



Virginia Chapter News

Spring 2005

Upcoming events

June 15 - Groundwater technical workshop, Dorey Park, Henrico County

July 30 - Aug. 4 - International meeting of the SWCS, Rochester, NY

Sept. 14-Virginia Chapter Board meeting

Oct. TBA - Annual meeting and technical workshop on Innovative Agricultural Practices, Staunton area, place TBA

Invite a friend at work to join!

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Virginia Chapter website:
www.bse.vt.edu/swcs

Virginia Tech Student Chapter holds Careers Symposium

The Virginia Chapter participated in the Careers in Conservation Symposium at Virginia Tech on April 6. Society members Wade Biddix of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Jim Cox of the National Association of State Conservation Agencies were two of the presentors at the workshop. The



Student Chapter invites natural resource professionals to the meeting each year to discuss the steps they took to get where they are today and offer advice to students interested in environmentally focused careers.

*Speakers
 Michell Soupir (right) and Jim Cox (far right) tell students about their jobs.*



Register now for technical workshop on groundwater

The Virginia Chapter is sponsoring Groundwater Connections: Nonpoint Source Pollution and the Interaction between Groundwater and Surface Water, a technical workshop on June 15 from 8:30 am until 4 pm at Dorey Park in Henrico County, VA. Speakers and topics include:

- Overview of Groundwater Resources – Scott Bruce, Virginia DEQ
- Surface Water/Groundwater Interactions – George Harlow, USGS
- Age-dating Study – David Nelms, Virginia USGS
- Groundwater Impacts in Karst Areas – Wil Orndorff, DCR Karst Protection Coordinator.
- Current Groundwater Research as it Affects the Chesapeake Bay – Willy Reay, VIMS
- Groundwater Protection, a Local Government Perspective – David Swales, Albemarle County, Beth Davis, James City County & Keith Boyd, South Centre' Corridor RC&D Council.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 for society members, \$35 for nonmembers and \$20 students. The fee includes refreshments and a box lunch. Attendance at

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the workshop fills 3.5 hours of continuing education credits for Nutrient Management certification. Visit the Virginia Chapter SWCS website for directions to Dorey Park, a meeting agenda or to register. Or fill out the registration form below and send to Larry Wilkinson by June 8. A special thanks to the Henricopolis SWCD for arranging the meeting location. For more information, contact Jim Cox, email: jwcox@crosslink.net or visit our website at www.bse.vt.edu/swcs The society thanks Henricopolis SWCD for arranging the meeting location.

Send check made to Virginia Chapter, SWCS and registration form by June 8 to:

Larry Wilkinson, NRCS, 41527 Stumptown Rd., Leesburg, VA 20176

Groundwater workshop registration form:

Name _____

Address _____

Email: _____ phone: _____ Fax: _____

Affiliation: _____

Are you interested in continuing education/certification credits (3.5 credits for nutrient management have been approved for this workshop)? _____

Enclosed registration fee _____

Do you wish to have a vegetarian lunch option? _____

VASWCD Educational Foundation scholarships announced

The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Educational Foundation, Inc. has awarded its 2005 Scholarship winners. The Virginia Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society's Scholarship sponsors two of the ten scholarships. Elysa Theodora Miller of the Tri-County City Soil and Water Conservation District and Katherine Michelle Kain of the Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District were each awarded the \$1,000 scholarships to help them pursue a degree related to natural resources. Congratulations to these deserving students.

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