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Wings and Wildlife Festival & Flint Float at the Flint RiverQuarium next weekend

Come join the Flint RiverQuarium next weekend for a celebration of all creatures great and small at the annual Wings and Wildlife Festival on Saturday, September 24, and the Flint Float on Sunday, September 25!

In addition to a day full of activities and special presentations by bird and wildlife experts at the RiverQuarium, Saturday festival-goers also can see a planetarium show and a storyteller at Thronateeska Heritage Center and participate in guided garden tours at Radium Springs.

“Whether guests choose to build a birdhouse to take home, participate in a guided birding walk, enjoy an up-close reptile and amphibian show or marvel at the birds of prey demonstration, they are sure to leave with a renewed appreciation for the Flint River and its native wildlife,” said Melissa Martin, event organizer and Flint RiverQuarium Education Manager.

Other planned activities, such as interactive children’s stations, performances by professional storytellers and a class for beginning birdwatchers, guarantee fun for the whole family.

On Sunday, participants can spend an afternoon on the river followed by barbeque and music at the RiverQuarium. A five-mile river trip, admission to the Flint RiverQuarium, a barbeque meal and music are all included in the following options:

- Rent a two-person canoe (includes two meals) \$55
- Rent a kayak \$40
- Own canoe/kayak \$40
- Own single canoe/kayak \$30

A limited number of spots are available for the Flint Float. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis by contacting the RiverQuarium at 229-639-2650. All major credit cards are accepted.

Those not venturing out on the river are still able to join in the festivities at the RiverQuarium, including food, music and RiverQuarium admission from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Prices for the Flint RiverQuarium members are \$8 per adult, \$5 per child. Non-member prices are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child. Non-member prices are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child.

For detailed information please see our web site, www.flinriverquarium.com, or call 229-639-2650.

Wings and Wildlife Saturday Event Schedule

Except where additional fees are noted, all activities are included with admission to the Flint RiverQuarium

10:00 am-Noon

Birdwatching 101 (\$3)

Presented by Jim Cox of Tall Timbers Research Station
Flint RiverQuarium Wet Lab & Riverfront Trail

10:00 am, 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Movie: *Sea Monsters*

Flint RiverQuarium Imagination Theater

10:00 am-4 pm

Build Your Own Birdhouse (\$5)

Presented by Home Depot
Flint RiverQuarium Plaza

Ongoing 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Invasive Species Presentations

Presented by Ben Scott of Seaview Aquariums
Flint RiverQuarium Adventure Center

10:00 am-4:00 pm

Interactive Children's Activity Stations

Flint RiverQuarium Skywater Room & Thronateeska Heritage Center

10:00 am-4:00 pm

Paint a Giant Mural

Flint RiverQuarium Plaza

10:00 am-4:00 pm

Jumpy castle slide, face painting and clown

Flint RiverQuarium

10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm & 3:30 pm

Animal Encounters

Flint RiverQuarium

11:00 am, Noon & 1:00 pm

Guided Garden Tours

Presented by Southwest Georgia Master Gardeners
Radium Springs

11:00 am & 2:00 pm

Dive Shows

Flint RiverQuarium Blue Hole

11:00 am & 2:00 pm

Earth Day Every Day Snake Show by Okefenokee Joe
Flint RiverQuarium Imagination Theater

Noon
Birds of Prey Show
Presented by Georgia Southern University's Center for Wildlife Education
The Lamar Q. Ball, Jr. Raptor Center
Flint RiverQuarium Plaza

1:00 pm
Alligator Feeding
Flint RiverQuarium Spring Run Creek Exhibit

1:00 pm-1:45 pm
Reptile and Amphibian Show
Flint RiverQuarium Imagination Theater

1:00 pm & 3:00 pm
Zoo in Space Planetarium Show (\$3.50 plus tax)
Thronateeska Heritage Center

3:30 p.m.
Storytelling
Presented by "Doc Fox," Dr. Bill Buntin
Thronateeska Heritage Center

The Flint RiverQuarium is southwest Georgia's premier aquarium, featuring more than 1,000 animals that call the Flint River watershed home. The Flint RiverQuarium is located at 101 Pine Avenue in downtown Albany, Georgia. Regular operating hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

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