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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Our 1st Halloween party at the Goodall Center brought the community together to celebrate with the kids.

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Dr. Thurmond shows one of his snakes to an interested toddler.

Halloween Outreach Event at Goodall

We welcomed the Glendale community to the Goodall Center on Tuesday evening, October 30th for a Halloween program for the kids. Goodall outreach coordinator Haley Briel put together a program full of snakes, spiders, crafts, and goodies. Dr. Gerald Thurmond (Wofford Sociology Department) and Rev. Stuart Jones (Fernwood Baptist Church Associate Pastor & Youth Minister) both brought a variety of beautiful non-venomous snakes that could be handled – the kids were wearing them like jewelry!

There were also skulls of various animals borrowed from the Wofford Biology Department for children to observe and admire, as well as several (sealed) boxes containing live spiders. Beth Button of the Watershed Ecology Center at USC-Upstate added a black widow to the mix! That one was sealed more tightly...

In addition to the nature component of the event, there were also two craft projects for the children to make and decorate – a pumpkin photo frame and a bat with moveable wings. They had a great time decorating while munching cupcakes and candy.

There was a lot of volunteer help provided by Wofford students, primarily from Dr. Powers' *Introduction to Public Relations* class and from the Environmental Studies program. Thanks to all who attended and who made this program a success!



Student investigates an animal skull with a magnifying glass.



The students enjoyed holding the different snakes.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

November 1st **Longleaf in the Long Run: Restoring the South's Richest Forest:** Speaker Rhett Johnson, founder and president of The Longleaf Alliance, will speak as part of the newly established *Tyson Family Lecture on Restoring and Preserving Southern Ecosystems*, which will be an annual event hosted by Environmental Studies. 7:00pm in Olin Teaching Theater.

November 8th **Fall For Reading – Sebastian Junger:** This award-winning journalist and best-selling author will be at the Spartanburg County Library Headquarters, Barrett Room, 7:00-8:00pm. His books include "*A Death in Belmont*," "*Fire*" and "*The Perfect Storm*," which became a major motion picture from Warner Bros. He also spent over a year with a platoon in the deadliest valley in Afghanistan reporting on the war from the soldier's perspective. This experience resulted in his most recent book "*War*" and also the documentary "*Restrepo*" which Junger directed.

November 12th **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** 8:30pm in BSA 1.

November 21st -23rd

Happy Thanksgiving!

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

East Carolina University – Center for Sustainable Tourism

In 2009 East Carolina University began offering the nation's first interdisciplinary Master of Science in Sustainable Tourism (MS-ST) degree.

The program website states, "Sustaining environments, businesses, and social and cultural identities requires an interdisciplinary approach and perspective. The MS-ST program draws upon emerging sustainability sciences ranging from the physical to the social to address complex sustainable tourism issues. Science and education are critical partners in the sustainable, long-term management of

tourism, and this program provides the foundation for this new approach to sustainable management."

Four core courses in sustainability and tourism are offered - an introductory course, a science course, a business course, and a planning and policy course. Students also choose from a set of electives and can opt for independent study or internship experience. Both thesis and non-thesis options are offered. Visit their website at <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/sustainabletourism/Master-of-Science-in-Sustainable-Tourism.cfm>