



First Annual Suwannee RIVERKEEPER® Songwriting Contest

Cedar Key, Florida, June 23, 2018

Why: Everybody knows one song about the Suwannee River. There should be more, and what about the Withlacoochee, Alapaha, Alapahoochee, and all the others?

Song Submissions: Starting Monday April 2

Deadline: Sunday May 13, 2018

Finalists: will be announced Saturday May 19, 2018.

The Contest: 1-5PM, Saturday, June 23, 2018

Where: Community Center, Cedar Key, Florida

What: Food, beverages, silent auction. Finalists will play, sponsors will be acknowledged.

Prizes: *\$300 First Prize, \$50 winner from within the Suwannee River Basin, \$50 winner from elsewhere, and one winner in each musical genre.* Finalists must be present to win.

What to submit: Lyrics and sound (mp3 or wav) about one or more of the **Suwannee** or its tributaries the Little, Black, or Gopher, the **Withlacoochee** or its tributaries the Little or New, the **Alapaha** or its tributaries the Alapahoochee, Willacoochee, Little Alapaha, or Dead, or **other** Rivers, creeks, springs, sinks, swamps, or ponds in the Suwannee River Basin or Estuary. Nature, people, or events, are all good.

Avoid: Not about the Santa Fe River or waterbodies in that sub-basin (there's another contest for that). Avoid proselytizing religion. Avoid partisan politics or specific candidates, but issues are OK. Avoid things that don't exist here (no crocodiles; no flamingos). Explicit lyrics (vulgar or violent) will not be accepted.

Bands: of more than one musician are OK. All finalists must arrive early for sound check.

Judging: Judges will mark finalists on originality of lyrics and music, showing the integrity and value of the waters, and more. Extra credit for naming the most rivers (springs, etc.); tying them together in a way that shows their value is even better.

Sponsoring: the contest is a great way to get your organization or personal name recognized, in the program, on the stage, with a **sponsor banner** for you, and many other ways.

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