Rivanna Conservation Society

RCS is a nonprofit focused on protecting the Rivanna River and educating people about the importance of the Rivanna. We host cleanups, river paddles, education programs, and much more.

1-hour, 2-hour, and 1/2 day Programs
- River Paddles
- Water quality monitoring (in class or out)
- In class programs: watersheds, stormwater, agriculture, home and yard conservation
- Invasive plant removal
- Watershed games and activities
- Tours (wastewater treatment plant, Rivanna River, Ragged Mountain Reservoir Tours, Trails)
- Community Clean-up Events/Service Projects

Jamie Cato (Oakland School)
We are very grateful to have partnered with RCS over the years and are thrilled that they continue to educate the young people of central VA on the importance of water health, conservation, and sustainability. They are a wonderful resource for our community!

Britt Gendell (Mountaintop Montessori)
The staff at Rivanna Conservation Society engaged the students by leading different learning activities, everything from playing a Jeopardy game to working in the field. By the end of the unit, students understood how their actions here in Charlottesville impact ecosystems downstream.

Terrie Wood (Fluvanna High School)
I love working with RCS because it provides my students with real-life learning. It incorporates all of their senses and they remember so much from what they experience when we go down to the Rivanna River. What I really love about these trips is that the most unengaged students in the classroom are engaged and learning!

Please contact us if you would like to incorporate the Rivanna River into your curriculum!
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