items to be discarded.

Volunteers, including FGF members, will man the bins during the tailgating before the game and in the stadiums during the game, at least for the first few games, to educate fans about what is recyclable and what is compostable.

If you would like to help us promote recycling and composting at the football games, please contact Jan Patton at pattonje@email.wofford.edu. Volunteering entails manning the bins at least during the tailgating or one quarter of the game. We need and appreciate every volunteer. Plus, each volunteer will get a free Go Green t-shirt!



After their float down the river, ENVS 101 students reflect on the experience.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- September 14th **Upstate Forever:** 2nd Annual Preservation Ride – located at Strawberry Hill USA, 3097 Highway 11, Chesnee, SC. 3 great routes. Register at www.upstateforever.org.
- September 20th **Drum Circle:** Goodall Environmental Studies Center amphitheater, 7:00pm-9:00pm.
- September 23rd **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** Next meeting in BSA 1 at 8:30pm.
- September 23rd –
27th **Volunteers Needed at Goodall:** Haley needs help this week, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Peyton Howell, one of our *Thinking Like A River Fellows*, and Haley will be doing crafts with school-aged children for his fellows project. If you are interest, contact Haley at brielhe@wofford.edu.
- September 29th **Dedication of the Mary Arrington Walters Preserve at Glendale Shoals:** SPACE invites you to this dedication ceremony, 4:00pm-6:00pm. Professor Rayner will give a presentation on “A New Role for the Local Land Trust.” BBQ dinner provided; tickets \$20/person. Please call 948-0000 for reservations.
- September &
October **Friday Lunchtime Bike Ride:** Each Friday at 12:00pm Partner’s for Active Living hosts a lunchtime ride. This week’s ride will start at the Henry Street trailhead of the Mary Black Rail Trail. All levels welcome, helmets are required.
- October 26th **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day:** 10:00am-2:00pm. Drop off any old medication at the Sheriff’s office or Spartanburg City Hall. Check www.ariverremedy.org for more information. Also look for Spartanburg Citizens for Recycling on Facebook.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of California – Berkley – Energy and Resources

UC – Berkley established the Energy and Resources Group (ERG) in 1973. They offer MS (*Masters of Science*) and PhD (*doctoral*) programs in Energy and Resources. From their website: “The purpose of the ERG Master’s program is to educate the next generation of interdisciplinary leaders. Specifically, students are taught the range of methods and subjects they should be able to understand, advance, and critique to address critical issues stemming from the interaction of humans and the

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