

October 2019

Volume 6, Issue 15



# Happy Fall Y'all!

Fall is a great time to spend time with family and friends, and even a better season to be outside. There are a ton of outdoor opportunities around Knoxville. Head to the Smoky Mountains to find colorful foliage or stay close to home and utilize one of our many local parks. The benefits of spending time outside are bountyful. Less stress, better sleep, and healthy exersize are a just few of many. How will you be enjoying the weather this fall?

## **Volunteer With Us at a Football Game!**

As we work to make our campus Zero Waste, we need your help! Each game day our office needs participants to encourage and facilitate recycling and composting on campus. Click the links below to sign up!

October 12th: Mississippi State Game Day

October 26th: South Carolina Game Day

November 2nd: UAB Game Day

November 30th: Vanderbilt Game Day

All volunteer participants will get a free meal and T-shirt. See y'all there!



#### Join us at Biketober Fest

UT Sustainability is excited to announce Biketober Fest! A huge component of greenhouse gas emissions is the emissions from cars. Join us in making a change by promoting sustainable travel around Knoxville and our campus. Come to any of our Biketober Fest events to learn more about biking in our city!

# Sustainability Day

## Symposium

Join us at this years Sustainability Day Symposium! In the morning, there will be poster presentations by students and tabling by local environmental organizations. This is a great opportunity for the campus to learn about what our local community is



doing about sustainability. In the evening, there will be a Climate Action Town Hall. This will help different stakeholder groups come together and discuss a variety of climate issues.

POWER Challenge Ramps Up in Residence Halls The POWER Challenge is one one of our



favorite competitions of the year! The POWER Challenge is an annual challenge that puts our residence halls againts each other to see who is the most sustainable. Each year the residence halls hold sustianable events, seminars, and fun activities with their residents. We look forward to seeing all of the creative initatives our students come up with this year.

# Our October Sustainability Champion

Congratulations to Kendall Wimberly for winning this month's Sustainability Champion!

Kendall is Co-President of SPEAK and has been an active leader in sustainability causes around campus. She promotes veganism, lead the climate march, and takes as many measures as she can to reduce her plastic consumption. Her nominator says that sustainability is "not just a hobby to her, it's a lifestyle." Congratulations Kendall!



Do you know the next Sustainability Champion? The Committee on the Campus Environment (CCE) votes on the nominations, and the individual is published on our website once a month. Click the link below to nomiate someone for Sustainability Champion!

Nominate Here

# Next CCE Meeting on October 15

CCE is short for the Committee on Campus Environment. This committee oversees the Green Fee, which is a student paid fee that helps promote environmental action on campus. This meeting on October 15th we will be discussing our Climate Action Plan for the



university and need student imput. The meeting is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you!



### How to Have a Sustainable Halloween

It's spooky season! If you are frightened by the amount of waste generated during Halloween, read on to see how you and your friends can reduce your Halloween footprint. One of the major contributors to Halloween waste is costumes. 85% of Halloween costumes each year are sent right to the landfill after use, and pumpkins are a huge contributor to food waste. To remedy this, here are some simple tips:

- Try to DIY your costume
- Swap costumes with a friend from the previous year
- Go to thrift stores to up-cycle funky outfits for your costume
- Once you've had fun carving your pumpkins, compost them!
  - Composting is a great way to reduce landfill waste

#### **Sustainability Job Openings**

Below is a list of sustainability related jobs across the US. They vary in experience required, ranging from summer internships to jobs that require several years of experience.View more on the "Job Postings" page on our website.

Energy and Resource Senior Manager at Oberlin College

Junior Climate Change and Sustainability Consultant at ICF

Sustainability Manager at Vail Resorts

Sustainable Transportation Associate at UC Davis



The October calendar is now available! We have multiple sizes and a phone background. Email <u>sustainability@utk.edu</u> for a copy.







Sustainability.utk.edu

Share this email:



Manage your preferences | Opt out using TrueRemove® Got this as a forward? Sign up to receive our future emails. View this email online.

2040 Sutherland Ave Knoxville, TN | 37996 United States

This email was sent to . *To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.* 

#### emma

Subscribe to our email list.