

Georgia River Network Conference 2010 “Your Stories, Your River, Your Coast”

Friday, February 20, 2010

Workshop 1: Storytelling for Your River

9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Conference Room 9

Presenter: Janisse Ray and Steven Glazer

The ability to share powerful stories lies at the heart of river advocacy work. Telling each other our stories is the most powerful way to forge relationships, build coalitions, maintaining sustainable funding sources, and find and achieve common goals to improve our quality of life. This day-long workshop will help you - as river advocates - deepen your ability to see, hear, frame, tell and share compelling river stories. Sharing these stories can educate our communities, magnetize volunteers and support, strengthen collaboration & partnerships, and help us protect our watersheds.

Workshop 2: *Get the Dirt Out*, Training for Trainers

9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. (off campus field trip starting at 1:00 PM)

Conference Room 13, 9-Noon

Presenters: Jason Ulseth, Technical Programs Director for Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper & Juliet Cohen, General Counsel for UCR

Become a trainer for the *Get the Dirt Out* program

- Learn to train people in your watershed to understand:
 - Why Dirt Is Harmful To Our Waterways
 - The Federal Clean Water Act
 - The Georgia Construction General Permit
 - Erosion and Sediment Control Best Management Practices (BMPs)
 - Permit Enforcement
- After lunch tour of BMPs in the Jekyll area!

Adopt A Stream Bacterial Monitoring Workshop

Conference Room 13

1 PM-4:30 PM

The Bacterial Monitoring Workshop will teach volunteers how to monitor *E. coli* levels in their streams. *E. coli* is an indicator organism that is often used to assess water quality. Monitoring levels of *E. coli* can help identify possible sources of pollution. This workshop will focus on proper collection of a water sample, transfer of sample onto plates that will be incubated and proper interpretation of results. Volunteers who successfully perform the bacterial monitoring field portion and pass the written test with a score of 80% or better will be considered an Adopt-A-Stream QA/QC volunteer for one year.

River Celebration Awards, Party, Registration

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Atlantic Ballroom

- 6:00 Reception Opens with Hors d’oeuvres and Networking
- 6:30-7:15 Awards Ceremony
- 7:15 Live Auction & music provided by Kellie Parr

Saturday, February 21, 2009

8:00–9:00 am	Jekyll Island Convention Center (JICC) Lobby Registration, Continental Breakfast and Coffee
9:00 – 9:10	Beachside Hall Welcome to Conference/GRN membership update: Julie Stuart, Chair, Georgia River Network Board of Directors
9:10 – 9:40	5 years of Paddle Georgia: April Ingle and Joe Cook, Paddle Georgia Coordinators
9:40 - 10:15	Keynote Address: Coastal Issues Today: Chandra Brown, Ogeechee-Canoochee Riverkeeper

	Track 1 Water Wars and Lanier <i>Beachside Hall</i>	Track 2 Water Issues on Georgia’s Coast <i>Conference Room 13</i>	Track 3 Watershed Protection and You Hosted by Georgia Adopt-A-Stream <i>Conference Room 13</i>
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Water Wars History and GA Government Response to Magnuson ruling: TBD	Hydrologic changes in the Flatwoods: Pavement’s a problem but ditches do it too— Gordon Rogers, Flint Riverkeeper	Water Trails 101: Matt Rice, American Rivers
11:30 am – 12:15 am	Conservationists’ Response to the Magnuson Ruling : TBD	Mercury and our Rivers— Chandra Brown, Ogeechee-Canoochee Riverkeeper	Solutions to Trash in Waterways: Allison Hughes, GA Adopt-A-Stream, Gary Hopkins and Kari Morris, Stormwater Systems & Kevin Smith, Keep Forsyth Beautiful
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch and Networking— <i>Athena Ballroom A, B & C</i>		
1:15 – 2:00	Olympia Room 2 Keynote Address: Current State Water Policy Issues and Statewide Water Plan Update – Neill Herring, Lobbyist, Sierra Club & Jill Johnson, Georgia Conservation Voters		
2:00 – 2:45	Keynote Address: Your River, Your Coast, Your Story— Janisse Ray, author and naturalist		

	<i>Track 1</i> What the Magnuson Ruling means for Georgia <i>Beachside Hall</i>	<i>Track 2</i> Water Issues on Georgia's Coast <i>Conference Room 9</i>	<i>Track 3</i> Watershed Protection and You Hosted by Georgia Adopt-A-Stream <i>Conference Room 13</i>
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	TBD by Legislative Session!	Development and our Coast: David Egan, Initiative to Protect Jekyll Island & Dave Kyler, Center for a Sustainable Coast	Pharmaceuticals in our waterways: The Issue & Solutions: Marsha Black, College of Public Health, UGA and Andrew Volpe & Mary Rieser, Narconon of Georgia
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	TBD by Legislative Session!	Climate Change and the Georgia Coast: TBD	Coastal Outreach & Monitoring Programs: Alan Power, UGA Marine Extension
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<i>Beachside Hall</i> Closing Plenary: James Holland, Altamaha Riverkeeper		

Sunday, February 21

Natural History Field trip with Cathy Sakas

9-Noon, Meet outside the main doors at the Jekyll Island Convention center

Education coordinator for NOAA's Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary will take participants on a guided hike. Please bring raingear and sensible shoes.