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# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

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## *Bushcraft and Wilderness Survival by Lucy Rencher '26*



I took part in the Wilderness Survival Interim this January alongside Dr. Telligman and Dr. Efurd. The training taught us a ton of interesting survival skills. Included in this list of useful life skills are knot tying, knife safety, land navigation, animal trapping, first aid, how to make fires, and building shelters.

The majority of the time, we got to take in Glendale's beautiful environment as we met at the Goodall Center. I loved that this course allowed me to spend time outside. Along with spending time outside, we had the opportunity to listen to several excellent guest lecturers, such as Matt Kelly, who imparted all the wisdom he has learned from his numerous hiking adventures. Wofford Environmental Studies alum, Chris Underwood '15 also came to talk to us about his experience on the Reality TV show *Survivor*. He ended up

winning *Season 38*. I thought it was cool to hear about his experience being on the show.

Everyone took part in an overnight camping trip to cap off the course. We put all our new skills to use and construct our own shelters and fires for cooking and warmth. I had a great time spending the night in the woods without a phone. It was a lovely detox from the outside world. The main difficulty my group encountered was staying warm at night. We had a reasonably easy time setting up our shelter, lighting our fire, and cooking our dinner. We discovered that to get the most warmth, it actually helps to be raised and not immediately on the ground. Overall, I had a great time during this course, and I would suggest it to anyone who likes the outdoors.



*Students in the Wilderness Survival Interim participated in an overnight campout to test their new skills in shelter construction and fire building.*

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

February 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:00-11:00am  
Goodall Center, 351  
Broadway St, Glendale, SC  
29346

***Second Saturdays Volunteer Day in Glendale:*** Join us on the second Saturday of the month to help beautify the garden and surrounding areas at the Goodall Center. [Register here to let us know you're coming.](#)

February 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
Via Zoom

***Extractivism and the Infrastructure of Cultural Loss in Iquitos: Rubber, Ayahuasca, and the Biblioteca Amazónica:*** Dr. Amanda M. Smith, associate professor at UC-Santa Cruz will give this virtual talk. Registration link: [https://wofford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HgClXs6xTfCJ-jI5i0Eiuw](https://wofford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HgClXs6xTfCJ-jI5i0Eiuw)

February 17<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-1:50pm  
Chandler Center, Room  
214

***Speaker Yvonne Dalschen:*** Join us for Visiting Goodall Fellow and photographer Yvonne Dalschen's talk in Dr. Whitmarsh's ENVS 202 class.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00pm  
Via Zoom

***A Chicana Eco-Genealogy: Searching for My Environmental Foremothers:*** Dr. Priscilla Ybarra, associate professor at University of North Texas will give a virtual talk. This talk traces the history of little-known Mexican American and Chicana ecological knowledge caretakers as a way to find her own place in the world and in relationship to her mother's life story. Registration link: [https://wofford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_FoV2xT3XSCCKjwC4Ei1h8Q](https://wofford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FoV2xT3XSCCKjwC4Ei1h8Q)

March 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am-2:00pm  
366 N Church Street,  
Spartanburg, SC 29303

***15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hazardous Household Waste Collection & Rain Barrel Sale:*** Rain or shine, all Spartanburg County residents can bring their hazardous household waste to be disposed (excluding electronics). Rain barrels will be available for purchase. [See the list of acceptable and unacceptable items.](#)

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *University of Michigan – School of Environment and Sustainability*

The University of Michigan 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 and now is known as the School of Environment and Sustainability (SEAS).

The program offers a Master of Science and a Master of Landscape Architecture. Students in the MS program specialize in one of seven fields of study, including Behavior, Education and Communication,

Ecosystem and Science Management, Geospatial Data Science, Environmental Justice, Environmental Policy and Planning, Sustainability and Development, and Sustainable Systems.

There is also a doctoral program that offers a PhD in Environment and Sustainability and one in Landscape Architecture, as well as graduate certificate and dual-degree programs.

[University of Michigan - SEAS](#)