



Georgia Educators!

You are invited to join more than 200 paddling enthusiasts and river lovers for **Paddle Georgia 2006, June 23-30** on the Etowah and Coosa Rivers. Along the way we will offer educators certificate workshops in **Adopt-A-Stream** and **Project WET** to help you bring your experiences back to your students.

Paddle Georgia 2006 is a weeklong, 120-mile voyage down the Etowah and Coosa Rivers from Dawsonville to Rome. Participants will paddle an average of 17 miles each day and along the way visit everything from riverside power plants to Native American historic sites. Each night, participants will be shuttled to campsites at local schools and other facilities where educational programs, games, entertainment and meals will be provided.

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) is a K-12 water education program consisting of over 90 classroom-ready activities. By participating in this workshop, you will receive the Project WET Curriculum and Activity Guide and be a certified WET educator. Project WET will partner with Georgia Adopt-A-Stream training to bring out the best in your river experience. **Adopt-A-Stream** is Georgia's premier volunteer water monitoring program. Training sessions in Project WET and Adopt-A-Stream will be held over several days during the weeklong paddling adventure. Certified instructors through Georgia's Environmental Protection Division will conduct both workshops and each participant will receive 1 PLU for 10 hours of contact time.

Paddle Georgia Educator's Scholarships will be offered to the 12 most deserving applicants with preference given to educators residing in the Etowah and Coosa River basins.

Our lead sponsor, Georgia Power, is providing funding for these 12 scholarships. Scholarships include \$210 that covers Paddle Georgia registration fees and Project WET curriculum material. Participating educators must paddle the entire seven-day, 120-mile Paddle Georgia course and participate in all 10 hours of contact time associated with Project WET and Adopt-A-Stream. You will have the opportunity to participate in all other Paddle Georgia activities as well. Scholarship winners are responsible for providing their own boats, camping gear and meals (meal plans are available through Paddle Georgia), see www.garivers/paddlegeorgia/pghome.html for more details on the event.

Paddle Georgia 2006 will take place June 24-30. Participants will gather Friday June 23 for the Kick Off Celebration and Feast in Dawsonville and will end the trip June 30 at Lock and Dam Park near Rome with the River's End Celebration and Feast.

By participating in the Paddle Georgia 2006, Project WET, and Adopt-A-Stream experience you will:

- ❖ Receive Project WET curriculum and other publications
- ❖ Receive 6 hours of Project WET training and become a certified Project WET Educator
- ❖ Get certified as a Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Citizen Water Monitor
- ❖ Earn 1 Professional Learning Unit (PLU)
- ❖ Paddle 120 miles and have one great time!
- ❖ Better educate and inspire your students to be stewards of Georgia's water resources

To apply for the Educator's Scholarship

Please send this form, a resume and a one-paragraph statement about why you want to participate in the Paddle Georgia Educator's Scholarship Program to:

Joe Cook, Paddle Georgia Coordinator, 303 East 5th Ave., Rome, GA 30161

Or e-mail this information to joe@joecook.net.

Name _____ School _____

County/City _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Application Deadline: Postmarked April 21.

Scholarship winners will be announced May 1. If you do not wish to apply for the scholarship or do not receive it, but would still like to participate, please email to joe@joecook.net for more information.

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