Events of the Week in Environmental Studies

Please join us for the ES’s Fierce Green Fire Group Meeting

Tonight at 7:30 pm in Campus Life

Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome. The group plans to discuss ideas for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Environmental Studies Department has been active this week.

The Terrio brought out the competitive side of Senior Kat Plunkett and Dr. Zhu as they raced for the finish line in their ’80s themed “Exxon Valdez” golf cart. The Terrio is based on the famous Palio horse race in Siena, Italy, in which each neighborhood in the city enters a colorfully, decorated horse in hopes of winning the prize. They didn’t bring home the win for the Environmental Studies Department, but they did have a great time participating! A big thank you to all who helped decorate the golf cart!

While the Terrio was taking place, Dr. Savage was in Washington, D.C. at the Department of Energy Subsurface Biochemical Research Conference where she presented her finding in her research project, which was highlighted in FGF several weeks ago.

Professor Lane’s class had a visit from Chaser this week. Dr. Pilley did a demonstrated with Chaser and Professor Lane talked about the intersection of science and humanities. Professor Lane also received the Excellence in Teaching Award from South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities earlier this month and has released his latest book, “Abandoned Quarry: New and Selected Poems.”
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

May 6th  | **Spartanburg Regional Classic:** Come kick off Spring Fling and watch the bike race in downtown Spartanburg on a closed-circuit, multi-lap cycling track. 1st race begins at 3:30 pm with races taking place all afternoon. The women’s race starts at 6:30 pm and the men’s race starts at 8:00 pm. Admission is free!  [http://www.active-living.org/Spartanburg-Regional-Classic.html](http://www.active-living.org/Spartanburg-Regional-Classic.html)

May 12th | **Citizen Water Monitoring Training Day:** 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm at Musgrove Mill Historic Site Picnic Shelter along the Historic Enoree River, 92 State Park Road, Clinton, SC, 29325. EPA and DHEC officials will teach hands-on water sampling techniques. Training is free. For more information contact Anne Brock at (864) 427-6259, or enoreewatershed@gmail.com.

May 21st | **Build Your Own Rain Barrel:** Clemson Extension is offering a workshop at their office at 142 S. Dean Street starting at 9:30 am. Pre-registration is required and the cost of the workshop is $65. Contact Kim at 596-2993 to register.

May 21st | **5th Annual Enoree River Sweep:** Come out and help clean the historic Enoree River. Meet at Heritage Park in Whitmire at 8:30 am to get cleaning supplies and assigned access points. Work until noon with lunch provided. Contact Alice Riddle, USFS, at (864) 427-9858 for more information.

June 4th | **Educational Paddle Tours on Lake Blalock:** 9:00 am – noon Spartanburg Water will host a tour that will educate kayakers and canoeists on the history of Lake Blalock and the water quality, watershed awareness and wildlife protection programs. Registration fee: $15 with own watercraft, $30 to rent (limited supply). Register by the Thursday before the date.  Registration form attached to this email. Contact John Moore at jmoore@spartantburgwater.org or 578-5442.

**Upstate Forever – Conservation Legislative Alert**
**Status of conservation and planning-related legislation in SC General Assembly**
[http://tinyurl.com/UF-campaign-r20](http://tinyurl.com/UF-campaign-r20)

**GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE OF THE WEEK:**
**Monterey Institute of International Studies**

Monterey Institute of International Studies, located in Monterey, California, is affiliated with the Graduate School of Middlebury College. It offers a Masters of Arts in International Environmental Policy (MAIEP), which focuses on an international scope instead of just on U.S. policy issues. Three specialized tracks are offered in Energy & Climate Change, Marine & Land Conservation, and Business, Sustainability, & Development.

Along with the core course and elective specialization course work, there is also a foreign language course work requirement.

This area of California is home to marine and ocean conservation and policy as well as the “greentech” revolution and many environmental groups and there are opportunities to collaborate with many of these environmental institutions.

According to their website, “Monterey Institute is one of the most environmentally-conscious campuses in the country and plans to be a carbon neutral campus by January 2016.” For more information, please visit the website.
[http://www.miis.edu/academics/programs/environmentalpolicy](http://www.miis.edu/academics/programs/environmentalpolicy)