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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Spring Valley High Senior Attends Youth Conservation Workshop

Richland County, SC – September 8, 2011 Spring Valley High School senior Jessica Woodford attended the 2011 South Carolina Conservation Districts Youth Workshop as this year's Richland Soil & Water Conservation District representative. The Workshop, an annual week-long event held at Lander University, provides 9th-12th grade students the opportunity to engage in environmental studies led by natural resource conservation professionals and Lander University faculty.

Woodford reports that the Workshop was a wonderful experience: "The people teaching were wonderful; the classes were wonderful. It was a lot of fun." Her favorite sessions were chemistry, physics, and evening Lake Nights. She also enjoyed spending time at Lander University, sleeping in the dorms, and previewing college life.

In addition to her interests in conservation, Woodford participates in her school's orchestra and is the president of a club called Circle of Friends that works to bridge the gap between mainstream and special education students. She plans to attend college—possibly Lander University—and hopes to become a Special Education teacher.

The Workshop was held in June and July and was sponsored by the South Carolina Conservation Districts Foundation, South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts, and Lander University.

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