



Blue Hole Banner

Spring / Summer 2011



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Adventures in Science & Nature Summer Camp

Our 2011 summer season is filled with fun and adventure at the Flint RiverQuarium! Come let your "Wild Ones" meet our "Wild Ones." The wonders of nature will be around every corner with animal encounters, hands-on experiences, experiments, games, outdoor learning and crafts. Our camps include tours of the RiverQuarium, movies in our Imagination Theater, snacks and a camp t-shirt. Summer camps at the Flint RiverQuarium are a great way for all kids to experience nature while having fun. If they aren't careful they may even learn something! See page 7 for a full description of the camps.



Flint RiverQuarium offers summer canoe trips



Have you always wanted to canoe the Flint River but weren't sure about what it would take? Or maybe you don't have a canoe or other water craft? Well, you're in luck!

Area residents will have a unique opportunity to learn more about the Flint River and support the Flint RiverQuarium by spending some time on the river this summer. Steve Rainey, Dougherty County's GYSTC (Georgia Youth Science Technology Center) coordinator, will

serve as the guide for a series of canoe trips offered through the Flint RiverQuarium this summer. For reservations, call 229-639-2650 Ext. 221

Saturday Paddle the Flint - from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

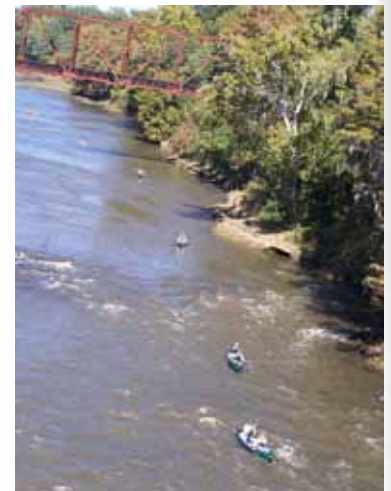
May 28, June 11, July 9, August 6, September 3, October 1

Explore a scenic section of the Flint River from the Radium/Marine Corps ditch landing south of town to the North Mitchell Park landing. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Participants meet at the RiverQuarium and bring a bag lunch. No alcohol allowed. Minimum age is 10. Fee: \$25 per canoe (canoe, paddles and flotation devices provided)

Thursday Twilight Paddle - 6:30 p.m. (trip lasts approximately 45 minutes)

May 26, June 9, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 4

Enjoy a leisurely canoe trip on a pretty section of the river from the Georgia Power dam to downtown Albany followed by hors d'oeuvres at the Flint RiverQuarium. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Participants meet at the RiverQuarium. Minimum age is 21. Fee: \$35 per canoe (canoe, paddles and flotation devices provided)



There's so much to SEE AND DO
at the FLINT RIVER QUARIUM!

DON'T MISS
THE FUN!

MAY

- May 1 *Discovery Days - Hey-Ho H2O!*
- May 8 Mother's Day Promotion Free admission for mom with paid child admission
- May 15 *Discovery Days - Hey-Ho H2O!*
- May 18 *Tadpole Time - Hey-Ho H2O!*
- May 19 *Third Thursday - FRQ open 5-8 p.m. with \$5 admission (pg. 6)*
- May 26 *Twilight Paddle (pg.1)*
- May 28 *Paddle the Flint (pg.1)*

JUNE

- June 5 *Discovery Days - Animal Antics (pg. 5)*
- June 7 *Science After Sunset (pg.3)*
- June 6-24 Southwest Georgia Art Show & Sale presented by the Albany Area Arts Council
- June 1-3 *Aquadopt Summer Camp (pg. 7)*
- June 6-10 *Wild & Wacky Science II (pg. 7)*
- June 9 *Twilight Paddle (pg. 1)*
- June 9-10 Teacher Workshops (pg. 4)
- June 11 *Paddle the Flint (pg. 1)*
- June 13-17 *Space Camp (pg. 7)*
- June 15 *Tadpole Time - My Wild Backyard (pg. 5)*
- June 16 *Third Thursday - FRQ opens 5 - 8 p.m. with \$5 admission (pg. 6)*
- June 19 *Discovery Days - Animal Antics (pg. 5)*
Father's Day Promotion - Free admission for father with paid child admission
- June 23-24 Teacher Workshops (pg.4)
- June 27 *4H2O Camp (pg.4)*
- June 30 *Twilight Paddle (pg. 1)*

JULY

- July 3 *Discovery Days - River Bash (pg. 5)*
- July 6-8 *Things That Make You Go EEK! Summer Camp (pg. 7)*
- July 9 *Paddle the Flint (pg. 1)*
- July 14 *Twilight Paddle (pg. 1)*
- July 17 *Discovery Days - River Bash (pg. 5)*
- July 18-22 *Wonders of Nature Summer Camp (pg.7)*
- July 20 *Tadpole Time - River Bash (pg. 5)*
- July 21 *Third Thursday - FRQ opens 5 - 8 p.m. with \$5 admission (pg. 6)*
- July 28 *Twilight Paddle (pg. 1)*

AUGUST

- August 2 *Science After Sunset (pg. 3)*
- August 4 *Twilight Paddle (pg. 1)*
- August 6 *Paddle the Flint (pg. 1)*
- August 7 *Beat the Heat Sunday Promotion. \$5 admission to FRQ. Add a movie for \$1.*
Discovery Days - Buggin' Out (pg. 5)
- August 14 *Beat the Heat Sunday Promotion. \$5 admission to FRQ. Add a movie for \$1.*
- August 21 *Beat the Heat Sunday Promotion. \$5 admission to FRQ. Add a movie for \$1.*
Discovery Days - Buggin' Out (pg. 5)
- August 17 *Tadpole Time - Buggin' Out (pg. 5)*
- August 28 *Beat the Heat Sunday Promotion. \$5 admission to FRQ. Add a movie for \$1.*

Collections Brief

Meet the locals

Meet the Flint RiverQuarium's own large Great Egret—Igor! Igor, who was introduced into the Flint RiverQuarium aviary in September 2008, got his name due to his natural hunched-back stance. Igor came to us from the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary where he was treated for a broken wing. He would not be able to survive in the wild due to his limited flight capability, so he has a permanent home here with us at the RiverQuarium.



Another Great Egret visitor frequents the Blue Hole Exhibit. This exhibit is open to the elements, and these expert fishermen can come in and eat their fill of smaller fish that may be lingering near the surface. This fellow was found standing on one of the access ladders after snacking on some of our display animals!

Science After Sunset

The Flint RiverQuarium's newest education program is *Science after Sunset*, offered the first Tuesday of every other month at 6 p.m.



Members of the Flint RiverQuarium curatorial staff engage and entertain participants with themed interactive presentations on the various needs of the approximately 1,200 animals that comprise the organization's living collection.

Upcoming dates are:

June 7 - *Better Homes & Gardens: Aquarium Types and Style*
This will be a brief overview of the basics of aquarium construction from the home aquarium to larger public exhibits.

August 2 - *Under Attack: Aquarium Pests and Parasites*
This presentation focuses on typical pests and parasites that occur in aquaria and how the curatorial team deals with them.

Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres are served immediately following the program, and guests have an opportunity to explore the Riverquarium on their own. Admission for RiverQuarium members is \$6 per person; \$8 per person for non-members. Reservations are requested. Please contact Ashley McCall or Vicki Churchman at 229-639-2650 to make a reservation or for more information.

Creature Feature



The Great Egret *Ardea alba*



The Great Egret is a large wading bird with pure white plumage. One of the largest wading birds in North America, it can reach one meter in height and weigh up to 2 pounds with a wingspan of 65 to 85 inches. The Great Egret can be distinguished from other

white egrets by its black legs and feet, as well as its yellow bill. It flies with its neck pulled back in an S-curve.

The Great Egret is widely distributed and occurs in most of the tropical and warmer temperate regions of the world. It is rather localized in southern Europe, but it is quite common across the southern United States, in the rainforests of South America, and throughout the central region of Africa.

The Great Egret typically breeds in large colonies close to wetlands and reedy areas of lakes. In breeding colonies the males often make a loud "cuk cuk cuk" call.

The Great Egret is not a picky eater. It feeds on just about anything live that it can swallow. Typically this includes small fish, frogs, snakes, lizards, mice, and insects. The Great Egret stalks its victims by wading in shallow water or standing motionless as its prey swims within reach and then uses its sharp bill to spear its food.



Education Highlights

Teacher Workshops

Free two-day teacher workshops focusing on integrating inquiry practices through the teaching of science material from the Georgia Performance Standards will be held at the Flint RiverQuarium this summer. All teachers can earn 1 PLU per workshop for certification purposes.



A workshop geared toward 3rd - 5th grade teachers will be held June 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A second workshop geared toward Kindergarten - 2nd grade teachers will be held June 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 24 from 9 a.m. to 1p.m.



The workshops include tours of all exhibits, content behind the standards covered, presentations on keeping animals in the classroom, hands-on activities and experiments at our touch tank and fish holding tanks, activity hand-outs and lesson plan

development for utilization in the classroom.

4 H2O Camp

The Flint RiverQuarium, University of Georgia's C. M. Stripling Irrigation Research Park and Southwest Georgia 4-H are offering a three-day summer camp to 4-H students June 27 – 29. Campers will participate in hands-on science activities focusing on water and ecosystems with a special behind-the-scenes and exhibit tour at the Flint RiverQuarium on the first day. The second day, participants will be introduced to agricultural topics at the research park in Camilla, followed by fun in the sun on the third day at Water World in Dothan, Alabama. For more information, please contact Jennifer Grogan at jgrogan@uga.edu or Debra Cox at dscfcox@uga.edu.



Myth-Understanding

Myth: Turtles are slow.

Truth: Not all turtles are slow movers. Aquatic turtles can swim very fast with their webbed feet, and some land turtles can be very agile and quick on their feet when threatened. The fastest moving turtle on record was held by a very frightened leatherback sea turtle. It swam at 22 mph, which is as fast as a human can run on land. Like the fable about the Tortoise and the Hare, don't underestimate the power of the turtle!



Bring Your Group for a Visit

Now is the time to schedule your group reservation. Whether you have a daycare, school, church or civic group, the Flint RiverQuarium has something for you! Meet some of the native creatures of southwest Georgia, as well as exotic creatures from around the world. Then cool down and relax in our large-format theater. Call today to make your reservation! Group rates apply for groups of 10 or more. Educational rates apply for schools.



For reservations, contact Ola Terrell, Guest Services Manager, at 229-639-2650 ext. 191 or tickets@flinriverquarium.com.

Ask about our new joint Flint RiverQuarium and Thronateeska field trip option! It's like getting two field trips in one!

O-fish-al Guide

The *O-fish-al Guide* is an interactive guide to learning more about the animals who call the Flint RiverQuarium their home. People sometimes have the tendency to move through aquariums at a quick pace spending little time at each exhibit. If you or your child crave a more in-depth, self-guided educational experience, ask for the *O-fish-al Guide* and begin your journey today! This guide is designed for ages 9 and up. *A nominal fee applies.*



Education Highlights

Discovery Days 2011

Bring the whole family and join the fun with arts and crafts, live animal presentations and more from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month throughout the year.



It is FREE with your RiverQuarium regular admission or membership. Each month features a different fun and educational theme focusing on the elementary aged child. Each child will receive a Flint Ultimate Naturalist (F.U.N.) Passport that is stamped each time your child participates in Discovery Days' hands-on activities. When you get 4 stamps, a F.U.N. certificate and a free t-shirt is yours!



On Sunday, May 15, come experience the magic of a precious natural resource - water - while you create your very own "Water Beasts" that can walk on water. See how a tiny drop of water can be used as a magnifying glass. Discover that the water on the earth today

is the same water that was here with the dinosaurs as you have a water cycle adventure with finger puppets. Create a beautiful underwater scene while painting with salt water.

Discovery Days 2011 Themes

May - *Hey-Ho H2O*

June - *Animal Antics*

July - *River Bash*

August - *Buggin' Out*

September - *A Place to Hang Your Habitat*

October - *Things That Make You Go EWW!*

November - *Every Birdy Welcome*

December - *Merry Fishmas*

Tadpole Time

Designed for preschoolers and parents, *Tadpole Time* is held the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.



Featuring the same monthly themes as *Discovery Days*, this special time features crafts, story times, snacks and live animal presentations geared toward our youngest visitors. Please make reservations by calling 229-639-2650 ext. 233.



Sleep with the Fishes

Your group will be able to experience the RiverQuarium on an overnight indoor camping adventure. These group sleepovers allow Kindergarten through 8th grade level participants to see a movie at the Imagination Theater, get a personal tour with a RiverQuarium expert, have a pizza dinner, enjoy many other activities and bed down at the Blue Hole. This is a great opportunity for organized groups such as scouts or church groups. For more information, please contact Melissa Martin at 229-639-2650 ext. 226 or mmartin@flinriverquarium.com.



waterSmart Tip of the Month:

Collect Water. Place rain barrels under downspouts to collect water that can be used to hydrate your landscape without turning on a faucet.

What is a rain barrel and where can I get one? A rain barrel is a rainwater harvesting system that is connected to a downspout from a house or building. By collecting rainwater, you will have a waterSmart source of water to keep your landscape hydrated, regardless of climate conditions or watering restrictions. Rain barrels also help reduce erosion and storm water runoff and increase water quality.



You can either purchase pre-made rain barrels at your local hardware or garden store or create your own. For more information on creating your own, visit http://water.cobbcountyga.gov/files/rain_barrel.pdf

Now at the Flint RiverQuarium

New Theater Coordinator

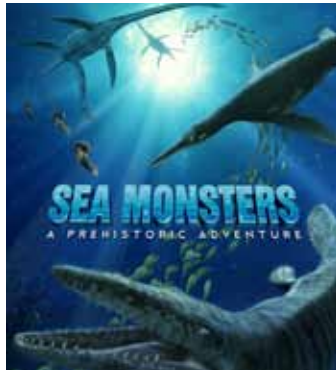
Matt Shemwell, the newest member of the Flint RiverQuarium staff, has taken the position of Adventure Center Cafe and Imagination Theater Coordinator. A graduate of Georgia Southwestern State University with two years of experience in the food service industry, Matt is prepared to take the helm as theater manager. Matt can be found in and around the theater developing new and innovative ways to bring life and exciting experiences to the Imagination Theater. Stay tuned!



Showing through June 30

SEA MONSTERS: A PREHISTORIC ADVENTURE

When strange bones are discovered in a muddy Kansas river bank, paleontologists set out to investigate a mystery "buried in time." Through ultra-realistic computer animation we travel back to the Late Cretaceous, when the sea was dominated by giant marine reptiles, some as large as present-day whales. The film follows a female Dolichorhynchops (a seal-like reptile) and her offspring



through adventures that illustrate life in the sea during the Age of Dinosaurs. Live-action recreations of actual paleontological digs are intercut throughout, revealing the scientific basis for each animated episode. In the end, the bones in Kansas turn out to be those of the featured Dolichorhynchops.

Please check our website, www.flintriverquarium.com, or call 229-639-2650 for the most current show times.



A TRUE MOVIE DELICACY!

3oz of cheesy delight!
Add a drink and enjoy the show!

Nachos--\$2.25
Nachos/drink combo--\$3.75

Alien Attack: Target Everglades!



Aliens have landed in our midst and they're threatening our natural world! Learn about invasive plants and animals that are wreaking havoc in the Florida Everglades--and those in our own backyard.

Alien Attack offers a top-ten countdown of the most dangerous plants and animals and their threat to the area's fragile ecosystems. These non-native species are already

threatening the Florida Everglades and many are making their way toward Georgia. Live aliens on display include the Burmese python, Nile monitor lizard, Mayan cichlids, exotic frogs, and more.

Wings on the Flint: Photography by Houston Alligood

Worth County resident, Houston Alligood, captures the birds of the Flint River Basin in stunning photography in their natural habitat. A sampling of his work will be on display at the Flint RiverQuarium through May 30. The exhibition is included with paid admission to the Flint RiverQuarium.



Third Thursdays are back

In celebration of the longer, lazier days of summer, the Flint RiverQuarium is bringing back the popular Third Thursdays program. In May, June and July, visitors can enjoy the RiverQuarium and a movie in the Imagination Theater for only \$5 on the third Thursday of each month from 5 to 8 p.m.

2011 Dates: May 19, June 16 and July 21



ADVENTURES IN SCIENCE & NATURE Summer Camp 2011

presented by
Flint RiverQuarium and
Thronateeska Heritage Center

Camp Dates
June 1 thru July 22, 2011
ages range from 5 to 12

Join us on a whirlwind adventure through nature as we explore our environment and blast off into outer space. Check out all of these fun-filled camps and prepare for an outrageous summer!

Aquadopt

This is no ordinary summer camp! This camp combines science and animals for loads of fun! Come spend three days discovering the secrets of animals that share our world. Grab your nets and explore the rich Flint River ecosystem. Go behind the scenes and see what it takes to keep our critters happy and healthy. Become an adoptive parent and under the supervision of our staff you will learn about your animal and take responsibility for its care. If you love animals then this camp is for you!

Ages 7 to 11 - \$55 members, \$65 non-members
Wednesday, June 1 - Friday, June 3 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bring a sack lunch.

Wild & Wacky Science III

This camp is SO BIG that it will take place at both the Flint RiverQuarium and Thronateeska Heritage Center! If you are ready to mix up some wild science magic then this camp is for you! Come discover why oil and water don't mix while making your own lava light. Goody wonders await you with our kitchen science. Our only advice is DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME! We thought your children would have such a blast at this one, we are offering it twice. Choose the one that best fits your schedule below.

Ages 7 to 11 - \$90 members, \$100 non-members
Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bring a sack lunch.

Space Camp

Blast off into a universe of wonder and discovery! Become an amateur astronomer and join us for five days of exploration of the cosmos. Peer into the blackness of space in full-dome Wetherbee Planetarium video and star exploration and end the week with a bang as you build your own bottle rocket. From the planets and stars, to astronaut life and the Milky Way, Thronateeska's Space Camp is an experience that is out of this world!

Ages 9 to 12 - \$90 members, \$100 non-members
Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bring a sack lunch.

Small Fry

What if you had teeth like an alligator and wings like a bird? Step into the world of alligators, turtles, fish, frogs, and birds. Meet the RiverQuarium's special alligator, Moonshine, and try to find Big Al, the 100 pound alligator snapping turtle. Smiles, laughter, fun and surprises will greet you everyday during this week of adventure at our specially designed Small Fry Camp. Choose the one that best fits your schedule.

Ages 5 to 6 - \$50 members, \$60 non-members
Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Snack provided.

Things That Make You Go EEEK!!!

Do some creatures make you wiggle and squirm? Well, squirm no more! Come to this summer camp at the Flint RiverQuarium and learn about the good, the bad and the ugly. You won't believe the bombardier beetle's adaptation for survival! Enjoy snacks from the Creepy Crawly Café and do hands-on experiments with live animals. This camp is not for the squeamish but is for those who love yucky!

Ages 7 to 11 - \$55 members, \$65 non-members
Wednesday, July 6 - Friday, July 8 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bring a sack lunch.

Wonders of Nature

Have you ever wondered what an owl eats, why the ocean moves and why some animals can walk on water? This action packed camp promises to be a week filled with wonder. Get ready for new adventures as you set off into the wild. Learn how to use a compass and identify animal tracks. Come face to face with the animals that call the Flint RiverQuarium home. Great summer camp fun awaits you right here!

Ages 7 to 11 - \$90 members, \$100 non-members
Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bring a sack lunch.

Register online at
www.flintriverquarium.com
or call 229-639-2650.

A typical session includes crafts, games, exhibit tours, animal encounters, snacks, a t-shirt and an Imagination Theater movie.

RiverQuarium Support

Corporate Partners

The Corporate Partners Program allows businesses of all types and sizes to invest in the Flint RiverQuarium. Three investment levels make this attractive program affordable and the generous benefits may be shared with employees and clients alike. Contact the Membership Department at (229) 639-2650 ext. 233 for more information.

Bronze (\$250)

Albany Dermatology Clinic
Cakescakescakes.com
Culbreath Education Consulting
Longleaf Dental
Plantation Publishing
Rental Depot
Seaview Aquariums

Silver (\$500)

Albany Journal
Aldridge-Jordan, Inc.
Central Monitoring
City of Albany - Mayor's Office
Heritage Bank
J. Smith Lanier

Gold (\$1,000)

Albany Advocacy Resource Center
Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital
Procter and Gamble

Corporate Sponsorship Program

Demonstrate your support for natural-resource conservation and education by investing in the Flint RiverQuarium Corporate Sponsorship Program. Corporate sponsorships provide for school-group tours, ensure the proper care of the animal collections and guarantee a quality experience for all RiverQuarium visitors. Let tens of thousands of people know your company is "earth friendly" and civic minded through your investment in the Flint RiverQuarium. Investment levels include \$3,000; \$6,000; \$10,000. Please call 639-2650 ext. 225 or log on to www.flintriverquarium.com for more information.



Gifts & Grants

(December 16, 2010 - March 31, 2011)

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Thank you for supporting the Flint RiverQuarium!

Aquadopt Parents

Thank you to all of those who participated in the new Aquadopt Program, which debuted in January. During the first quarter, Aquadopt contributions totaled over \$00,000!

Fish

Will Winborne Lucy Salter
Robert Rainey Kale Cooling
Garrett Brooks Gianna Palazzolo
Amanda Schilling Catherine Warren
Dave Baranski Lucia Scalero
Stu Donnan Victoria Fiordaliso
Cody Brienza Tabitha Furmato
Morgan Rich Annamaria Furmato
James Wright Rachel Furmato
Lila Lanier David Furmato
Genevieve Lanier Larry & Phyllis Crumb
Miriam Tondera Anita Mock Hudgens
Bess Pennington

Membership Update

Aquadopt Parents continued

Bird

J.M. & Wylene Yielding
Kyle McGuire
John E. Gorecki
Jerry Wessels
Stevie Lewis
Mrs. Dorothy J. Takash
Nancy & Jay Ventulett
Dalton & Kyle
Callie Graber
Leonard Brannan
Mae Crowder
Sadie Mitchell
Cecily Thompson
David & Rachel Jackson
Beth Haley
Emily McAfee
Emily Rose Bellacomo

Tim & Lonnie Lawless
Frances Katherine McAfee
Bess Pennington
Suzanne Speed
Bella Belusko
Vonda Hancock
Faro Palazzolo
Marissa Fiordaliso
Morgan Wordelmann
Olivia Furmato
Johnny Furmato
Peter Furmato
Patsy Stripling
Nyla Blackwell
Flannery Lynch
Kaitlyn Bellomy

Alligator

Bill Bates
Jo Ann Bates
Caleb Fowler
Kathryn & Lane Brown
A.J. Graber
Logan Grey Brooks
Luke Wilson
Josh Smith
Jay Reynolds
Andrew Bellacomo
Logan Rich
Jeff & Janie Lark
Alden Wright
Jackson Revell
Tyler Hendrickson
Bess Pennington
Barb & Ernie Fedewa
Steve W. Batson
Molly Bush

Jonathan Bailey
Pierce Abrams
Terry Kile
Pace Cooling
Will Bennett
Mirella Palazzolo
Johnathan Furmato
Luke Wordelmann
Joseph Fiordaliso
Daniel Furmato
Matthew Furmato
Garrett Sander
Sara Furmato
Anastasia Furmato
Uday Sappati
Doug & Taffy Noble
Charles Stripling
Bryce Etheridge

Snake

Thomas Phillips
Harlow Lacy
Harold R. Hudgens, Jr.
S.B.A.K. Donnan
Alexis Underwood
Hamner Slaby
Stetson Gilbert
Matt Thompson
Lisbeth A. Fogg

Morgan Wright
Hays Revell
Bryce Dunn
Joe P. Tondera
Bess Pennington
Chiarra Palazzolo
Angela Furmato
Mary Louise Wordelmann
Isabella Furmato

Frog

Emily Phillips
Gavin Fowler
Hilsman Hendley
Davis Winborne
Gunner Brooks
Janelle Winter
Ben Mitchell
Hollyn Brooks
Robert G. Miksad
Lynn Baell Wilson
Davis Coleman
Lisbeth A. Fogg
Gracie Ann Stone
Gracie Ann Stone
Hana Ghiathi
Brad Dunn
Bess Pennington

Tyler Bennett
Drake Houck
Taylor Grandinetti
Alex Grandinetti
Laura Lindsey
Mary Alston Bennett
Kathy Crowell
Matteo Palazzolo
Salvatore Scalero
Anthony Fiordaliso
Haley Furmato
Regina Furmato
Peter Furmato
Vincent Furmato
Sydney Lynch
Kalebb Bellomy

Turtle

Anslee Fowler
Josephine Gorecki
Rust Hendley
John & Sally Grant
Frances B. Davis
Martha Sumner
Karen Hogue
Tanner Graber
Bryant Campbell
Abby Price
Margaret Brannan
Hunter & Kaelin Bush
Greg Russell
Lily Wilson
Amy Schilling
Sarah Donnan
Will & Kathryn Karis Fricks
Haven Brooks
Pam Reynolds
David & Rachel Jackson
Collins Clark
Richard Slaby
Banks Haley
Frances McAfee
Dot McClain
Harper Coleman
Jeff & Janie Lark
Banks Revell
Beverly Smith
Emma Hendrickson
Sophie Tondera
Bess Pennington
Sandy, Floyd & Owen Faulk
Watkins Coley
McCall Coley
Chapel Coley
Jay Ford

Graham Ford
Connor Watkins
Ryan Watkins
Kathleen Batson
Hannah Salter
Ella Salter
Abby Bennett
Jackson Belusko
Emma Bailey
Brandon & Brielle Masters
Irene L. Turner
Boden Houck
The Khedas
Lorna & Padgett
Doris K. Lorig
Frances McAfee
John Crowell
Giacomo Palazzolo
Sabrina Fiordaliso
Roseanne Furmato
Frankie Furmato
Mark Wordelmann
Christopher Furmato
Krishna Sappati
Scott & Deborah Loehr
Emma Stripling
Olivia Stripling
Ryan Loehr
Albany Land Co., Inc.
Beth Cuff
Eli Carter
Chandler Rutland
Slater Sills
Garrett Bellomy
Robert Mims

Blue Hole Society

Blue Hole Society members participate in the highest levels of membership in the Flint RiverQuarium. Membership in the Blue Hole Society helps ensure the future of the RiverQuarium by supporting exceptional educational programs, first-class exhibits and new initiatives.

To become a member of the RiverQuarium Blue Hole Society, please contact the Membership Department at 229-639-2650, or toll free at 877-GOFLINT.

Blue Hole Society Members

KNIGHTS OF BARBOUR (\$1,000)

Drs. Lindsay R. Boring and
Kay Kirkman
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Mrs. Gayle Chapman
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Ms. Mary Helen Dykes
Mrs. Lisbeth Fogg
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Jones
Ms. Jo Elliott Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Law

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Brendon Viquez is a student at Lee County High School and began volunteering in animal husbandry in May 2010. Since then he has logged over 158 hours of service to the RiverQuarium! As an animal husbandry volunteer, Brendon assists with all aspects of caring for the animals of the RiverQuarium. He runs water chemistry, knows food prep and helps with keeping tanks clean. Thanks for all your hard work, Brendon!



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