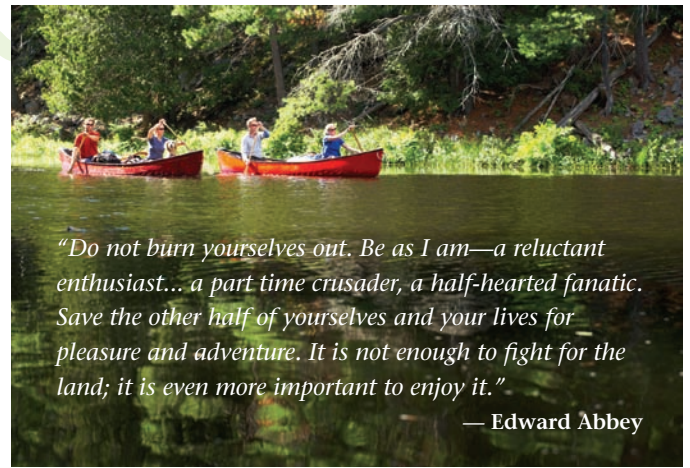


of rivers, trails, and the world wide web...

Shenandoah University students and Faculty Leader John Copenhaver will join The Downstream Project field crew as the Blue Ridge mountains and the Shenandoah River become their experiential classroom. The group will engage in extensive journaling and document their adventures and research in "real time" using Apple's™ environmentally friendly MacBooks, allowing anyone with Internet access the opportunity to share in the EcoVenture experience at www.TheDownstreamProject.org



"Do not burn yourselves out. Be as I am—a reluctant enthusiast... a part time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic. Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure. It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it."

— Edward Abbey

headwaters...

After viewing The Downstream Project's documentary film, *Shenandoah: Voices of the River*, Shenandoah University President Tracy Fitzsimmons met with The Downstream Project co-founders George Ohrstrom II and filmmaker George Patterson to discuss a partnership that would combine the missions of both organizations, and EcoVenture 2009 was launched. Patterson will capture all of the 210-mile journey on state-of-the-art, high-definition video, and will draw heavily on the video, photo, and written journals of student participants in producing an EcoVenture 2009 documentary.



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TRIP LEADERS

Travis Patterson

Trip Coordinator, Photographer

"I have spent my professional years working happily within the context of my talents and passions: art, education, and the environment. The EcoVenture is a great opportunity to engage all three skill sets, and to work side-by-side with my father, George Patterson."



John Copenhaver

Shenandoah University

Professor of Religion and Philosophy

"The Shenandoah EcoVenture integrates several of my key interests and passions. This program unites my love of nature and outdoor recreation, an enduring passion, rooted in faith, to care for the earth and its creatures, and an outstanding opportunity for innovative teaching and learning."



George Patterson

Videographer

"This journey is a way to connect with the natural beauty and history of the Shenandoah Valley, America's first frontier. By capturing and recording its images and sounds, we hope to inspire others to advocate for its protection and preservation. This is truly a place worth saving on our big blue marble."



Bill Howard

Administrator and Technical Coordinator

"As Executive Director of The Downstream Project (trail name "Macgyver") I bring to the EcoVenture my passion for creative Mac-based computer applications, Web-enabled GPS technologies, and the great outdoors. I want to help bring this exciting interactive learning experience to anyone with access to the Web."



Our Growing List of Presenters, Instructors, and Partners...*

Jeff Kelble, *Shenandoah Riverkeeper*; Allan Thomson, *Chesapeake Bay Foundation*; Karen Andersen, *Friends of the Shenandoah River*; Steve Resser, *Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries*; Don Roberts, *Front Royal Canoe Company*; Tim Tagler and Gordon Olson, *National Park Service*; Bob Proudman, *Appalachian Trail Conference*; Ms. Tyler Edgar, *Associate Director of Eco-Justice Programs for the National Council of Churches*; Rev. Pat Watkins, *Director of Caretakers of God's Creation*; T'ai Roulston, *Blandy Experimental Farm*; Arthur and Diane Kearns, *Mountain Trails Outfitters*; Geraldine Kiefer, *Associate Professor of Art History*; Woodward Bousquet, *Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology*; Valley Health Fitness Center; GoLite; Don Kain, *Virginia Department of Environmental Quality*

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