



Seventh Annual BIG Little River Paddle Race



Saturday, April 27, 2019

Proceeds to benefit Friends of Reed Bingham State Park (FORB) and WWALS Watershed Coalition, the Waterkeeper® Alliance Member for the Little River as Suwannee Riverkeeper®.

TIME: Registration opens 8:00 a.m. and closes at 8:50 a.m. Mass start at 9:30 a.m. Awards @11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Reed Bingham State Park, Adel, GA. Registration and start at Red Roberts Landing. (Take Rountree Bridge/Sparks Exit 41 off I-75; turn right on Rountree Bridge Rd. in front of Horse Creek Winery and go 4.8 miles to Rountree Bridge; boat ramp on east side). Finish is in Reed Bingham S.P. lake, Colquitt Co. side. A 15-minute shuttle is required to get from the take-out to the put-in and will be provided.

ENTRY FEE: Pre-registration (before April 1) is \$20 per boat plus a \$5 park entrance fee per vehicle. Late registration (after April 1) and registration on the day of the event is \$30 per boat, plus a \$5 park entrance fee per vehicle. Canoes or kayaks only; no motors, rowboats, or paddleboards allowed. Canoe/kayak rental available at Reed Bingham State Park with advance reservation (separate fee; contact park to arrange). Event will be held rain or shine, but will be delayed or cancelled for severe weather/unsafe conditions. No refunds in case of cancellation. Must be at least 12 years old to paddle solo. Life jackets required to participate (you must supply your own)

AMENITIES: Free lunch will be provided at the finish. Overall winner will get a \$100 cash prize, and winners in each category will receive a special award.

THE COURSE: A scenic three-mile, all downstream stretch of the Little River with winding, flat blackwater and some trees to go around. Alligators, red wasps, and/or snakes may be present.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION at www.WWALS.net; event day registration using form below

One entry per form; two-person teams, please submit two entries together in one envelope to ensure one fee. Please print neatly.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M__ F__

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact: name: _____, relationship _____ phone: _____

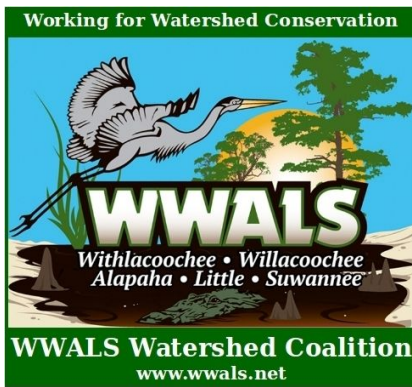
Event category (circle one): 2 person canoe, men 2 person canoe, women 2 person canoe, mixed (M&F) solo canoe - M F solo kayak - M F tandem kayak - M tandem kayak - F tandem kayak - mixed

*Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult; must be at least 12 years of age to participate and know how to swim.

Release: In consideration and acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned intending to be legally bound, hereby waive any and all claims for myself, my heirs, and executors/administrators, against the Friends of Reed Bingham/WWALS Watershed Coalition and/or officials, hosts, organizers, or sponsors of the Big Little River Paddle Race for injury, illness, or death which may directly or indirectly result from my participation. I further attest that I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event and I know how to swim. I agree to wear my personal flotation device. I give my full permission for the event organizers to use my name and photograph in any broadcast, telecast, website, or any other visual, oral or written account of the event for any purpose and for free.

Signature

Date



Second Annual Suwannee RIVERKEEPER®

Songwriting Contest

1-5 PM, Saturday, August 24, 2019

Why: There should be more songs about the Suwannee River, or the Withlacoochee, Alapaha, Alapahoochee River, the Okefenokee Swamp, or springs, sinks, swamps, or ponds....

Song Submissions: Starting Monday April 1, 2019

Deadline: Friday, July 12, 2019

Finalists: will be announced Saturday August 10, 2019

The Contest: 1-5PM, Saturday, August 24, 2019

Who: Master of Ceremonies radio personality **Chris Beckham**.

2018 First Prize Winner **Laura D'Alisera** will play.

Where: The Salty Snapper, 1405 Gornto Rd, Valdosta, GA

Tickets: \$10 per person [online](#), or \$12 at the door.

Or \$150 per six-seat VIP table in front of the stage.

What: Finalists play, judges judge, prizes awarded, sponsors acknowledged, food, bar, silent auction, and kayak raffle.

Prizes: \$300 First Prize. Finalists must be present to win.

\$50 winner from within the Suwannee River Basin,

\$50 winner from elsewhere, and one winner per musical genre.

New: one or more youth winners under 18 years old.

WWALS will pay mileage for finalists and judges for 50 to 125 miles from the venue.

What to submit: Lyrics and sound (mp3 or wav) about the Suwannee, Withlacoochee, Alapaha, or Little Rivers or one of their tributaries or springs, sinks, lakes, swamps, or ponds in the Suwannee River Basin (see [Rules](#) for details), but not the Santa Fe River Basin.

Bands: of more than one musician are OK. All finalists must arrive 11AM for sound check.

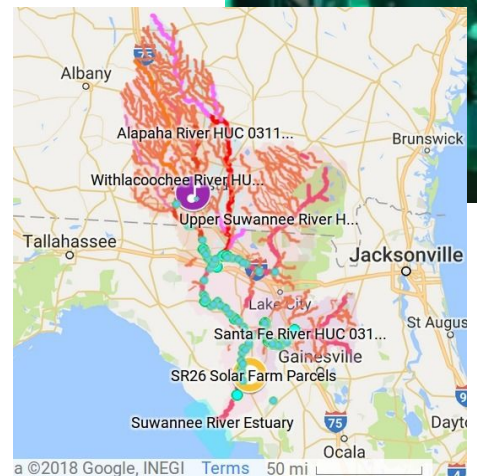
Judges: will mark finalists on originality of lyrics and music, showing the integrity and value of the waters, and more. Extra credit for naming the most rivers (springs, etc.).

Sponsor: named in the program, on the stage, on a **sponsor banner**, online, radio, TV, newspapers, online.

WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc. (WWALS): is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity. WWALS advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, and Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities. WWALS is the Member of WATERKEEPER® Alliance for the Suwannee River Basin as Suwannee RIVERKEEPER®.



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