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Fire Ecology Interim with Drs. Brewitt and Fowler
by Liles Morton ’25

This interim I took the class, Fire Ecology of the Southern Appalachians. Some days we were in the classroom, but most of the time we were in the field exploring. In the classroom, we looked at different cases of wildfires and controlled burning with engaging activities such as debates and group work. We went to many national parks, state parks, and gamelands to learn about the uses of fire and how that affects each ecosystem. The coolest part is that we got to interact and learn with actual rangers, foresters, and biologists to better understand controlled burning and wildfires. My favorite field experience was the trip we took to Table Rock State Park to observe and hike through the aftermath of a large wildfire, Table Rock wildland fire. Another great experience was the trip to Pisgah National Forest where we got the chance to talk with wildland firefighters and burn bosses who work for the National Forest Service. It was really interesting to see their work with controlled burning and the importance of it for the health of the ecosystem. It was also interesting to compare the forest of a “non burned” unit with a burned unit. This class was so immersive as we had hands-on experience with fire ecology. It was so amazing to be outdoors and talking with people who do incredible work for the environment and for us. There was something to learn in every corner of the class!
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Follow the Goodall Center Instagram page.

Apply for NSF-Funded Summer Research Program: Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) on interdisciplinary approaches to wetland restoration. The program runs May 28-Aug 3 at Rochester Institute of Technology. $6000 stipend + travel, meal allowance, and on-campus housing.

Free Electronics Recycling Event for Spartanburg County Residents: Bring your old electronics to recycle. See list of acceptable items.

PAL Trail Stewardship Day: Sign up here to help beautify the River Birch/Wildflower Way sections of the Cottonwood Trail. Raindate: 3/2/24.

Geophysics Field Camp Experience: Apply for the 2024 Near Surface Field Experience Program GNOMES. The program runs June 10-23 with a $1200 stipend + food and lodging at Towson University.

Summer Camp Counselors Needed at Adventure Camp: Camp runs mid-May through early August. Job Description and application instructions on ENVS Moodle page.

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.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:
University of Georgia – Master of Public Health

UGA’s College of Public Health offers a Master of Public Health with concentrations in disaster management, gerontology, environmental health science, epidemiology & biostatistics, health policy & management, and health promotion & behavior.

This 2-year program is designed for health professionals who wish to expand their skills, knowledge, and expertise, and for students who wish to build a career in public health. There are also several dual-degree programs and certificate programs. Students learn service and leadership in public health through coursework and field experiences.

All students complete a 300-hour internship in a public health-related organization and must pass a culminating experience to graduate.

University of Georgia – College of Public Health MPH Program