

Goin' Green

Students plan to join the Sierra Student Coalition

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BC Greens is a club that works hard to transform Brevard College into a more environmentally friendly campus.

Projects such as divestment, clean energy, and on-campus conservation are being tackled in order to lessen the campus' carbon footprint.

On Tuesday March 11, the Sierra Club's Winston-Salem Group Vice Chair and NC Sierra Student Coalition Coordinator, Avery Locklear, 19, came to speak to Brevard College students to propose a Sierra Student Coalition group at Brevard College.

After northern California, North Carolina has the second most active Sierra Club chapter in the United States, with 70 to 80 thousand members statewide.

Locklear has volunteered with Sierra Club since March 2013. By May she was the Student Coalition leader of her local group, and by June she was voted in as the Vice Chair. Locklear is the youngest in her chapter by many years and has realized this trend of local groups that lack young people. She has plans to change that.

Sponsored by the Sierra Club Winston-Salem group, she has been traveling the Southeast for various training conferences. She has received life changing skills and

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STUDENT COALITION

A walk in the woods

Spring immersion group departs for 21-day expedition today

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This semester, eight students, most of who have transferred into Brevard College specifically for the Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education (WLEE) program, have committed their full semester into immersing themselves into the wilderness and group development.

With many different backgrounds and experience levels, this group has and will continue to grow throughout the semester. Immersion, as some of you may know, is a semester that WLEE students apply for after achieving certain credit requirements.

Completion is a requirement of the major. Throughout the semester, students are "immersed" in various outdoor activities including whitewater paddling, sea kayaking, rock climbing, backpacking, mountain biking, wilderness medicine, backcountry cooking, and occasionally caving.

Not only do the WLEE students "play" in the woods, but they also develop their leadership skills with extensive and constructive

feedback, continuously creating lesson plans to teach to their peers. They learn to succeed as a group by making tough decisions and building their social skills by interacting with others for extended periods of time.

The experiences and relationships developed during the immersion semester are what make BC's WLEE program unique from Outdoor Education programs at other institutes. The best thing about Immersion is that each group is totally different every semester.

Their personalities, their relational development, and their procedures and goals vary from semester to semester. I am here to inform the general student body of Brevard College about what really goes down during the immersion semester by following the progression of this semester's team. I will specifically focus on their 21-day expedition.

Their adventure began with a bang at the beginning of the semester as they attended a ten-day Wilderness First Responder (WFR) course held on campus.

During this course, not only people from

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2014 Spring Immersion Roster

John Buford (WLEE Professor) from Brevard, NC
Sam Slotin (Sophomore) from Savannah, GA
Duncan Miller (Junior) from Pittsburgh, PA
Ross Smith (Sophomore) from Tallahassee, FL
Kerry Lindsay (Junior) from Bangore, ME
Chris Brothers (Sophomore) from Spartanburg, SC
Taylor Perez (Junior) from Brevard, NC
Carrie Schlemmer (Junior) from Birmingham, AL
Neal Beam (Sophomore) from Tipp City, OH

The spring 2014 Immersion team on their first outing together on a hike to the frozen Twin Falls in Pisgah National Forest.