Over Thanksgiving break I went to visit my older sister in Austin, Texas. Just outside of the bustling city is Austin’s greenbelt, a section of preserved land perfect for hiking, biking, or relaxing. While I was there, I hiked a trail that ran along Barton Creek that featured two waterfalls known as the “twin falls.” As I walked along the trail, I saw many people lounging in the shallow areas of the creek and enjoying the cool blue waters. The Austin greenbelt as a whole is about 7.25 miles long. This past summer I also spent some time in Austin and was able to explore more of its outdoor areas. My sister and I paddle boarded down Lady Bird Lake which runs along downtown Austin. The lake is named after former first lady, Lady Bird Johnson. The presidential library of her husband, Lyndon B. Johnson, is also located in Austin. However, the most fascinating thing about Austin in the summer is the bats. Every night in the summer, people gather around the Congress Avenue Bridge that runs over Lady Bird Lake. Just before the sun sets, a large swarm of bats fly out from under the bridge and emit a cacophony of squeaking noises. Most of the bats are Mexican Free-Tailed Bats who migrate from central Mexico and stay in Austin during the hottest part of the summer. Overall, Austin has done an excellent job maintaining nature even in their lively city environment.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

December 4th
11:00am-1:00pm
351 Broadway Street
Glendale, 29346

Glendale Trash Pick Up Day: Join us to help clean up Glendale Shoals. Enjoy the outdoors, hot beverages, and snack while having a positive impact on the planet. Contact Wade Wood, woodpw@email.wofford.edu for more information.

December 6th
7:00pm
Zoom

Harvard School of Divinity’s Weather Reports: A weekly series of online conversations featuring this week’s panel discussion, Moving Beyond the Weather Reports: Where Do We Go from Here? with HDS students.

December 7th & 9th
8:00-9:20am
Zoom

ENVS Capstone Presentations for Class of 2022: Seniors will be presenting their capstone projects via Zoom. Email Dr. Brewitt, brewittpk@wofford.edu for the link if you would like to watch the presentations.

January 4th
Application Deadline

PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies Summer Internship: Montclair State University hosts a Green Team Program paid-summer internship, May 31-August 4, 2022. Apply to be a Green Team Member.

Now thru February 5th
Spartanburg Art Museum
200 E Saint John Street

Lamentations: A photographic exhibition by Tina Freeman on loan from the New Orleans Museum of Art. Freeman’s photographs of the wetlands of Louisiana and the glacial landscape of the Arctic and Antarctica pair images from these disparate regions in a series of diptychs that function as stories about climate change, ecological balance, and the connectedness of disparate landscapes.

Ongoing

Become a Campus Organizer for StudentPIRGs

Ongoing

Job Opportunities at Teton Science School

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Villanova University – MS in Environmental Science

Villanova’s Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES) program focuses on understanding the scientific processes of the environment to better manage human interactions with natural systems. Students can learn relevant technology skills such as geographic information systems, global positioning systems, cartographic techniques, and satellite imagery.

The MSES degree, with either a thesis or non-thesis option, offers a foundation in current environmental issues and research methods along with hands-on research experience and concentrations in Ecosystem Sciences and Resource Management.

Villanova’s geographic location in the mid-Atlantic offers coastal to urban to agricultural environments for research study and faculty have a wide range of academic disciplines.

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