



Georgia Educators!

You are invited to join some 300 paddling enthusiasts and river lovers for **Paddle Georgia 2011, June 18-24** on the Oconee River. 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 2011 is a weeklong, 106-mile canoe/kayak voyage down the Oconee River from Athens to Dublin. Participants will paddle an average of 15 miles each day and along the way visit historic sites, state parks and natural areas. 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. Visit www.georgiaadoptastream.org and www.gaprojectwet.org to learn more. For specific questions about the Project WET activities, contact Michelle McClendon at mc.mcclendon@gmail.com. For questions about PLU credits, contact Allison Hughes at 404-675-1636 or allison.hughes@gaepd.org. Paddle Georgia questions should be direct to Joe Cook at 706-409-0128 or joecookpg@gmail.com

Paddle Georgia Educator's Scholarships will be offered to 8 applicants with preference given to educators residing in the Oconee River basin. Scholarships will be awarded after review of all applications. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply. **Application Deadline: Postmarked April 15.** Winners of scholarship will be announced by April 22.

With assistance from the Mohawk Carpet Foundation and Oglethorpe Power, Georgia River Network is providing 8 full scholarships to Georgia educators. These scholarships include the trip's \$220 registration fee and the Project WET curriculum

material. The scholarship DOES NOT include meal fees or fees for the river's end shuttle or other services. Participating educators must paddle the entire seven-day, 106-mile Paddle Georgia course and participate in all 10 hours of contact time associated with Project WET and Adopt-A-Stream. Please note: you will have the opportunity to participate in many of the Paddle Georgia activities, but this training may interfere with your ability to participate in all activities. Scholarship winners are responsible for providing their own boats and camping gear.

See www.garivers/paddlegeorgia/pghome.html for more details on the event. **Paddle Georgia 2011 will take place June 18-24.** Participants will gather Friday morning June 17 for the initial Project WET training course and for the Kick Off Celebration and Feast and will end the trip June 24 at Dublin with the River's End Celebration and Feast.

By participating in the Paddle Georgia 2011, 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 106 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 **BY APRIL 15** to: Joe Cook, Paddle Georgia Coordinator, 303 East 5th Ave., Rome, GA 30161
Or e-mail this information to joecookpg@gmail.com.

Name _____ School _____
County/City _____
Mailing Address _____
City/State/ZIP _____ Phone _____
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