

October 2022 Newsletter

Falls of the James Group

Register for our Upcoming Programs



10/11/2022 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Our Air, Food and Water: How Toxic Chemicals are Harming Everyone and Harming People of Color More with Charlotte Brody, Vice-President of Health Initiatives with the Blue/Green Alliance. This will be an in-person/Zoom hybrid program. The in-person program will be at the Libbie Mill Library in the Meeting Room. Masks are required.

Even before COVID took its toll, Americans were sicker than they used to be. More asthma, more cancer for everyone but especially for People of Color. Autism has also increased for all populations. Chemicals are one cause of our chronic disease problem. And they're a part of the problem we can solve – often at the same time that we're addressing climate change. Come talk with Charlotte Brody, RN, Vice President Health Initiatives for the Blue/Green Alliance. [BlueGreen Alliance](#) | For the Zoom link, register [here](#).

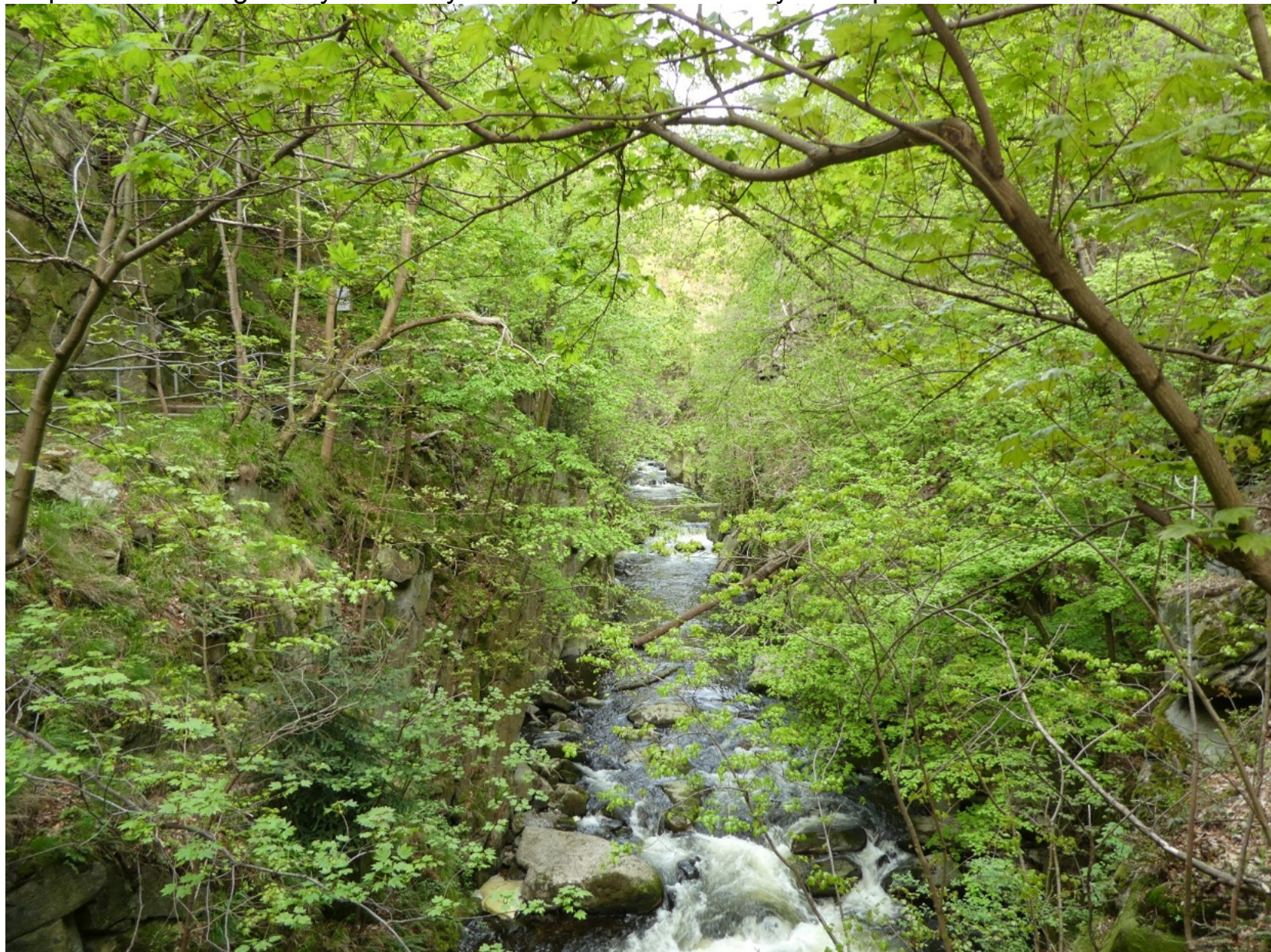


11/15/2022 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm BioBlitzes and Community Science at the Science Museum with Devin Jefferson, Community Science Catalyst at the Science Museum of Virginia. This will be an in-person/Zoom hybrid program. **The in-person meeting place will be at the Varina Library Meeting Room. Masks are required.** Register [here](#) for the Zoom link.

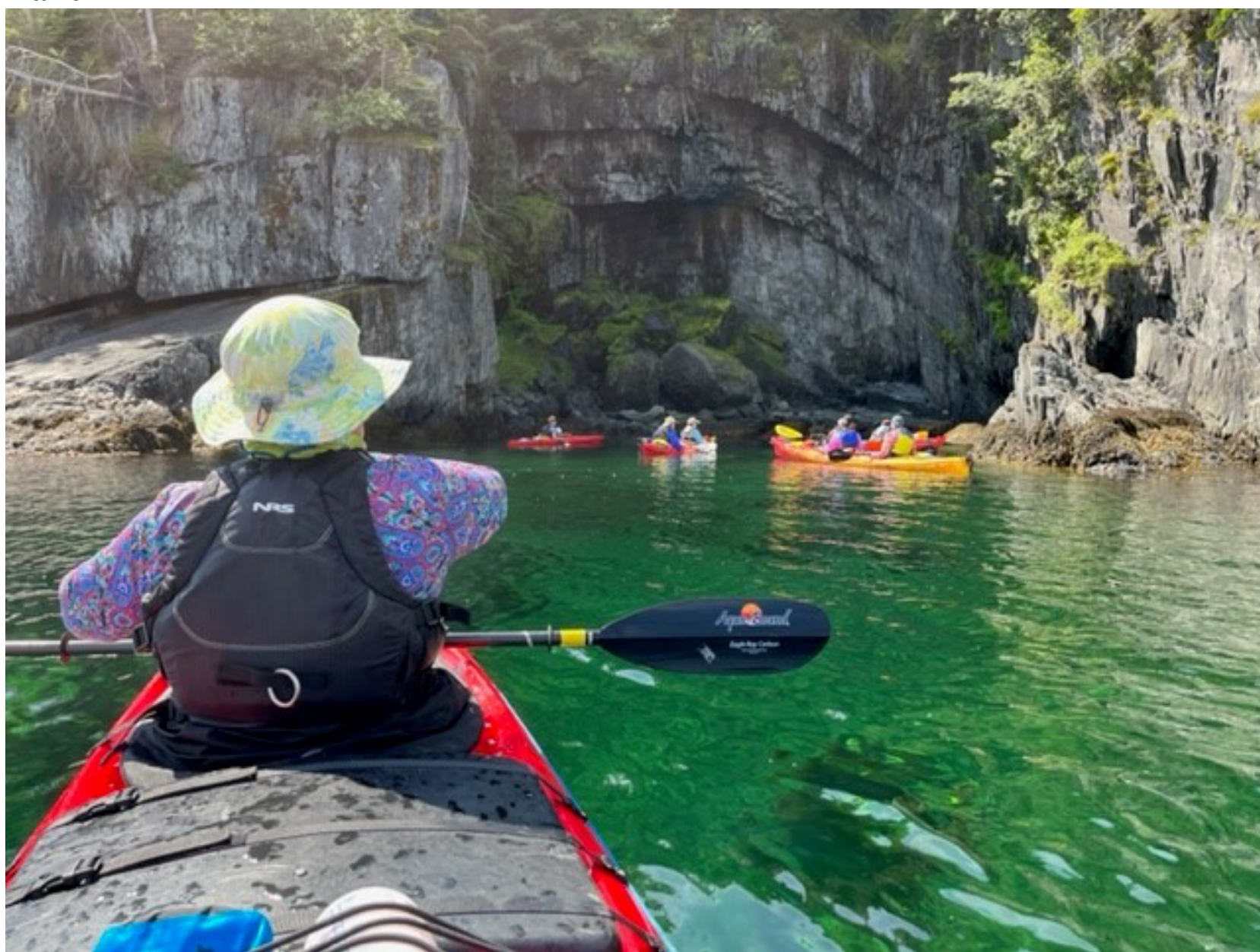
In this presentation, Devin Jefferson, Community Science Catalyst at the Science Museum of Virginia, will talk about biodiversity observations during community science events such as BioBlitzes and City Nature Challenges. We will also talk about ways to get involved in the Richmond area and how that data can be used to support community-driven learning and priorities.



Ralph Grove hiking the Lycian Way in Turkey. Photo courtesy of Ralph Grove.



Traveling in the Harz Mountains and The Romanesque Road - Hexen. Photo courtesy of Lydia Pittman.



Paddling in Newfoundland Canada. Photo courtesy of Glen Besa.

12/13/2022 7 pm – 8 pm FOJG Virtual Program: Hiking the Lycian Way in Turkey with Ralph Grove, Traveling in the Harz Mountains and the Romanesque Road of Germany with Lydia Pittman, and Camping and Paddling the Natural Wonders of Newfoundland Canada with Glen Besa. Register here [FOJG Virtual Program: Adventures in Turkey, Germany, and Newfoundland](#) (sierraclub.org) for the Zoom link to this virtual program.

Check out the [FOJG Calendar](#) for more environmental events in the Richmond area.

FOJG Outings



The beautiful falls of the Appomattox River from Ferndale Park in Petersburg. Photo courtesy of Shavon Peacock.

10/8/22 9:30 am – 11:30 am FOJG Hike on the Lower Appomattox River Trail – Ferndale Park in Petersburg. We will hike the beautiful Lower Appomattox River Trail from Appomattox Riverside/Ferndale Park in Petersburg 1 - 2 miles upriver and then downriver for a total of about 4 miles. We can also explore the canal paralleling the river trail. Bring a picnic lunch if interested to eat after our hike. There is a 15 person limit. [Register here](#).

10/16/22 10:00 am – Rescheduled Walk Through Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery. Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery was designed in 1847 by architect John Notman of Philadelphia. Located on the banks of the James River, the cemetery spans 135 acres of valleys, hills, and stately trees. Its natural and architectural beauty has earned it recognition as a registered arboretum. This hike will cover about three miles along roads and pathways through the cemetery. We will enjoy the beautiful landscape as well as views of the James River, and we'll see several notable graves. The total hiking distance will be about three miles, on paved roads and pathways. The total hiking time will be about two hours. The group size is limited and advanced registration for all attendees is required. Please notify us of any cancellations so that others may join. [Register here](#).

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Thanks for all you do for the environment,

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