



**Satilla**  
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January 2025

Hello Friend of the Satilla,

I am pleased to announce that our Satilla Riverkeeper Gala will be held on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Red River Estate in Brantley County. Please donate **auction items** for the Satilla Riverkeeper's annual fundraising gala. The Gala includes dinner for 130 people, with music, keynote address, open bar, live auction and silent auction. As an item donor for our auction, your organization will be listed in our program.

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The annual gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and your auction donation will help us raise the funds needed to continue our work. For more than 20 years, the Satilla Riverkeeper has been a non-profit advocate for the unique Satilla River. We watch out for environmental harm, we educate, and we provide assistance that can help prevent problems. The diligence, knowledge, and communication required are very costly.

The Satilla Riverkeeper was busy in 2024:

- **Collected over 4,700lbs of trash** from Satilla Riverbeds.
- Launched a week-long celebration for Earth Day.
- **Performed over 100 water quality tests across the watershed.**
- **Investigated 35 reports of pollution** affecting the Satilla River.
- Held 3 successful membership paddles
- **Debuted “Down the Drain”**, an educational lecture

We are active in environmental coalitions that help enforce existing laws, and shape new legislation and rules that affect water and habitat throughout the Satilla River, from headwaters to estuary. Our gala and auction help raise the necessary funds to accomplish our mission.

**We need items for both the live and silent auctions, and we will be glad to pick them up from you.** Items such as new or heirloom merchandise, a gift certificate, gift basket, travel accommodations, or professional services are appropriate and very much appreciated.

**We need your items by Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.** Please complete the *Donation Form for 2025 Gala Auction* (attached) and include it with your donation.

The Satilla Riverkeeper is a 501(c)(3) organization. Gifts are tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Yours sincerely,

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