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City Staff and Local Professionals Educate Students in the Park

Harrisonburg, Va. – Staff with the city of Harrisonburg and local professionals took time yesterday to educate students on a variety of topics at a city park.

Yesterday morning, the annual environmental day for Wilbur Pence Middle School was held at Riven Rock Park. This provided local professionals an opportunity to collaborate and create an educational experience and classroom in the outdoors.

Students visited stations to include a conversation on how staff cares for and keeps Riven Rock Park clean, a presentation by Shenandoah Valley Beekeepers Association, and an opportunity to discover river life and insects with a James Madison University professor.

A large component of the event was stocking Dry River with native fish. The students were taught how the fish adjust to their environment throughout the process and a little about the fishing season.

Riven Rock Park is open from April 16 until October 31 and is located 15 miles west of the city on Route 33 and sits on 27 acres. The park includes public access for fishing, four picnic shelters, natural surface trails, horseshoes, individual picnic sites, and comfort stations.

For directions and additional information, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/riven-rock-park.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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