

## Calendar of Events

### December 6 – Georgia Water Coalition – 1 p.m.

#### LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Georgia Water Coalition is an alliance of more than 125 organizations committed to ensuring that water is managed fairly for all Georgians and protected for future generations. These membership meetings could be held anywhere in Georgia but a majority of them are held in Covington, Georgia, which is a little east of Atlanta. For more information on the coalition please call: 866-88-WATER (1-866-889-2837), or visit: [www.gwf.org/gawater](http://www.gwf.org/gawater). Please also consider enrolling your business, church group, neighborhood association, etc. in this important effort.

### February 9-10, 2007, DNR – Weekend for Wildlife Sea Island, Georgia

The Weekend for Wildlife is an annual fundraiser that aims to educate people about wildlife conservation issues while raising money for many species of concern. Money raised through the Weekend for Wildlife is placed into the Wildlife Conservation Fund, which is managed by the Georgia DNR, WRD for nongame wildlife conservation initiatives for species such as marine mammals, songbirds, reptiles and amphibians. Conservation projects for nongame species receive no state funding. They depend on federal funding and voluntary contributions from the Weekend for Wildlife, the “Give Wildlife a Chance” Tax Checkoff, and sales from the nongame wildlife vehicle license plates.

Please visit <http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=525> for a description of weekend activities, registration and any other information concerning Weekend for Wildlife.

### February 16-17, 2007 -- Georgia River Network 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Ensuring a Clean Water Legacy Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville

The conference will feature:

#### **Keynote Speakers:**

- **An Update on Georgia’s Statewide Water Plan**
- **Climate Change and Rivers**, presented by Don Elder, River Network. Learn about issues facing water resources along Georgia’s coast and what you can do to address them.
- **Current State Legislative and Policy Issues**, presented by Neill Herring, Sierra Club, and Jason Rooks, Georgia Conservation Voters.

#### **Three Informative tracks on Saturday:**

- **Ensuring Enough Clean Water for Georgia** – Featuring presentations on strategies for water conservation, toxics in our waters and dredge-and-fill permits.
- **Tools for Your Watershed** – Featuring presentations on fundraising, stormwater, innovative outreach, and the Clean Water Act. Track chaired by Georgia Adopt-A-Stream.
- **Reducing the Impacts of New Construction** – Featuring presentations on erosion and sedimentation problems and solutions, enforcement of buffers, and case studies of Georgians who are cleaning up their watersheds through local government protections.

**A Friday Workshop on “Strategies for Protecting Your Watershed at the Local Level,”** featuring:

- Training on effective campaign planning
- Tools to protect your watershed at the local level
- Case studies from citizens and groups who have fought for and won local protections for their watersheds

**A Friday night party** featuring live and silent auctions, River Jam-music jam sessions, food and drinks.  
**Third Annual River Celebration Awards** honoring Georgia’s watershed groups, volunteers and river conservationists.

**Friday Workshops** hosted by Adopt-A-Stream

**Networking** opportunities

**Exhibits**

Registration and information will be available in early December at [www.garivers.org](http://www.garivers.org) or by calling 706-549-4508.

### [June 23-29, 2007 -- Paddle Georgia 2007](#)

Paddle Georgia 2007 is scheduled for June 23-29, 2007, on the Ocmulgee River. The trip will cover almost 120 miles of Ocmulgee River from Lloyd Shoals Dam between Jackson and Monticello to Hawkinsville. The first 42 miles of the journey wind through the Piedmont, around the John Birch Dam at Juliette, over shoals and rapids to Macon. From Macon, the journey descends into the Coastal Plain for 71 twisting, turning miles beneath Spanish moss-draped trees to the final take-out at Hawkinsville. Highlights of the trip include Oconee National Forest and mill ruins at Forty Acre Island, historic Juliette and John Birch Dam, downtown Macon, Ocmulgee National Monument, Georgia Power’s Plant Scherer, the Ocmulgee Wildlife Management Area and downtown Hawkinsville.

The canoe trip is suitable for beginners with a handful of exciting Class I-II shoals. A special paddling workshop will be held on June 22. Registration will begin in January 2007.

PG 2007 Itinerary

Day 1: Piedmont Polka Lloyd Shoals Dam to Ga. 83 (14 miles)

Day 2: Juliette Jitterbug Ga. 83 to Popes Ferry (14 miles)

Day 3: Mambo to Macon Popes Ferry to Spring Street (14 miles)

Day 4: Echeconnee Cancan Spring Street to Echeconnee Creek (20 miles)

Day 5: Oxbow Bolero Echeconnee Creek to Hwy 96 (20 miles)

Day 6: Coastal Plain Conga Hwy 96 to James Dykes Park (17 miles)

Day 7: Hawkinsville Hustle James Dykes Park to Hawkinsville (14 miles)

Visit [www.garivers.org](http://www.garivers.org) for more information on Paddle Georgia 2007.