Volunteers needed to help with 4th Grade Students!

World Water Monitoring Day
Saturday, April 16th
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Goodall Environmental Studies Center
Glendale, SC
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The first Environmental Studies Senior Seminar class has enjoyed several interesting speakers this semester. We are grateful for their time and expertise!

Beginning in February, Scott Cochran, Wofford's director of Career Services, spoke to the class on career planning. Ellen Ruff, former President of Duke Energy, focused on energy challenges for the future. Matt Johnston, from the Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment in Madison, Wisconsin, spoke to the class about biofuels, while Mike Caston, executive director of SJWD Water District, discussed water challenges facing South Carolina.

The March speakers have included Jan Hammett, a passionate citizen-activist and Spartanburg County Soil and Water Commissioner. Hammett, together with Chris Starker, Rural Waters Project Associate with Upstate Forever, spoke about the importance of community involvement at the local level. Jack Smith, an environmental law partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Charleston (also Callie Smith's dad), focused on environmental law and "smart" development.

The most recent guest speaker was Hugh Lane, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wofford College, who is also on the advisory committee for the Ace Basin Estuarine Research Reserve and spoke eloquently about the people and vision that brought it to fruition.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

March 22nd

World Water Day

March 23rd

Last Green Screen Film! HUB-BUB Showroom: This Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM will feature “Walden-The Ballad of Thoreau”. Admission: FREE!

April 2nd

Tame the Tyger! Recreational Float at 10:00 am and Downriver Race at 11:00 am: Kick off the return of spring with Spartanburg County’s legendary river festival! Choose to race, float, or just spend a day next to the river. All will enjoy the post-race festival featuring boat demos, live music, and local barbeque. Cost: Festival-Free. Downriver Race and Recreational Float: $25 until March 25th, $30 after March 25th. Go http://www.spartanburgparks.org/paddling.htm for registration information.

April 16th

Wofford College’s 2nd Annual Thoreauvian Saunter: Walk, run, or ride from Wofford to the Goodall Environmental Studies Center in Glendale. The race starts at 8:00 AM. If you would like to volunteer to help for this event, please email Chris in the ENVS office at overcashcb@wofford.edu.

April 17th

“Jam in the Park”, Duncan Park: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Enjoy the music and get information about local environmental nonprofit organizations for an early Earth Day celebration.

“Stump Jump” Mountain Bike Race at Croft State Natural Area: Race starts at 9:00 AM, visit http://www.stumpjump.org/ for more information.

What’s happening in the community? Check out these websites for additional events and opportunities!

http://www.sustainablespartanburg.com
http://www.upstateforever.org

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE OF THE WEEK:
University of Michigan – School of Natural Resources and Environment

The University of Michigan, located in Ann Arbor, established the School of Natural Resources in 1950. This was the first program of its kind in the world. In 1992 the name was changed to the School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE).

It offers two master’s degrees, an M.S. in Natural Resources and Environment and an M.L.A. in Landscape Architecture.

Students in the M.S. program specialize in one of eight fields of study, including Aquatic Sciences, Behavior, Education and Communication, Conservation Biology, Environmental Informatics, Environmental Justice, Environmental Policy and Planning, Sustainable Systems, and Terrestrial Ecosystems.

There is also a doctoral program that offers a Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Environment and in Landscape Architecture. To learn more about the program, visit http://www.snre.umich.edu/about_snre