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Keynote Speaker

Cathy J. Sakas, B.S. Bio., M.Ed. Sci.

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Ms. Cathy Sakas is a 1976 and 1989 graduate of Armstrong State University, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Biology and her Masters of Education in Science. Ms. Sakas has been a lifelong lover of the ocean, ever since the age of three. This passion for the ocean helped foster an incredible career.

She is a Professional Interpretive Naturalist specializing in ocean and coastal environments, and leads educational wilderness expeditions throughout the southeast United States, Caribbean, and Central America. Ms. Sakas has also produced a two-time Emmy Award-winning nature documentary series named Coastal Naturalist for Georgia Public Television, as well hosting a multiple Telly-award winning nature series for Turner South entitled The Natural South.



From October 1998 to her official retirement in January 2014 Cathy worked with NOAA Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary as Education Coordinator where she taught teacher workshops, developed education programs and supported the scientific dive team by SCUBA diving. Highlights of her career included piloting a one-person submersible called DeepWorker 2000 on multiple missions to explore Gray's Reef and Florida Middle Grounds. She also spent nine days underwater as an Aquanaut working from Aquarius Undersea Laboratory with five other scientists to study changes on Conch Reef off of Key Largo.

In 2010, Ms. Sakas co-founded Ocean Exchange, a non-profit organization dedicated to mobilizing innovative solutions that address global ocean and coastal issues. The Exchange seeks to reduce waste and the use of nature's resources while increasing productivity and respecting cultures around the world.

"My job is knowing a little about a whole lot of things on the land and in the sea and making connections."

"You can't know things about the ocean and animals and plants and not feel obligated to protect and preserve them. I try to encourage people to feel a sense of stewardship. My friends know I never quit teaching." **—Cathy J. Sakas**



General Information

2020 Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia Annual Conference

EEA Store Hours – General Session Room

Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am – 9:00 pm

Silent Auction – General Session Room

Saturday: 8:00 am - 8:30 pm

Exhibitors – General Session Room

Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Advanced Training for Environmental Education in Georgia
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Keep Forsyth County Beautiful
Monarchs Across Georgia
Project WET
Southern Conservation Trust
Southern Fried STEM
The State Botanical Gardens of Georgia
U.S. National Park Service

Project WET Facilitators – General Session Room

Saturday: 7:30-8:00 am

Calling all Project WET Facilitators! Please join us for our annual facilitator council so we can share the latest WET news from the state and national programs. If you have not conducted a Project WET workshop within the past year, attending this meeting will extend your WET certification for one year.

Group Me App Conference Communications – Free Download

Download this free app to network with conference attendees throughout the weekend, receive immediate updates, ask questions and get connected with EEA members and conference attendees.

Facility Map

2020 Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia Annual Conference



The EEA Annual Conference workshops and sessions will be held in two separate buildings at Villas by the Sea. The buildings are highlighted in green.

Registration, exhibits, EEA store, silent auction, and meals will be in the general session room located in the Conference Center highlighted in green.

Friday Schedule

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	Friday March 6 Schedule			
8:00	Registration & Beakfast in General Session Room			
8:30	Welcome in General Session Room			
9:00	Meet to Carpool for Field Trips			
	General Session	Retreat A	Retreat B	Cannon's Point & Hofwyl
9:00-1:00	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Coastal Chemical Monitoring		Monarchs Across Georgia Workshop	
1:00-1:30	Lunch in General Session Room			
1:30	Meet to Carpool for Field Trips			
	General Session	Retreat A	Retreat B	Cannon's Point & Hofwyl
1:30-4:00		Scientific Illustration	Monarchs Across Georgia Workshop	
5:30-7:00	Networking at Georgia Sea Turtle Center			
7:00	Dinner on your own			

Saturday Schedule

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Saturday March 7 Schedule					
7:30	Registration & Breakfast in General Session Room				
8:00	Welcome in General Session Room				
	General Session	Retreat A	Retreat B	Cannon's Point	Hofwyl
8:30-9:20	Alice H. Richards Children's Garden: We made paradise and ripped up a parking lot	Gone Batty: Un"wave"ring support for Bats	Birds are Everywhere! Fledging Young Scientists in Your Community	An Inside Look At Keep Forsyth County Beautiful	
9:30-11:00	Keynote Presentation in General Session Room				
	General Session	Retreat A	Retreat B	Cannon's Point	Hofwyl
11:10-12:00	Connecting Humans with Plants	Introduction to GA DNR's Biodiversity Portal	Challenge-Based Learning: The Coal Ash Issue and Renewable Energy	Discover Free Resources for Agriculture and Natural Resource Education at Destination Ag	
12:15 - 2:00	Awards Luncheon in General Session Room				
	General Session	Retreat A	Retreat B	Cannon's Point	Hofwyl
2:00-2:50	Our Wet Footprint: Teaching About Human Impacts on Marine Ecosystems	Georgia Adopt A Wetland Program: Citizen Science for the GA Coast	Education through Social Media and Online Materials	The BioSTEAM Center: Incorporating EE into a School System	Advanced Training for Environmental Education (ATEEG) Program: EEA's Professional Development Program
3:00-3:50	Engage and Explore with Student-Centered Learning	Engaging Diverse Audiences to save biodiversity: Watershed Education as the foundation for Middle Grades Science.	Virtual Learning	The Athens-Clarke County Green School Program	Project Underground- Refreshed and Ready for Educators
4:00-4:50	Global Connections for Georgia Environmental Education	Research Symposium	No Child Left Inside Outdoor Classroom Event	A Frog, a Festival, and a Vision: Making Ripples in Athens-Clarke Count	40 Years Strong: The Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program
6:00-9:00	Dinner and Silent Auction in General Session Room				

FULL SCHEDULE

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Thursday, March 5 – Setup

3:00-5:00 – Exhibitor Setup

Dinner on your own

Friday, March 6 – Field Trips and Workshops

8:00 - 8:30 – Registration & Breakfast

8:30 - 9:00 – Opening Remarks: Welcome & Overview of the Day

9:00 - 1:00 – Field Trips & Workshops

1:00 - 1:30 – Lunch

1:30 – 4:00 – Field Trips & Workshops

5:30 – 7:00 – Networking at Georgia Sea Turtle Center (snacks and drinks)

7:00 - Dinner on your own

Saturday, March 7 – Concurrent Sessions

7:30 – 8:00 – Registration & Breakfast

8:00 – 8:30 – Opening Remarks: Welcome & Overview of the Day

8:30 - 9:20 – 1st Session

9:30 – 11:00 – Keynote – Cathy Sakas

11:10 – 12:00 – 2nd Session

12:15 – 2:00 – Awards Luncheon

2:00 – 2:50 – 3rd Session

3:00 – 3:50 – 4th Session

4:00 – 4:50 – 5th Session

5:00 – 5:30 – Closing Remarks & Preview Day 3

6:00 – 9:00 – Dinner and Silent Auction

Sunday, March 8 – Beach Clean Up

8:30 – 9:00 – Breakfast for Clean Up participants

9:00 – 12:00 – Beach Clean Up



Friday Workshops

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Full Day Workshops (9:00 – 4:00)

Monarchs Across Georgia Educator Workshop

Retreat B

Susan Meyers, Monarchs Across Georgia

This workshop will give educators the information and tools needed to teach pollinator conservation in the classroom using pollinator gardens and citizen science opportunities. Monarch biology and ecology will be the major focus. The registration fee includes the curriculum guide (K-2nd OR 3-6th, OR Middle/High grades) and additional resources for each participant. **ADDITIONAL COST: \$60**

Half Day Workshops (9:00 – 1:00)

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Coastal Chemical Monitoring Workshop

General Session

Bailey Crapps, Jenna Dodson, & Luke Roberson, Georgia Adopt-A-Stream

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream and UGA Adopt-A-Wetland are the state's volunteer water quality monitoring programs for fresh and saline waters, respectively. Attending this workshop will give participants a greater understanding of what affects water quality, ensuring its safety and how to take a larger part in monitoring. This Coastal Chemical Monitoring workshop is designed to teach volunteers about basic water chemistry along with coastal monitoring components and how to conduct those chemical tests using hand-held field equipment. The basic set of tests that volunteers are asked to conduct includes dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, and temperature. Coastal parameters include salinity and water clarity. Attending this workshop will also provide the training you need to monitor chemical parameters in any freshwater system. After an introduction and review of material, volunteers will have the opportunity to practice protocol in the field. Following this, a short written test will be given to assess their ability to collect accurate and precise data. Volunteers who collect data in the field session within 10% accuracy and pass the written test with a score of 80% or better will be considered a QA/QC volunteer for one year. This certification will allow the volunteer access to equipment loan programs, education and outreach materials, a large network of volunteers, and the AAS online database. **ADDITIONAL COST: \$0**

Half Day Workshops (1:30 – 4:30)

Natural Science Illustration – This Workshop is FULL

Retreat A

C Olivia Carlisle

Through an introduction to critical observation of natural science specimens, such as botanicals, perhaps beetles and butterflies, perspective, measurements, and color recipes, students will learn the skills for accurate illustrations. Upon registration, preliminary drawing exercises in graphite/color pencil, with research resources will be sent; encouraging drawing an apple, a mango, small tree branch or multifaceted rock. These instructional and research items will assist in accurate field and studio observation and drawing. Students will learn to finalize illustrations for display, note cards, perhaps a seed packet. Skills acquired here can be taught to students at all levels. **ADDITIONAL COST: \$0**

Friday Field Trips

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FIELD TRIPS

ECO Tour Boat Ride 9:30 – 12:30

Meeting Location: Meet Malloreë on porch of conference center to arrange carpool to boat

Come and tour the St. Andrews Sound with Captain Philip and his crew. Learn about the ecology of an estuary, the marshes of Glynn and get an up-close look at the creatures living beneath the waves. Seating is limited to 49 participants. Boat ride is 75 minutes, please arrive on time. **ADDITIONAL COST: \$20**

ECO Kayak Tour 9:30 – 12:30 - This Field Trip is FULL

Meeting Location: Meet Michael in lobby of conference center to arrange carpool to Tidelands

Join the Tidelands crew as they lead you on a kayaking adventure through the marshes of Glynn. Whether you are a beginner kayaker or an avid paddler, this trip is for you. You will cross the Intracoastal and paddle through the marshes, discussing the ecology and searching for the wildlife that make it their home. Limited to 10 participants. Paddle is two hours in total, please arrive on time.

ADDITIONAL COST: \$40

SuperFUND Site Tour 9:30 – 12:30

Meeting Location: Meet Glynn Environmental Representative on porch of conference center to arrange carpool

Glynn County is plagued with four nationally designated and twelve state designated hazardous waste sites. The Glynn Environmental Coalition works to involve the surrounding community and vast amount of visitors in the EPA clean up decision-making processes. Join them in this superfund site tour to learn how they empower people and concerned citizens in demanding the community receive the best cleanup actions, not just the cheapest. Cost for the field trip covers group transportation (i.e. bus).

ADDITIONAL COST: \$8

Herpetology Class and Tidelands Exhibits 10:00 – 12:00

Meeting Location: Meet Stacy Smith in lobby of conference center to arrange carpool to Tidelands

Come join us at the Tidelands Nature Center and catch a glimpse of some of the animals that call Jekyll Island home. Then, learn from the Naturalists about the many reptiles and amphibians here as well. This class is limited to 40 participants and includes hands-on time with the animals. **ADDITIONAL COST: \$8**

Birding Walk 10:00 – 12:00 This Field Trip is FULL

Meeting Location: Meet Melanie Furr outside of Villas by the Sea Front Desk

The Georgia coasts provides important stopover habitat for neotropical migratory birds. Take a guided walk through the maritime forest with Atlanta Audubon and search for the local and migrating birds. Binoculars will be provided or bring your own. Limited to 30 participants. **ADDITIONAL COST: \$0**

Dock Study Class and Tidelands Exhibits 2:00 – 4:00

Meeting Location: Meet in General Session room to arrange carpool to Tidelands

Take a ride down to the dock and get an up-close look at the creatures living right underneath your feet! Limited to 15 participants. Please dress appropriately for the outdoors and wear good shoes for walking on a floating dock. **ADDITIONAL COST: \$8**

Maritime Forests and Beach Ecology Walk 2:00 – 4:00 - This Field Trip is FULL

Meeting Location: Meet Malloreë outside of Villas by the Sea Front Desk

Take a guided walk through the maritime forest and across the north end beaches of Jekyll Island. Learn about barrier island ecology and the different organisms of the intertidal zone. Limited to 30 participants. **ADDITIONAL COST: \$0**

Saturday Sessions

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First Session (8:30 – 9:20)

Alice H. Richards Children's Garden: We Made Paradise and Ripped up a Parking Lot

General Session Room

Cora Keber, The State Botanical Gardens of Georgia

The Alice H. Richards Children's Garden was designed to be at the heart of the garden where a parking lot once took up residence. Every nook and cranny, of the nearly two-acre specialty garden, is filled to spark children's curiosities. Participants will get a "walk" through each of the eight diverse galleries highlighting a range of interactive features and how these elements will be used to enhance the learning experience of visitors of all ages by connecting them to ecosystem services and natural resources of Georgia.

Gone Batty: Un"wave"ring Support for Bats

Retreat A

Dr. Kimberlie Harris, Samuel E. Hubbard Elementary

Learn how to gain un"wave"ring support from your community to make environmental education and action a reality. This presentation will outline how a classroom, school/s, and community banded together to research and implement steps to help endangered animals in Georgia, specifically the Indiana Bat. Participants will learn how to share environmental education projects and findings with their community through a variety of forums, such as STEM night presentations, features in the local news and broader social media outlets. They will also learn how to identify and generate support from community partners to implement realistic, but important solutions to address environmental issues, with the specific example of endangered animals in Georgia.

Birds are Everywhere! Fledging Young Scientists in Your Community

Retreat B

Melanie Furr, Atlanta Audubon Society

Birds are familiar, yet fascinating, and because they are accessible in a way that few other animals are, they provide a perfect platform for engaging students in hands-on, inquiry-based learning. This session will train classroom teachers and other environmental educators how to use the study of birds to engage students in science, technology, and other subjects. Participants will learn to identify several common birds of Georgia and some of their unique natural history, as well as how to identify new and unfamiliar birds. In addition, they'll learn how to conduct bird counts for community science projects like eBird, which empower people from all walks of life to become real life scientists while providing valuable data about birds that would otherwise be unattainable. The session will introduce educators to a number of hands-on activities, online resources, and free apps to connect students with birds.

An Inside Look At Keep Forsyth County Beautiful

Cannon's Point

Apryl Milam, Keep Forsyth County Beautiful

Keep Forsyth County Beautiful (KFCB) is a local affiliate of the national Keep America Beautiful and the state Keep Georgia Beautiful program. Join us as we discuss how this government and 501© 3 hybridized program works to enrich, educate, and engage the residents of Forsyth County. While we provide a variety of classroom-based programming from Project Wet, Wild, PLT and Healthy Water, Healthy People Enviroscope tends to be the most requested class. Participants will have an opportunity to participate in the classroom version of this interactive model of a watershed, which incorporates a variety of land use and demonstrates how water pollution can result from a variety of sources.

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Second Session (11:10 – 12:00)

Connecting Humans with Plants

General Session Room

Zana Pouncey, Atlanta Botanical Garden

How does plant apathy arise, and how can we overcome it? In this session, learn how the Atlanta Botanical Garden is connecting communities throughout Atlanta with plants and fresh food through their education and outreach programs. Gain ideas to implement with students of all ages! Together, we will investigate how plant apathy affects communities and provide solutions for how to remedy it as educators.

Introduction to GA DNR's Biodiversity Portal

Retreat A

Anna Yellin, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

This presentation will introduce how the Wildlife Conservation Section (WCS) obtains information regarding species presence and translates the information to the public through descriptions, photos and range maps to provide the most up-to-date information. The primary focus will be on how to access the different types of information in the portal, so that teachers can bring this rich source of information into their classrooms.

Challenge-Based Learning: The Coal Ash Issue and Renewable Energy

Retreat B

Gina Gladys, Southern Fried STEM

Our rivers, lakes, and soil throughout the South are being poisoned by an inadequate coal ash removal system. If we do not make waves regarding what is happening, then who will? This is your opportunity to research all of the available information regarding the problems associated with using coal as an energy source. Solving the problem with coal ash, though, does not provide a long-term solution. Take home everything you need to put this Challenge-Based Learning Project into play in your classroom and/or community!

Discover Free Resources for Agriculture and Natural Resource Education at Destination Ag Cannon's Point

Kelly Scott & Megan Sneyd, Georgia Museum of Agriculture & Historic Village-Destination Ag

Discover free resources promoting agriculture and natural resources! Explore the Traveling Trunks program, a partnership between the Georgia Farm Bureau and Destination Ag, and My Family Farm books, a literature resource geared toward elementary students. Learn how to receive this free resource for your classroom!

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Third Session (2:00 – 2:50)

Our Wet Footprint: Teaching About Human Impacts on Marine Ecosystems

General Session Room

Dr. Lauren Johnson, Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center

Explore how human activities and technology have affected marine ecosystems since the Industrial Revolution, and how global population growth has accelerated the environmental impacts on our bodies of water. Engage in a hands-on simulations and discussion for use in the classroom or nature center. Receive electronic lesson plans and links to online tools, all matched to Georgia Performance Standards.

Georgia Adopt A Wetland Program: Citizen Science for the Georgia Coast

Retreat A

Luke Roberson, UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant

The Adopt A Wetland (AAW) Program promotes environmental education focused on water quality, biology, and stewardship. Citizen scientists undergo training sessions about coastal water issues and how to conduct monitoring to protect their local waters. AAW focuses on the 11 Georgia counties subject to tidal waters, and acts as the sister to Georgia's Adopt A Stream program.

Education through Social Media and Online Materials

Retreat B

Ellen Honeycutt, Georgia Native Plant Society

We continue to enhance our educational materials available through our website and other platforms, which helps Georgians, learn about our indigenous plants. Posts on our social media channels help people learn about native plants every day by providing not just pictures but information that engages and informs the reader. These channels are free to use to anyone who has the technology to consume them.

Advanced Training for Environmental Education: EEA's Professional Development Program

Cannon's Point

Kris Irwin & Tixie Fowler, ATEEG Program

The Advanced Training for Environmental Education in Georgia (ATEEG) program is a professional development initiative of EEA. The ATEEG Program is the first state EE Certification program in the county to be accredited by the North American Association for Environmental Education. Come discover how the ATEEG Program can help you be a better EE professional.

The BioSTEAM Center: Incorporating EE into a School System

Hofwyl

Liz French, Jefferson City Schools

The mission of the BioSTEAM Center is to integrate environmental STEAM-learning into Jefferson City School System. A dedicated committee of teachers organizes this program to provide EE learning opportunities for all students. Educational components of the program include hosting field trips, classroom lessons, visits from the BioBus (a mobile classroom school bus), and special topic events. Jump in to learn about the process of growing this new program, how it is organized, successes, lessons learned, and future steps!

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Fourth Session (3:00 – 3:50)

Engage and Explore Student-Centered Learning

General Session Room

Kendra Burns, State Botanical Gardens of Georgia

Using curriculum designed and tested by the BEETLES Project, participants in this session will engage in student-centered learning activities that can improve facilitation skills through inquiry. BEETLES activities aim to incite and encourage curiosity in students and empower them to continue exploring and asking questions about the natural world. BEETLES has resources for education facility leaders, outdoor instructors, and classroom teachers. Hands-on, minds-on!

Engaging Diverse Audiences to Save Biodiversity: Watershed Education as the Foundation for Middle Grades Science

Retreat A

Johnathan BySura, Rabun Gap Nacoochee School

Come see how middle school students can change a community while building their science knowledge with real life implications. By using our watershed and outdoor education model as the platform for “traditional science instruction,” the students are making a huge impact in their community. Come gather ideas, learn from my mistakes, ask questions, and see what is possible in elementary and middle grades science when we utilize what is around us.

Virtual Learning

Retreat B

Anna Taylor & Aislinn Wright, Georgia Sea Turtle Center

The Georgia Sea Turtle Center (GSTC) offers an opportunity to learn about sea turtle conservation without visiting our facility through our Virtual Field Trip program, making waves of positive environmental impact throughout the state and the world. Learn how virtual learning could benefit your facility or classroom. We will discuss tools needed to start a virtual learning program and perform a demonstration.

The Athens-Clarke County Green School Program

Cannon's Point

Cecile Riker, Jackie Sherry, & Stacy Smith, Athens-Clarke County Unified Government

Participants will learn about the Athens-Clarke County (ACC) Green School program, which was created to connect local schools with resources from collaborating ACC Government departments. The program has been in operation for over ten years, with the overall goal of increasing environmental literacy. ACC Green School partners will share the strategies they use to increase local environmental education opportunities and offer advice for collaborating with local schools.

Project Underground- Refreshed and Ready for Educators

Hofwyl

Christine Walkey, Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc

Project Underground is a K-12 curriculum recently acquired by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to cave conservation, education and recreation. Project Underground is a series of hands-on activities with an emphasis on caves and related lands. This session will focus on the benefits of attending a Project Underground workshop and how to become more involved in using this curriculum.

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Fifth Session (4:00 – 4:50)

Global Connections for Georgia Environmental Education

General Session Room

Anne Hallum, Alliance for International Reforestation (AIR)

The Earth is small and environmental destruction anywhere has an impact everywhere. This Session will make the connection between deforestation in Latin America with climate change and droughts that has impacts for all of us. It will also describe in detail an award-winning model of reforestation and show the importance of cultural sensitivity for long-term success in restoring habitats.

Research Symposium

Retreat A

Dr. Lauren Johnson, Katie Mascovich, & Kristin Peney

Three presenters will share their research. Dr. Lauren Johnson will present “Climate change education and environmental education: Perceptions and knowledge among environmental educators in the southeastern United States.” Katie Mascovich will present “Talking turtles: evaluating the relative efficacy of different field education programs at Jekyll Island, Georgia.” Kristin Peney will present “A Phenomenological Look at What Motivates and Challenges Teachers to Use Outdoor Learning Activities.”

No Child Left Inside Outdoor Classroom Event

Retreat B

Virginia Lee King, Iris Garden Club

Discover how a small local garden club is “making waves” from a primary school’s outdoor classroom that wash over the entire community. Local experts in soil, forestry, music, art, drama, nature, gardening, stream studies, geology, literature, and meteorology (to name a few!) engage with over 500 K-3rd grade students in this annual day-long outdoor classroom event in Washington, GA.

40 Years Strong: The Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program

Cannon’s Point

Richard Chewning, Georgia 4-H at Camp Jekyll

Are you looking to book an educational field trip for your students, but are not sure where to start? Look no further, Georgia 4-H has a program for you. The Georgia 4-H Environmental Education program operates six facilities from the mountains to the sea. Each facility offers classes focused on ecology, living history, team building, and outdoor skills.

A Frog, a Festival, and a Vision: Making Ripples in Athens-Clarke County

Hofwyl

Melissa Paduani, Athens-Clarke County Water Conservation Office

The Athens-Clarke County Water Conservation Office (WCO) is committed to providing Athens with the necessary resources to value, protect, and conserve water. From festivals to classroom visits and a blue carpet premiere, the WCO participates in and hosts a vibrant array of education initiatives. The WCO will host the Ripple Effect Film Project, an annual event where student-made short films are shown on the big screen. Using a qualitative research approach, find out how the WCO tailored this signature event to serve K-12 teachers and students educational needs.

Sunday Beach Clean-Up

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8:30 AM-9:00 AM

Breakfast for Beach Cleanup Participants - St. Andrew's Beach Park (address below)

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

St. Andrew's Beach Park

Beach View Dr, Jekyll Island, GA 31527

<https://www.jekyllisland.com/activities/st-andrews-beach/>

The EEA will be there to meet you with cleanup tools and a light breakfast. We will stay on hand until noon to support the volunteers, but participants are welcome to drop in and leave at anytime! We are happy to have your help for any amount of time you would like to volunteer! We are also happy to have any family or friends tag along, however, please let us know ahead of time if you will be bringing unregistered guests so we can be ready for them! Volunteers should come dressed for the weather in closed-toed shoes. We encourage you to bring your own mug and water bottle to reduce waste! As a part of this service, we will be participating in logging the litter we collect using NOAA's Marine Debris Tracker.

Volunteers can view a video ahead of time, explaining how to download and use the app: [CLICK HERE](#)

You can download the [Marine Debris Tracker app](#) ahead of time using these links (create your own username and password and choose the Georgia Sea Turtle Center (GSTC) Project from the list):

For Android Phones: [CLICK HERE](#)

For iPhones: [CLICK HERE](#)

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