



## 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 2019** is an annual week-long canoe and kayak adventure sponsored by Georgia River Network. Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, Paddle Georgia has ventured on 14 rivers and introduced some 4300 people to more than 1300 miles of Georgia rivers. This year, more than 300 people are expected to participate in a 92-mile journey down the Withlacoochee and Suwannee rivers June 15-21. The journey will carry participants from Valdosta, Georgia to near Mayo, Florida and while provide a portal to the region's rich natural and cultural history. Learn more at [www.garivers.org/paddle\\_georgia](http://www.garivers.org/paddle_georgia).

### Paddle Georgia Educators Scholarship Program

The Paddle Georgia 2019 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 incorporate their training into programs with their students during the 2019-20 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.

**Paddle Georgia Educator's 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 20.** Winners of scholarship will be announced by April 25.

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