

# The Fierce Green Fire

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*ENVS 101 students kayak to the Upper Shoals on the Lawson's Fork Creek at Glendale*

## *Kayaking 101 by Jade Lawson '23*

*Student Jade Lawson enjoyed spending time in nature and reflecting on her land and water experience.*



Our lab on Wednesday was one of the most fun, but most tiring labs I have been on. We got to hike and kayak. It was very interesting how hiking is so different than kayaking. For someone like me, who hikes all the time, I chose to hike first. Hiking first allowed me to really focus on the organisms around me, but once I got in a kayak, my perspective changed. It was my first time kayaking and the guide was super helpful. Kayaking got me out of my comfort zone and let me experience Lawson's Fork in a whole new way. It was actually quite relaxing going slow and observing everything around me

on the banks of the river. Both hiking and kayaking allowed me to learn more and more about Lawson's Fork's historical background. Our destination was the shoals and learning about what the shoals connects and how it was formed was amazing to learn. Also being able to compare the land experience to the water experience on the same day, was very eye opening. Also it was neat to think about how the river used to mainly be used for transportation. Overall, I was very thankful for this experience, and would love to kayak again in the future!



*It has become tradition for students in ENVS 101 to spend one lab class kayaking the Lawson's Fork of the Pacolet River as an introduction to Environmental Studies.*



## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

*\*These count toward your two required extracurricular events for the semester.*

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
*Application Deadline*

**Graduate Student Job Opening at USGS National Minerals Information Center:** See job details and requirements at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/547335600>.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00am-11:00am  
*Various locations in Spartanburg*

**Clean Up Spartanburg\***: Visit [www.keepspartanburgbeautiful.org](http://www.keepspartanburgbeautiful.org) to learn how you can participate in this clean up event.

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
5:00-6:00pm  
*Leonard Auditorium*

**From Silent Spring to Silent Night: A Tale of Toads and Men\***: Dr. Tyrone Hayes from UC Berkeley will give a talk. Dr. Hayes is best known for showing how the herbicide atrazine acts as an endocrine disruptor on the development of amphibians, leading to feminization of male frog traits. There is also a lunchtime discussion planned for that day. If students are interested in lunch, please RSVP to Dr. Cruze or Dr. Moeller.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Application Deadline*

**Graduate Student Job Opening at USGS National Minerals Information Center:** See job details and requirements at [www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/544909100](http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/544909100).

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
3:30pm  
*Milliken's Customer Center  
920 Milliken Road, 29303*

**Milliken & Company – Conversation on Sustainability\***: Join Milliken for the public launch of their sustainability goals with keynote speaker Brian Skerry, a National Geographic photographer and fellow. Reception to follow in the Milliken Arboretum. [Register here](#) for this free event.

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
*Application Deadline*

**South Carolina Wildlife Federation's Nicole Chadwick Memorial Scholarship:** \$500 scholarships are awarded to women in environmental fields at SC colleges and universities. [Link here](#) for more information on this and other scholarships.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30-7:30pm  
*Macedonia Missionary Baptist  
Church, 502 S. Daniel Morgan  
Ave., 29306*

**Toward a More Walkable Spartanburg\***: How can we improve walkability and build it beyond downtown? Come learn from urban designer and walkability expert Jeff Speck. Sponsored by *Upstate Forever, Piedmont Natural Gas, Mary Black Foundation, OneSpartanburg, Spartanburg Area Transportation Study, City of Spartanburg, and Partners for Active Living*. [Register for this free event](#).

**Ongoing**

**Job Opportunities in Conservation and Restoration:** [The Great Basin Institute](#) is a nonprofit organization that specializes in conservation and restoration all throughout the West. They are currently hiring for over 60 paid positions ranging from ecological monitoring, wildlife monitoring, trail maintenance, range land management, and fuels reduction.

## PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

### *Virginia Tech – Master of Natural Resources*

[Virginia Tech's Center for Leadership in Global Sustainability](#) offers a Master of Natural Resources (MNR).

Designed as a professional degree, the MNR is offered in two flexible formats to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse audience—a 100% Online format (MNR) and an Executive format in Global Sustainability (XMNR) for professionals aiming to advance their careers or shift to leadership roles in sustainability fields. Each of the degrees are 30-credit, non-thesis programs that provide an

interdisciplinary perspective, transformative experience, and international exchange as core elements of the curriculum. The MNR degree does not require a GRE score for admission.

The online MNR combines online coursework and participation in a 10-day, face-to-face international trip that takes the place of the typical capstone project. The XMNR includes coursework and a capstone directed-study project.