Attention Georgia Educators!

Your assignment is to write an essay about what you did over your summer vacation
How about an essay that tells the story of YOU traveling down a wild Georgia river and learning environmental education curriculum? If this sounds like an essay you'd like to write, then the Paddle Georgia Educator's Scholarship Program is for you!

Paddle Georgia 2017 is an annual week-long canoe and kayak adventure sponsored by Georgia River Network. Now in its 13th year, Paddle Georgia has ventured on 13 rivers and introduced some 4000 people to more than 1200 miles of Georgia rivers. This year, 450 people are expected to participate in a 106-mile journey down the Etowah River June 17-23. The journey will traverse through north central Georgia and provide a portal to the region's rich natural and cultural history. Learn more at www.garivers.org/paddle_georgia.

Paddle Georgia Educators Scholarship Program

The Paddle Georgia 2017 Educators Scholarship Program affords Georgia educators in grades K-12 the opportunity to participate in the seven-day journey and receive environmental education training during the week, including Georgia Adopt-A-Stream and Project WET curriculum. The goal is for these educators to take their experiences on the river and the curriculum they learned back to their classrooms.

The scholarship pays the full registration ($425) and includes Adopt-A-Stream and Project WET training and materials. Meals and other fees are not included. Participating educators must paddle the entire seven-day Paddle Georgia course, participate in eight hours of Adopt-A-Stream and Project WET training during the week and implement and document a watershed stewardship program with their students during the 2017-18 school year.

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) is a K-12 water education program consisting of more than 60 classroom-ready activities. Scholarship recipients will receive the Project WET Curriculum and Activity Guide and become a certified WET educator.

Adopt-A-Stream (AAS) is Georgia's volunteer water monitoring program. Scholarship recipients will receive training manuals and become certified AAS data collectors. Training sessions in Project WET and Adopt-A-Stream will be held over several days during the weeklong paddling adventure.

Certified instructors will conduct both WET and AAS workshops and each participant will receive 1 PLU.

Paddle Georgia Educator's Scholarships will be offered to all Georgia educators with preference given to educators residing in the upper Coosa River basin. Scholarships will be awarded after review of all applications. Those that have received a Paddle Georgia Educator Scholarship before are not eligible for this program. **Application Deadline: Postmarked April 15.** Winners of scholarship will be announced by April 20.

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Paddle Georgia 2017 Educator Scholarship Form
Application Deadline April 15, 2017

To be considered for a $425 Paddle Georgia Educator's Scholarship*, please complete the following application and submit with a copy of your resume to Joe Cook, Paddle Georgia Coordinator, via e-mail at joecookpg@gmail.com or via mail at 303 East 5th Ave. Rome, GA 30161. Winners will be announced April 20.

Applicant's Information

Please provide an e-mail and phone number at which you can be reached during any month of the year.

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Email:	
Phone:	

School Information

Please complete the table below.

School Name:	
Principal's Name:	
Address:	
City:	
Zip:	
Phone:	
Grades Taught:	
Public or Private:	

Why should you receive a Paddle Georgia Educators Scholarship? (Tell us why you want to participate and how you would use the experience and environmental education curriculum in your classroom)

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*Paddle Georgia Educator's Scholarship includes only the $425 registration fee. Optional meal and shuttle service is purchased separately. Meals for the full week are $227.75. Shuttle services to retrieve your vehicle at the end of the trip range from $25 to $45. There are no other costs for participating in Paddle Georgia. GOT QUESTIONS? Call or e-mail Joe Cook at 706-409-0128 or joecookpg@gmail.com OR visit the Paddle Georgia website at www.garivers.org/paddle_georgia.