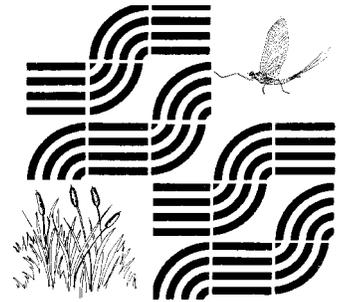


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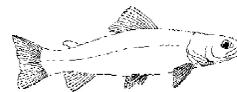
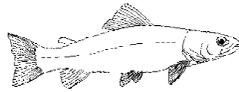
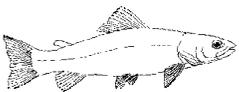


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THIRD ANNUAL ADOPT-A-STREAM CONFERENCE “HANDS-ON SOLUTIONS” OCTOBER 26, 1996 NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE DAHLONEGA, GA

Come be a part of the Annual Adopt-A-Stream conference!! The “Hands-On Solutions” theme will be part of each session, showing successful water quality projects around the state of Georgia. Sessions planned this year include: Streambank Stabilization, Create a Greenway or Nature Trail, a special session highlighting the Adopt-A-Stream Teacher’s Guide, Watershed Protection projects, Groundwater Guardians, and much more! Karen Firehock, from the Izaak Walton League of America, will be the keynote speaker and immediately following her will be Joe and Monica Cook presenting their slide show, “Canoeing the Chattahoochee”. Joe and Monica documented their trip from the headwaters of the Chattahoochee all the way to the ocean! Don’t forget about the Student Paper Presentations on either Sediment and Erosion Control or Groundwater Protection and the 3rd Annual Adopt-A-Stream Awards. Nominate a deserving member from your group now!

Your \$20 registration fee includes lunch, refreshment breaks, and a Georgia Adopt-A-Stream t-shirt. Any checks should be made out to “North Georgia College”. Please call 404-656-4988 or 706-864-1893 (-1876) if you have any questions. There are more details inside about lodging and registration.



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FABULOUS FIELD TRIPS!

Lower Chestatee Canoe Trip
(contact Appalachian Outfitters for reservations - 1800-426-7177, \$35 per canoe or bring your own!)
Botanical Walk along Dockery Lake
Stream Bank Stabilization Demonstration
Add-A-Bug to your Reference Collection
Native American Lore
Etowah River Flow Study
Visual Survey of the Etowah River
Computer Lab

Space is limited for field trips. Register early!

1996 GEORGIA ADOPT-A-STREAM 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE HANDS-ON SOLUTIONS

	Teachers Guide	Wetlands and Groundwater	Watershed Projects	Computers	Streams	Obtaining Quality Assured Data
8:45-9:30	Welcome and Keynote Speaker	Karen Firehock, Save Our Streams, IWLA	and Joe and Monica Cook, Chattahoochee slide show			
9:30 - 9:50	Break	Exhibit Hall Open				
9:50 -10:35	AAS Teacher's Guide -Nonpoint Source Pollution -Watersheds	Wetland Restoration and Education	Urban Watersheds CSO and Volunteer Led Studies	Computer Lab--Using the Internet and WWW	Greenways, - examples, funding, easements, reasons for doing	What Does My Data Mean? Biological Visual/Habitat
10:35 - 11:00	Break	Exhibit Hall Open				
11:00 - 11:45	AAS Teacher's Guide Chemical and Biological Monitoring	Groundwater Protection and Use Groundwater Guardian	Community Planning and Protection	Computer Lab--Using the Internet and WWW	Streambank Stabilization- benefits, designs, and examples	What Does My Data Mean? Chemical Visual/ Watersheds
11:50 - 12:50	Basin Breakouts		Student Position	Paper Competition		
1:00 - 2:15	Lunch and	Awards Ceremony				
2:30 - 5:00	Field Trips			Computer Lab open		

3rd Annual Adopt-A-Stream Awards

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream is pleased to announce the third annual Adopt-A-Stream awards. If you would like to nominate an individual or project, choose a category and briefly describe (no more than 2 pages) what makes the

nominee an outstanding candidate. Special prizes will be awarded to the winners during a special ceremony at the Adopt-A-Stream Conference. To be eligible, projects should mainly involve volunteers and take place July 1995 through July 1996. Categories will be judged by committee.

Categories

1. Volunteer of the Year

A volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to stream, river, or lake protection through citizen involvement.

2. Program/Project of the Year

An outstanding example of an education, restoration, or citizen monitoring program.

3. The Nymph Award

Best new project involving any kind of Adopt-A-Stream effort.

4. Beautification Award

The largest running or most substantial cleanup project.

5. Red-Flag Award

Recognizing a serious water resource problem and bringing appropriate attention to it.

6. Student Project of the Year

Outstanding students (K-12) participation in citizen monitoring and environmental stewardship.

7. Partnership Award

Excellence in a cooperative approach to citizen monitoring and environmental stewardship.

8. Best Bug Story

Most humorous story relating to volunteer monitoring-a training session gone wrong, a streamwalk encounter with other groups, bugs left on the shelf too long, etc.

9. Adopt-A-Stream Photo of the Year

Send in your photos! The best photo will be featured in the Adopt-A-Stream newsletter.

10. Special Recognition Awards

A chance to recognize significant individuals and /or communities projects.

Nominations are due by October 5, 1996. We know someone in your group deserves an award - get those nominations in!!

Student Position Paper

Competition

High School students are invited to present position papers at the 3rd Annual Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Conference. Position papers will be read during a general session, with the best two presentations for each topic voted on by participating students. A distinguished panel of Georgia legislators and water quality professionals will critique and comment on the finalists.

Presentations should be no more than 5 minutes long and may include slides, overhead transparencies, or other appropriate audio-visual enhancement. An individual or small group (no more than three) may present a position paper. Students may choose one or both position paper topics. The topics are as follows:

Sediment and Erosion Control-What Can Communities Do?

How severe a water quality problem is sedimentation? What effect does sedimentation have on aquatic life and stream ecology? What can individuals, businesses, industries, and local governments do to control erosion? How can communities promote erosion and sedimentation control?

Groundwater Protection

Who uses groundwater and why does it need to be protected? What steps can individuals and communities take to protect groundwater supplies?

A draft copy of the position paper must be submitted to Georgia Adopt-A-Stream no later than October 11, 1996!!

Where can we stay in Dahlonega?

Dahlonega Days Inn - 706-864-2338 - Identify yourself as part of the 'North Georgia College Group' to get the group rate price of \$69.00 plus 11% tax.

Camp Wahsegah has bunk beds in rustic cabins for those of you willing to rough it - \$8.00 per night,. 706-864-2050

Other area accommodations:

Smith House 706-864-3566

Econo Lodge 706-864-6191

HoJo Inn 706-864-4343

Forest Hills Resort 706-864-6456

Amicalola Lodge

706-265-3115

Make your reservations now!

Sign Up Early For The Next GSAMS!

September 18

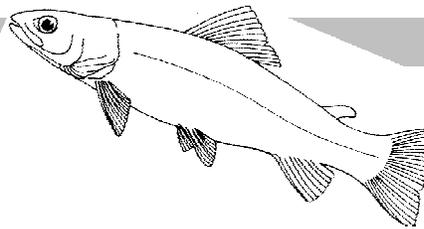
Gather a group together for our quarterly “**HOW TO PLAN A COMMUNITY ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM**” September 18, 1 - 3:00 p.m. Utilizing the exciting two way communication of GSAMS Distance Learning, Georgia Adopt-A-Stream will take your group step by step through planning a community or watershed project. Most appropriate for local governments, colleges, Keep America Beautiful Affiliates, Water and Wastewater Utilities and student groups. There are hundreds of sites statewide. Out of state links are also possible! For more information or to register, contact Georgia Adopt-A-Stream or Dr. Susan Gannaway at North Georgia College (706) 864-1893. Due to system demand, reservations must be made as soon as possible.

1996 Adopt-A-Stream Training Workshops

The following workshops introduce volunteers to specific water quality monitoring techniques and background information. Call to reserve your space in the following workshops. Space is limited!

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>To Register</u>
Level I & Chemical	Sept. 7	Savannah	912-356-2809
Level I & Biological	Sept. 7	Fernbank	404-656-4988
Level I	Sept. 14	Reynold’s Nat. Ctr.	770-473-5467
Level I & Chemical	Oct. 5	Chatt. Nature Center	404-656-4988
Clayton County Adopt-A-Stream Kickoff Event!!	Oct. 19	Reynold’s Nat. Ctr.	770-473-5467

A Pre-Registration form should be sent to you soon. If you don’t get a Conference Registration form, please call 404-656-4988!



The Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Newsletter is published six times per year. For more information about the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program or to contribute to the newsletter, call or write to:

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