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Postponed TBD, livestream 9:30 a.m. original date: ~~Sat., April 25, 2020~~

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. If first place finisher beats previous best time, an additional \$200 prize. Also 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: _____ County: _____ 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.

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Third Annual Suwannee RIVERKEEPER Songwriting Contest

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Why: There should be more songs about the Suwannee River, or the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Alapahoochee, Little, New, Dead, or Gopher Rivers, Okaplico, Piscola, or other Creeks, the Okefenokee Swamp, Grand Bay, or springs, sinks, swamps, or ponds....
(but not the Santa Fe River; it has its own contest).
The Contest: 6-9 PM, Saturday, August 22, 2020. MC: radio personality *Chris Beckham*.
Headliners: will play. **Finalists:** will play. **Food and drink:** buffet and cash bar.
Judges: will select winners. **Prizes:** will be awarded. **Winners:** will play



Where: Turner Center for the Arts,
527 N Patterson St, Valdosta, Georgia, 31601

Tickets: \$10 per person online;

\$12 at the door;

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

Sponsors: named in program, stage, sponsor banner, online, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.
Judges: will mark finalists on originality of lyrics and music, waters, history, performance, clarity of message, and more. Extra credit for naming the most rivers. See [Rules](#).

Prizes: \$300 First Prize. Finalists must be present to win, and must arrive 4 PM for sound check.

\$50 winner from within the Suwannee River Basin. \$50 winner from elsewhere. One plaque per musical genre.
And: youth winners under 18 years old. Finalists and judges: mileage, 50 to 125 miles from venue.

Song Submissions: will open April 1, 2020 (really, no fooling).

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