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Flint RiverQuarium and Thronateeska Plan Joint Fourth of July Promotion *Alien Attack: Target Everglades* opens at the Flint RiverQuarium

This year the Flint RiverQuarium joins the downtown Albany Fourth of July festivities with a new exhibit, special admission price, extended hours and a joint program with Thronateeska.

On Sunday, July 4, visitors can enjoy the RiverQuarium from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. for only \$5 per person for all ages. Additionally, a joint ticket to both the Flint RiverQuarium and Thronateeska Heritage Center is available for just \$8. These prices cannot be combined with any other discounts. The joint ticket may be purchased at either location.

The Riverquarium's latest exhibit, *Alien Attack: Target Everglades*, opens Sunday in the Adventure Center. *Alien Attack* offers a top-ten countdown of the most dangerous plants and animals and their threat to the area's fragile ecosystems. Live aliens on display include the Burmese python, Mayan cichlids, exotic frogs, and more.

In addition to live examples of harmful alien species, the *Alien Attack* exhibit presents vivid photographs of invasive species that might be found in your own back yard, along with recommendations on what can be done to resist the invasion. A few plant examples common in southwest Georgia are Chinese privet, coral ardisia, nandina and Japanese climbing fern. *Alien Attack: Target Everglades* was created by the Tallahassee Museum of Natural History.

Admission to the RiverQuarium includes all RiverQuarium exhibits, close-up animal encounters, a dive show at 2 p.m. and a screening of *Wild Ocean* in the Imagination Theater. Theater seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Thronateeska admission includes the new science museum, history museum and one show in the recently opened state-of-the-art planetarium. Thronateeska hours on July 4 are 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

The Flint RiverQuarium is southwest Georgia's premier aquarium, featuring more than 1,000 animals that call the Flint River watershed home. The Flint RiverQuarium is located at 101 Pine Avenue in downtown Albany, Georgia. Regular operating hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

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