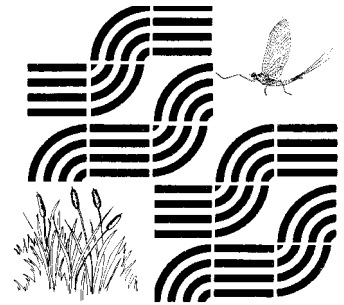


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# Adopt-A-Stream

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## Fourth Annual Adopt-A-Stream Conference “Georgia’s Living Waters: Watershed, Wetlands, and Lakes” October 25, 1997 North Georgia College      Dahlonega, GA

Join us again this year at the exciting and electrifying Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Annual Conference!! We have a number of informative and fun sessions planned for the morning to be followed by fabulous field trips Saturday afternoon. A new addition to this year’s conference is the **Youth Track** sponsored by the Georgia Water and Pollution Control Association. Students should contact their local municipal utility for conference sponsorship information. Don’t pass up this wonderful opportunity!! Also, don’t forget about the Student Paper Presentations on either nonpoint source water pollution or biodiversity AND the 4th Annual Adopt-A-Stream Awards. Nominate a deserving member from your group now!

Your \$25 registration fee includes lunch, refreshment breaks, and a Georgia Adopt-A-Stream t-shirt. Register by October 18 to ensure you have a reserved spot and t-shirt (onsite registration the morning of the conference only after October 20)!! Checks should be made out to “North Georgia College”. Student registration fees are only \$20. A pre-registration brochure will be sent to you very soon - let us know if you don’t receive one. Please call 404-656-0099 or 706-864-1893 or 706-864-1956 if you have any questions. Check inside for more details about lodging.



***Space is limited for field trips. Register early!***



Choose from:

Lower Chestatee Canoe Float

(contact Appalachian Outfitters for reservations at 1-800-426-7177, \$35 per canoe or bring your own!)

Recertification Workshop for Chemical and Biological Quality Assurance Monitoring

Gold Mining and a History of the Dahlonega Area

Introduction to Amazing Water Critters

World Wide Web Computer Lab

Get to Know the Local Flora

Of course, there are plenty of incredible sites to see and explore on your own adventure!!

**1997 GEORGIA ADOPT-A-STREAM 4th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Times	GW&PCA Youth Track	Teacher Session	Rules and Regulations	Watersheds	Wetlands	Lakes	Computer Lab
8:00 - 8:55	Registration		Exhibit Hall Open				
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome and	Keynote Speaker					
9:45 - 10:35	Project WET Activities	Stream Networks and School Groups	Erosion & Sedimentation Laws and Streamside Buffer Regulations	Importance of Watershed Protection and The Chattahoochee RIP/REP Project	Introduction to Wetlands - Is this a wetland? and Industry Protection Measures	Introduction to Lake Ecology	Using the Internet to Get A GRIP on Water, Internet Sites Related to Water
10:35 - 10:55		Break	Exhibit Hall Open		Refreshments		
11:00 - 11:50	Project WET Activities	Outdoor Classrooms - Linking Education Through Water	Wetland Rules & Regulations and Lake Standards	Watershed Planning and The Big Creek Watershed	Adopt-A-Wetland	Adopt-A-Lake	I've been monitoring, now what ...? Role playing with a year of data.
11:50 - 12:00		Short Break					
12:00 - 12:50	Careers in Water		Basin Breakouts		Student Position Paper		
1:00 - 2:00		Lunch and	Awards Ceremony				
2:30 - 5:00	Field Trips			Computer Lab Open			

The Welcome and Keynote Speaker session will be held in the auditorium of the Hoag Student Center. All other sessions will meet in the new section of Dunlap Hall.

 Georgia Adopt-A-Stream would like to thank Georgia Power and Chris Ellis for designing and printing the pre-registration brochure again this year.

## Student Position Paper Competition

High School Students are invited to present position papers at the 4th Annual Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Conference. Position papers will be read during a general session. A distinguished panel of Georgia educators 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:

### Nonpoint Source Pollution and its effect on Watersheds - What can communities do?

What is nonpoint source pollution? What are some sources of nonpoint source pollution? How can communities decrease or prevent nonpoint source pollution from negatively impacting their watershed?

### Biodiversity

Why is biodiversity of plants, animals, or both important in water ecosystems? What are some consequences of lost biodiversity in stream, river, lake or wetland ecosystems? How can we protect and promote biodiversity?



A draft copy of the position paper must be submitted to Georgia Adopt-A-Stream no later than **October 13, 1997**.

Send award nominations and student papers to:  
Georgia Adopt-A-Stream  
7 MLK Jr. Drive, SW Suite 643  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
Attention: Student Paper OR Awards Committee

**Award nominations due by October 5, 1997**

## Have Wetland, Will Travel

Representatives from the Izaak Walton League of America, Georgia Adopt-A-Wetland Regional Training Center Directors, and International Paper are pleased to announce the first citizen wetland monitoring workshop to be held October 2 and 3 at the Jones Ecological Research Center, outside of Albany, GA. If you are interested in attending (spaces are VERY limited) please contact your local Regional Training Center director or Eve at 404-656-0099.

## 4th 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 winners during a ceremony at the Adopt-A-Stream Conference. To be eligible, projects should mainly involve volunteers and take place July 1996 through July 1997. Categories will be judged by committee.

### 1. Volunteer of the Year

A volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to stream, river or lake protection with 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, encounter with other groups while out in the field, etc.

**9. Adopt-A-Stream Photo of the Year**

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

**10. Special Recognition Awards**

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

**11. Project WET - Teacher of the Year**

A teacher who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to promote water education through Project WET.

**Lodging in and around Dahlonega**

Make your reservations early if you're planning on spending the night in Dahlonega! The North Georgia Mountains are a popular tourist attraction, especially at this beautiful time of the year.

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 12% tax.

**Camp Wahsega** has bunk beds in rustic cabins for those of you willing to rough it - \$10.00 per night or \$114 per cabin (cabins sleep 14 people). Please fax your room request directly to Camp Wahsega 706-867-2901. Be sure to include your phone number and the number of people in your party. There are limited bunk beds, so fax early!!

Other area accommodations:

Smith House 706-864-3566  
Econo Lodge 706-864-6191  
HoJo Inn 706-864-4343

Amicalola Lodge 706-265-  
Forest Hills Resort 706-864-



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**Interesting Lunch Conversation**

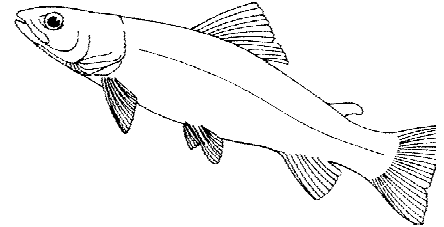
The Georgia Chapter of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) is hosting a series of luncheon speakers this fall to facilitate dialog about important local water issues. The talks will be held at the ARC conference room from 11:30 to 12:30. Lunch can be purchased from a local caterer or you can bring your own. Tuesday, September 9 will be the first of the fall series. EPD Assistant Director David Word will share the latest on "hot" water issues: TMDLs, Tri-State agreement, Stormwater Permitting, Source Water Protection. For more information about AWRA or the monthly series, please call Chris Crow, 770-986-8092

**1997 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. 6	Flat Creek Nature Ctr.	770-486-9383
Biological	Sept. 16	Fernbank Science Ctr.	404-656-0099
Level I	Sept. 27	Gwinnett County	770-822-7157
Wetland Monitoring	Oct. 2, 3	Jones Research Center	404-656-0099
Level I & Chemical	Oct. 4	Dunwoody Nature Ctr.	404-656-0099
Biological	Oct. 18	TBA	404-656-0099

A Pre-Registration form should be sent to you soon. If you don't get a Conference Registration form, please call 404-656-0099.



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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Atlanta, GA 30334  
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