



Satilla
Riverkeeper
2024 Gala

Strickland's Satilla Lodge

Hosts: Rosemary and Dr. Wade Strickland

*Special Thanks to Our '24
Gala Sponsors*

BLACK BEAR (\$5000)

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GREAT BLUE HERON (\$500)

Southeast Bank

Weyerhaeuser

Clay and Wendy Montague

Jim and Elizabeth Cottingham

Douglas Rotary

Rayoiner

Program

6:00-7:00 Music

Kellie Parr & Joe Theiler

Open Bar

Silent Auction

Raffle Tickets on Sale

7:00 Buffet Dinner and Dessert

7:30 Silent Auction Bids Close

Welcome and Introduction of Sponsors

Wilton Deloach, Board Chair

Guest Speaker

Gordon Rogers, Flint Riverkeeper & Executive Director

Riverkeeper Address

Shannon Gregory, Satilla Riverkeeper

8:00 Last Minute Raffle Ticket Sales

Live Auction

Reverse Auction

Raffle Drawing

Announcement of Silent Auction Winners

9:00 Purchase and Recieve Auction Items

Accomplishments

2023

- We said goodbye to our outgoing Riverkeeper, Chris Bertrand, and welcomed our new Riverkeeper, Shannon Gregory
- Successfully hosted our Annual Fishing Tournament
- Collected over 1,000lbs of trash from our riverbanks
- Investigated 22 reports of pollution
- Conducted multiple routine water quality tests at 78 sites within the watershed
- Found and reported 4 sites that were violating the law
- Protected over 100 miles of Satilla for recreational use
- Hosted a successful Roastin' with Our Riverkeeper event
- Exceeded our GA Gives Goal with \$15, 780 of \$10,000 raised
- Successfully hosted our annual clean-up

2024

- Responded to 14 pollution reports
- Over 400 lbs of trash collected from the riverbeds
- Held a successful fishing tournament with youth drawing
- Held Earth week, an interactive week spreading environmental education to community members.
- Held a membership paddle in March

Raffle Items

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 15 for \$100. Cash, checks, or credit cards are accepted.

- **Okefenokee Boat Tour for Two (2)**
 - Come experience a world like no other on a guided private 4-hour boat tour for 4 people in our treasured Okefenokee Swamp!
- **Four (4) Jekyll Island Guest Amenity Passes**
 - Each pass grants access to one of the eight amenities that Jekyll Island has to offer.
- **Kayak**



Total Retail Value ~ \$1600

Live Auction Item #1



WHITE OAK
CONSERVATION

Wildlife Tour and Lunch for Four at White Oak Conservation Center Nassau County, Florida

- In-depth conservation tour led by wildlife experts
- Tour on an open-air can or trolley
- Come face-to-face with some 30+ species, including rhino, cheetah, giraffe, and okapi
- M-F (excluding holidays)



Retail Value - \$500

Minimum Bid - \$125

Live Auction Item #2

Two-night Cottage Getaway at Smithgall Woods State Park

in the North Georgia Mountains
Near Helen, Georgia

Includes Catch & Release Trout Fishing
(with your own gear)

- Valid for “Laurel” AND “Garden” 1-bedroom cottages, OR the 3-bedroom “Creekside” Cottage
- Available for any night of the week. Not available in October or November.
- Call for reservations



Retail Value - \$1980

Minimum Bid - \$500

Live Auction Item #3



Two-Night Stay for Two on Little St. Simons Island

All-inclusive stay at Georgia's Premier
Private Eco-Adventure Island

This stay includes:

- Charming accommodations, with amenities & daily housekeeping
- All gratuities, taxes, & boat transfers to & from the island
- Naturalist-led excursions & programs
- Breakfast, lunch, horse d' oeuvres, and dinner prepared daily by our chefs, as well as assorted snacks
- Use of the island's recreational equipment like bicycles, fishing tackle, motorized skiffs, and kayaks

Gift certificate expires May 2025. Not valid on F, Sa, Su, or holidays



Retail Value - \$1600

Minimum Bid - \$400

Live Auction Item #4

Okefenokee Swamp Excursion for Four, with Lunch

Okefenokee Adventures, Folkston, Georgia

- 4-hour tour with lunch
- Led by an experienced guide, knowledgeable about wildlife, natural history, & cultural history
- Spectacular scenery!
- Wildlife activity varies with water levels, season, time of day, and reasons known only to the wildlife

Reservations for tour required.

Expires 5/18/2025



Retail Value - \$700

Minimum Bid - \$175

Live Auction Item #5



1 Round of Golf for 4 @ Sanctuary Golf Club

**This stay includes a single round of golf for four
(4) Green Fees & Cart including:**

- green fees
- carts
- range balls

This requires setting up an appointment.

Gift certificate expires on 12/31/2024



Retail Value - \$580

Minimum Bid - \$150

Live Auction Item #6

Satilla RIVERKEEPER®

Noyes Cut Restoration Tour for Two

Get ready for an immersive tour of the Noyes Cut Restoration!

You and a guest will join the Satilla Riverkeeper on a private boat tour as we explore the Noyes Cut restoration sites. Visit the closures that have been completed and see for yourself the impact that is already being observed. In addition, you will see Noyes Cut, the remaining closure to be completed in phase II. During this tour, you learn all about the process of the restoration of 4,500 acres of salt marsh habitat possible, led by the biologists who have dedicated years to this project.



Retail Value - Priceless

Minimum Bid - \$150

Reverse Auction

Satilla Riverkeeper needs your help!

Water Quality monitoring is a large part of what we do. Our process involves purchasing various chemicals to obtain our results. By upgrading our equipment, we can avoid the purchase and use of multiple chemicals by using a portable YSI electronic water quality meter. Electronic meters will speed up the sampling process, allowing for more sites to be sampled. The Satilla Riverkeeper would like to outfit 2 of our volunteers who sample frequently with electronic water quality meters. In addition, the Riverkeeper is asking for a LaMotte colorimeter. This piece of equipment can be used to determine water quality and test for specific contaminants such as Nitrogen, Phosphate, Potassium, and more! How exciting would it be to have this equipment present when responding to a pollution report? With this equipment upgrade, your Satilla Riverkeeper can provide more water quality information throughout our watershed.



Starting Bid - \$10,000

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Thank you for donating items for our auctions!

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Satilla

RIVERKEEPER®

Satilla Riverkeeper® is a member-supported non-profit organization that serves to keep the Satilla River clean and healthy. Our mission is three-fold: to restore, protect, and educate. We strive to keep every kind of pollutant out of the river: trash fertilizers, silt, non-native species, untreated sewage, and mercury.

Our work extends throughout the entire river system from Fitzgerald to Cumberland Island, including the Seventeen Mile River to Douglas, the Hurricanes to Alma and Hazelhurst, the Big Satilla Creek to Jesup, both of the Little Satilla Rivers and the main run of the river from Waycross to Woodbine.

As we live out this mission, we help our communities appreciate and understand just how valuable the Satilla is, and what practical steps we each can take to protect her.

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