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## EEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Connecting Environmental Education to My Students, My Community, and My World”

Jekyll Island Convention Center

March 30 – April 1, 2007

**Don't Delay!**

**Make Your Reservations Today!**

**We're competing with “Spring Breakers”;**

**Make your room reservations NOW—go to**

**[www.eealliance.org](http://www.eealliance.org) for information.**

Ballet-like marsh grasses, salty air, wheeling ospreys, tingling minds, laughing friends, new ideas, change of scenery ... all enticements to come to Jekyll Island for the Environmental Education Alliance conference – **Connecting EE to My Students, My Community, and My World**, March 31 – April 1. EEA Conference Chairs Walter Lane and Donna Stewart invite you to savor the many delights of the Georgia coast. Donna says the niftiest things about the conference are “...the beach, the variety of the classes offered, the beach, the in-depth learning you can receive, the beach ...” (You get the idea.)

Walter is enthusiastic about the great field learning opportunities EEA has assembled with the help of many coastal resource people, from the National Park Service, Tidelands and Jekyll 4-H Centers, University of Georgia extension service, NOAA, and the DNR Coastal Resources Division. When word got out that EEA was coming to the coast, Walter says these generous folks “tracked ME down to offer their help, I didn't have to call them.” Conference participants will find it hard to choose just one outing. You can go to sea on the R.V. Anna research trawler, visit Sapelo or Cumberland Islands, awaken all your senses on early morning beach walks. As Donna pointed out, “It's always better to visit a new place with a native!” Guides for the field trips are exceptional resource-people, all based on the coast, so EEA explorers are sure to learn and see, far beyond their expectations. Walter and Donna are also jazzed about the 6-hour training in **Flying WILD**, birding for middle schoolers, taught by Tim Keyes and Karen Garland.

Longtime EEA conference groupies know to expect wise and witty keynote speakers and conference presenters. Our keynote speakers are Cathy Sakas of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration- Grays Reef Marine Sanctuary, and Dr. Stephen Pruitt, Science Program Supervisor for the Georgia Department of Education.

## Our Opening Keynote Speaker

### Introducing Cathy Sakas!



*Cathy's lifelong love of the ocean began at the age of three when a huge wave knocked her face flat onto the beach.*

*Cathy tried earning a living crabbing and/or shrimping, but soon concluded she would find a steadier job, and use those*

*skills only to put seafood on her own table. Educated at Armstrong-Atlantic University, since 1976 Cathy has been a professional interpretive naturalist specializing in tropical and subtropical marine and terrestrial environments.*

*At Oatland Island Education Center in Savannah, she was in charge of, and literally a member of, the resident pack of Eastern Timber Wolves.*

*In 1990 after spending a year sailing in the Pacific around Japan and the Marshall Islands she returned to the Georgia coast to help with the Loggerhead Sea Turtle Hatchery on Little Cumberland Island.*

*In her other life Cathy vamps it up as one of the singers for Savannah's own blast from the past, "The World Famous Crabettes". The Crabettes are called world famous because they appeared, albeit briefly, in the movie "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil".*

### *Georgia Environmental Education Awards Ceremony Call for Nominations - EEA Awards*

- ③ **Dr. Eugene Odum Lifetime Service Award**
- ③ **Outdoor Classroom Service Award**
- ③ **Monarchs Across Georgia Service Award**

#### **Outstanding Service Awards (formal or nonformal educators)**

- **Teaching PreK-12**
- **Teaching College, Postgraduate, or Adults**
- **Research**
- **Volunteer Service**

*See [www.eealliance.org](http://www.eealliance.org) for nomination instructions!*

## Don't Miss the Keynote Luncheon Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>!!!



*Stephen Pruitt will close the 2007 conference on Sunday by discussing the role of Environmental Education in Georgia's classrooms. Stephen is the Science Program Manager for*

*the Georgia Department of Education and a long time supporter of environmental education. Stephen joined the Georgia Department of Education in June of 2003. Stephen supervised the revision and implementation of Georgia's new science curriculum. "Georgia Performance Standards have taken Georgia in a new direction in science education with an emphasis in conceptual learning and inquiry", says Steven.*

*Before taking the position as State Science Program Manager, Stephen taught High School Chemistry for 13 years. Among Stephens many and varied accomplishments he received "Humanitarian of the Year" in 2003, STAR Teacher for 2001-02 and voted Cross-Country Coach of the Year in 1999. Stephen's passion for Cross Country lead him to serve as Event Manager for the Centennial Olympic Games where he was Responsible for seeding and lane assignments for all athletes in track and field as well as issuing official results. In 1997 Stephen was nominated for Georgia Science Teacher of the Year. Stephen has been a great asset and partner to the Environmental Education Alliance. Please join us on Sunday to hear Stephen inspire us about the role of Environmental Education in Georgia's classrooms.*

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**Special Notice to Conference Attendees!  
EEA will NOT be accepting Credit Cards  
this year. ALL EEA related exchanges  
MUST BE PAID BY CASH OR CHECK!**

# Field Trips at a Glance

(see descriptions in conference program guide at [www.eealliance.org](http://www.eealliance.org))

## Thursday, March 29

- 1: Shore Bird Walk: 8:00-11:30 AM - \$15
- 2: Little St. Simon's: 10:30-4:00 PM - \$50 (10 person Max)
- 3: Marsh Kayak Tour: 12:30-3:30 PM - \$25 (8 person Max)

## Friday, March 30

- 4: RV ANNA Boat Trip: 1:00-3:00 PM - Free (14 person Max)
- 5: Marsh Kayak Tour: 12:30-3:30 PM - \$25 (8 person Max)
- 6: St. Simon's Coast Guard and Lighthouse Museum: 1:00-4:00 PM - \$5 (14 person Max)
- 7: Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation: 1:00-3:00 PM - \$6 (14 person Max)
- 8: Beach Walk: 1:00-3:00 PM - Free (15 person Max)
- 9: TBA

## Saturday, March 31

- 10: Dolphin Boat Tour: 9:00-10:30 AM - \$18 (30 person Max)
- 11: Crooked River State Park: 9:00-11:00 AM - Free (14 person Max)
- 12: Sapelo Island: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - \$10 (9 person Max)
- 13: Historic District Tour: 1:00-2:30 PM - \$8 (35 person Max)
- 14: Marsh Kayak Tour: 12:30-3:30 PM \$25 (8 person Max)
- 15: Beach Walk: 1:00-3:00 PM - Free (15 person Max)
- 16: Cumberland Island: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM \$15 (14 person Max)

Please note there is a \$12/person registration fee for The Georgia's Fascinating Habitats and Wildlife Workshop Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. please note your participation on your conference registration form and include the workshop registration fee with you conference registration fee.



*The beach is beckoning!*

### Beachview Club

721 N. Beachview Drive  
Reservations: 1-800-299-2228  
[www.beachviewclub.com](http://www.beachviewclub.com)

### Buccaneer Beach Resort

85 S. Beachview Drive  
Reservations: 1-912-635-2261  
[www.buccaneerbeachresort.com](http://www.buccaneerbeachresort.com)

### Days Inn & Suites

60 S. Beachview Drive  
Reservations: 1-888-635-3003  
[www.daysinnjekyll.com](http://www.daysinnjekyll.com)  
Rates are available until February 28, 2007 and are on a first come, first served basis.  
10 - Islandside Rooms - \$85.00/night  
10 - Oceanside Rooms - \$95.00/night  
5-Suites - \$133.00/night  
Please let the hotel know that you are with the Environmental Education Alliance

### Jekyll Oceanfront Resort

975 N. Beachview Drive  
Reservations: 800-736-1046  
[www.jekyllinn.com](http://www.jekyllinn.com)  
Islandside Guestroom: \$85.00 per night  
Partial Oceanview Guestroom: \$95.00 per night  
Oceanfront Guestroom: \$105.00 per night  
1 BR Villa: \$135.00 per night  
2 BR Villa: \$155.00 per night  
Please let the hotel know that you are with the Environmental Education Alliance  
\*\*We have a 72-hour cancellation policy.  
\*\*There is a \$7.42 resort fee per room, per night.

Hotel website: [www.jekyllinn.com](http://www.jekyllinn.com)  
Hotel Phone: 800-736-1046  
Hotel Address: 975 N. Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA 31527

### Jekyll Island Club Hotel

371 Riverview Drive  
Reservations: 1-800-535-9547  
[www.jekyllclub.com/](http://www.jekyllclub.com/)

### Oceanside Inn & Suites

711 N. Beachview Drive  
Reservations: 1-912-635-2211  
[www.buccaneerbeachresort.com](http://www.buccaneerbeachresort.com)

### Quality Inn & Suites

700 N. Beachview Drive  
Reservations: 1-912-635-2202  
[www.jekyllislandquality.com](http://www.jekyllislandquality.com)

#### Room Types and Rates:

Deluxe Standard: \$ 79.99  
Efficiency: \$ 89.99  
One Bedroom Suite: \$109.99  
Two-Bedroom Suite: \$129.99

These rates are only good until March 1, 2007 and are on a first come, first served basis. These rates are only available by calling the hotel at 912/635-2202.

We do not have a reservation email. Please let the hotel know that you are with the EEA Annual Conference

### Villas By The Sea Resort

1175 N. Beachview Drive  
Reservations: 1-800-841-6262  
[www.jekyllislandga.org](http://www.jekyllislandga.org)

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Islandside</u>	<u>Oceanside</u>	<u>Occupancy</u>
Mini Villa/Studio Villa 1-2	\$117		N/A
One Bedroom Villa 1-2	\$145		\$155
Two Bedroom Villa 1-4	\$165		\$199
Three Bedroom Villa 1-6	\$215		\$249

Rates do not include 11% tax or 4% resort fee, which are additional.

Rates proposed are subject to availability.

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Rates are available until February 28, 2007 and are on a first come, first served basis.

### Jekyll Island Campground

1197 Riverview Drive  
866-658-3021  
[www.jekyllisland.com/activities/camping.asp](http://www.jekyllisland.com/activities/camping.asp)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Daily</u>
Prim Tent	\$18.99
W/ Electric (Tent)	\$22.99
Back In	\$25.99
Pull Through	\$29.99