



MEDIA ADVISORY

Georgia River Network

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- Opportunities for interviews, photographs, and trip participation available prior to, and throughout, the event. Please contact to arrange.
- Additional details can be found at:
http://www.garivers.org/paddle_georgia/pg2010%20info%20for%20media.htm

350 People Prepare for Week-Long Canoe/Kayak Adventure on the Broad and Savannah Rivers

Paddle Georgia 2010 begins Saturday, June 19

More than 300 paddlers will traverse some 82 miles of the Broad and Savannah rivers June 19-25 as part of Paddle Georgia 2010, a week-long canoe/kayak journey organized by Georgia River Network (GRN). Approximately 40 paddlers will also participate in the weekend-only version – Paddle Georgia Lite.

Paddle Georgia 2010 will show paddlers the Broad and Savannah rivers from near Franklin Springs in Northeast Georgia to Augusta. Participants will stroke through Class I & II rapids on the Broad, paddle across a portion of Clarks Hill Lake and venture into the historic Savannah River as it spills across the Fall Line at Augusta.

The paddlers will call Franklin Springs, Elberton, Evans and Augusta home for the week, camping at nearby facilities. They will camp at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs June 18-19, Elbert County High School in Elberton June 20-22, Greenbriar High School in Evans June 23-24, and the riverfront near the Augusta Rowing Club Boathouse and Savannah Riverkeeper office in Augusta June 25.

The event also includes educational programs on the river's cultural and natural history, tours of facilities and historic sites located along the river, nightly games and entertainment, and even a research program in which participants will help collect chemical and biological data to give a snapshot of the current health of the rivers.

A special evening program this year will be a Gubernatorial Candidate Forum on Water and the Environment. The forum will take place Thursday, June 24, 2010 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion, 3300 Evans to Locks Road, Martinez, GA.

This is the sixth year for Paddle Georgia. In the event's first five years, organizers have guided more than 1500 paddlers down more than 500 miles of Georgia rivers, including trips on the Chattahoochee, Etowah, Ocmulgee, Flint, and Coosawattee and Oostanaula rivers. The trips have generated more than \$60,000 for river protection in Georgia.

Nine Georgia teachers will also be on the trip to participate in the paddle and receive Project WET and Adopt-A-Stream training.

A portion of the proceeds from this year's event will benefit local river groups - the Broad River Watershed Association and Savannah Riverkeeper.

Information for the media, including directions to camp, launch, and take-out sites can be found on the Paddle Georgia website.

Paddle Georgia is a project of Georgia River Network. Georgia River Network is a statewide organization working to ensure a clean water legacy by engaging and empowering Georgians to protect and restore our rivers from the mountains to the coast.

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Paddle Georgia 2010 Daily Itinerary

Friday, June 18 – Camp at Emmanuel College

Boat Drop:	10:00-6:00	Slow Water at U.S. 29 on the Broad River
Registration:	1:00-8:00	Registration at Swails Center Emmanuel College
Evening Program:	7:30-8:30	Welcome, Safety Briefing, PG 09 Slide Show and Video

Saturday, June 19 - Camp at Emmanuel College

Launch:	7:00-9:00	Slow Water at U.S. 29 on the Broad River
Take-Out:	2:00-5:00	Broad River Outpost take-out off of Ga. 172
Tours	4:00-6:30	Ty Cobb Museum, Emmanuel College & Franklin Springs Tour
Evening Program:	7:30-8:30	Wild Animals with the Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center

Sunday, June 20 - Camp at Elbert County High School

Launch:	7:00-9:00	Broad River at Ga. 172
Take-Out:	2:00-5:00	Broad River at Ga. 72
Tours	2:00-4:00	Turner Concrete Co. Sand Dredge, Georgia Guidestones
Evening Program:	7:30-8:30	Savannah Riverkeeper/Broad River Watershed Association

Monday, June 21 - Camp at Elbert County High School

Launch:	7:00-9:00	Broad River at Ga. 72
Take-Out:	2:00-5:00	Broad River at Ga. 77
Tours	4:00	Granite Quarry
Evening Programs:	7:30-8:30	Street Party with Dinner and Live Music in Elberton

Tuesday, June 22 - Camp at Elbert County High School

Launch:	7:00-9:00	Broad River at Ga. 77
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Take-Out: 2:00-5:00 Broad River Campground at Clarks Hill Lake/Ga. 79
Tours 4:00 Monument Co. and Museum
Evening Programs: 7:30-8:30 Contra Dance; Broad River Geology by David Dallmeyer

Wednesday, June 23 - Camp at Greenbriar High School

Launch: 7:00-9:00 Broad River Campground at Clarks Hill Lake/Ga. 79
Take-Out: 1:30-4:30 Hesters Ferry Campground at Clarks Hill Lake
Evening Program: 7:30-8:30 Talent Show

Thursday, June 24 - Camp at Greenbriar High School

Launch: 7:00-9:00 Clarks Hill Dam
Take-Out: 2:00-5:00 Augusta Canal Headgates
Tours: 8:00-10:00 Clarks Hill Dam, Stallings Island, Augusta Canal Headgates
Evening Program: 7:00-8:30 2010 Gubernatorial Candidates Forum at Savannah Rapids Pavilion

Friday, June 25 - Camp at Savannah Riverkeeper

Launch: 7:00-9:00 Augusta Canal Headgates
Take-Out: 1:00-5:00 Savannah Riverkeeper Site on the Savannah River
Tours 10:00-12:00 Augusta Waterworks, Augusta Canal Petersburg Boat Tours
Trip's End Celebration 1:00-9:00 Games, Live Music, Food, Awards!!