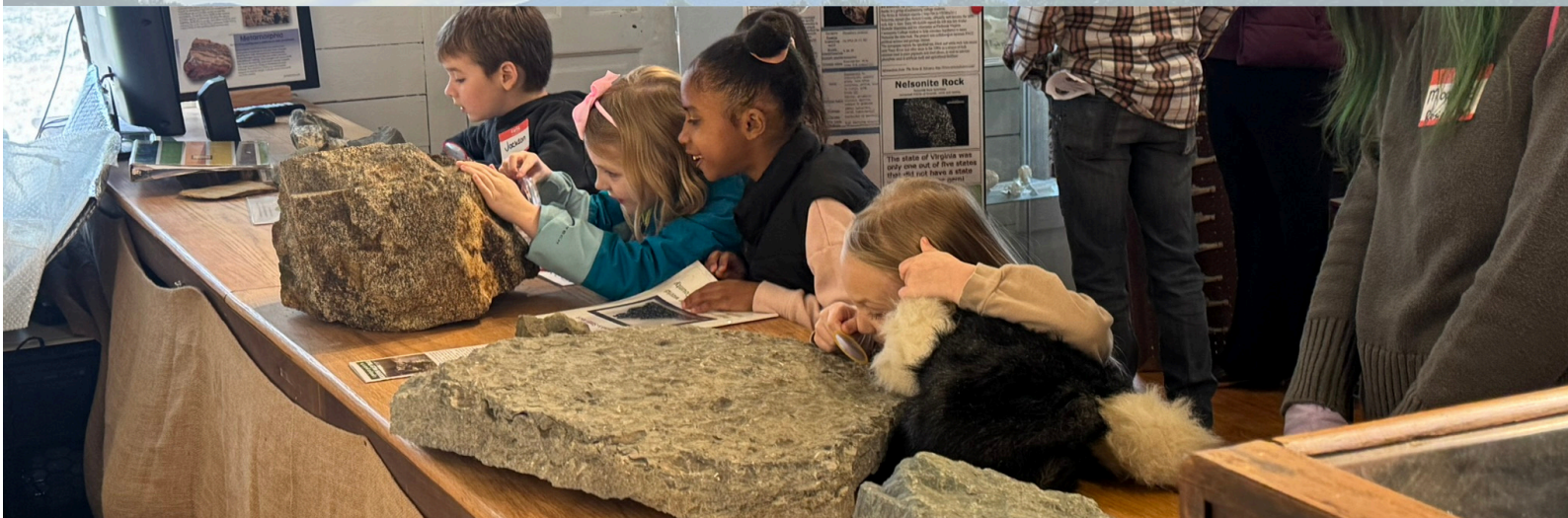


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Natural History Museum Re-Opens April 5th!

Rockfish Valley Foundation is gearing up for our **Open House** on **April 5th**. We're excited to invite the public to our exhibits in the **Old Wintergreen Country Store**. Visit to learn more about the Rockfish Valley of Virginia and the history of our organization.

Come April 5th, the museum will remain open 12-4 on weekends, or when "OPEN" flags are flying.



RVF needs more volunteers and museum hosts! Scan to code to sign up or learn more!

RVF Evolves Projects with DEQ, CATS & More

In February, RVF has hosted on-site meetings in collaboration with local and state environmental agencies, such as the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards. We are grateful to our partners and excited about upcoming developments to bolster our environmental educational offerings with Walk'N'Talks, additions to our EnLit program, and more to come.

Birthday Parties and Field Trips Come to the NHC!

Exciting news! You can now host birthday parties, field trips and other small gatherings at the Rockfish Valley Natural History Center! Celebrate with hands-on nature exhibits, guided activities, and plenty of outdoor exploration. Perfect for curious minds and adventure seekers, our space offers a fun and educational setting for unforgettable gatherings. (Donation expected to accommodate time and staff.) **Email Contact@RockfishValley.Org** to book your event today and make memories in the heart of nature!



Volunteers Make a Difference

A huge **thank you to each of our 13 dedicated volunteers** for their hard work clearing invasives like bittersweet, multiflora rose, and Japanese honeysuckle from the Glenthorne Trailhead! Your efforts help restore native habitats and keep our trails beautiful for all to enjoy. We appreciate your time, energy, and commitment to conservation!



Volunteer of the Month David Tatman

A special shoutout to David, **our Volunteer of the Month**, for his incredible carpentry work! From repairing playground structures to assembling benches, his skills have greatly improved our hands-on capacity and made our outdoor spaces safer and more inviting. Thank you, David, for your craftsmanship and dedication to RVF!



RVF: 65% to our Fund Drive Goal!

Thanks to our community, RVF's donations grew from 250 to 280 in 2024! We're now 65% toward our budget goal!



As we head to our **20th anniversary**, strong support is vital for our growth and leadership transition. By late March, we will assess our fund-drive's success to determine our 2025 operational capacity and what budget reductions are required.

Thanks to our community, RVF is over 65% of the way to our budget goal

RVF is proud of how far we have come, but we are critically concerned about our capacity and needed repairs. We do not receive state funding - if we don't meet our budget goal, we will have to make hard choices on program cuts.



To donate, scan the QR-code. Every donation helps RVF's mission: to serve, share, and sustain the resources of Rockfish Valley!

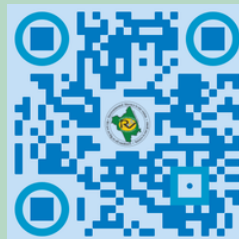
Join us in preserving the Rockfish Valley—be a Friend of the Valley and donate today!

Young Explorer's Book Circle - New Remote Reading Club for Students!

RVF is excited to launch The Young Explorer's Book Circle, a remote reading club for ages 7-13! This self-paced program fosters a love for reading and environmental education. Our first book, **The Adventures of Syd: Trail of Trouble** by Virginia author Danielle Simone, **is set in Nelson County**. Join us for two Author Guest Events:

 **Zoom Q&A** – March 23, 12-1 PM

 **In-Person Author Meeting** – April 6, 12-2 PM



 **Register here:**

<https://forms.gle/6d7vDHwADWnPLhaz6>

Rockfish Valley Foundation is Hiring an Operations Manager!

The Rockfish Valley Foundation is seeking a dedicated and organized individual to join our team as an Operations Manager (part-time, 20 hours per week).

We extend our deepest gratitude to Linda Roberts for her invaluable service in helping organize RVF—she has earned her well-deserved retirement! To continue building on her efforts, we are actively looking for a motivated candidate to take on this important role.

For more information or to submit an application, contact us at Contact@RockfishValley.Org