

Crack into Geology With PVCC's New Club



The Geology Club on an outing at the Ragged Mountain Natural Area. Photo courtesy of Mara Cox

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Although PVCC has seen various iterations of a Geology Club in the past, the club's newest form is setting out with fresh determination and plenty of trips and presentations on the calendar.

Geology Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Meetings are held in room M850 starting at 12:30 p.m. There are several geology students in the club, but several non-geology students participate as well. All levels of geological knowledge are welcomed.

The club president Mara Cox encouraged anyone interested in the club to check it out. She said, "Show up, participate, have fun." The two words that Cox wanted to focus on in the club are inclusivity and chillness.

According to Cox, the club meetings are generally short and to the point. There are snacks as well as time to discuss upcoming trips and events. There is also time for club members to discuss topics they are interested in.

The Geology Club recently went on a

geological outing to the Ragged Mountain Natural Area. Cox described it as a very relaxed outing. Callan Bentley, assistant professor of geology, guided the hike. He pointed out geological features along the route and explained geological terminology.

The goal is to have more outings, some like the hike at the natural area but others might be larger in ambition. Cox explained that the club is hoping to have events ranging from talks and movie nights, to fossil hunting trips and overnight camp outs.

Coming up on April 12 is a presentation for club members from a planetary geologist. Those interested in attending this talk are encouraged to stop by a club meeting first to get details.

Questions are always welcome in Geology Club. Anyone with questions about the club is encouraged to reach out or even stop Cox in the hallway to ask. Cox can be contacted at mac2636@email.vccs.edu. Bentley, the club's staff adviser, is also available for questions at CBentley@pvcc.edu.

Information about Geology Club can also be found on their club page.