

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Flint RiverQuarium Announces First Annual Wings and Wildlife Festival**

Come join the Flint RiverQuarium Saturday, September 18, for a celebration of all creatures great and small at the first annual Wings and Wildlife Festival! In addition to a day full of activities and special presentations by bird and wildlife experts at the RiverQuarium, festival-goers also can see a new planetarium show at Thronateeska Heritage Center and participate in guided garden tours and canoe trips on the Flint River. The RiverQuarium is offering a special reduced admission price of \$2 off all combo tickets for the day.

“Whether guests choose to build a birdhouse to take home, participate in a guided birding walk, enjoy an up-close reptile and amphibian show or marvel at the birds of prey demonstration, they are sure to leave with a renewed appreciation for the Flint River and its native wildlife,” said Melissa Martin, event organizer and Flint RiverQuarium Education Manager.

Other planned activities, such as interactive children’s stations, performances by professional storytellers and a class for beginning birdwatchers, guarantee fun for the whole family. For detailed information or to pre-register for fee-based events, please see our web site, [www.flinriverquarium.com](http://www.flinriverquarium.com) or call 229-639-2650.

### **Wings and Wildlife Event Schedule**

Except where additional fees are noted, all activities are included with admission to the Flint RiverQuarium

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Bird Banding Demonstrations

Meet at Flint RiverQuarium to go to Riverfront Trail

11:30am-12:30 pm & 2:30-3:30 pm

Build Your Own Birdhouse (\$5)\*

Flint RiverQuarium Plaza

12:30 pm

Birds of Prey Show

Flint RiverQuarium Plaza

1:00-1:45 pm

Reptile and Amphibian Show

Flint RiverQuarium Imagination Theater

3:00 p.m.

Storytelling

Thronateeska Heritage Center

11:30 am-Noon, 1:00-1:30 pm & 3:00-3:30 pm  
Zoo in Space Planetarium Show (\$3.50 plus tax)\*  
Thronateeska Heritage Center

10:00-11:30 am & Noon-1:30 pm  
Birdwatching 101 (\$3)\*  
Flint RiverQuarium Wet Lab & Riverfront Trail

Ongoing 10:00 am-4:00 pm  
Invasive Species Presentations  
Flint RiverQuarium Adventure Center

1:00 pm  
Alligator Feeding  
Flint RiverQuarium Spring Run Creek Exhibit

11:00 am & 2:00 pm  
Dive Shows  
Flint RiverQuarium Blue Hole

10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm & 3:30 pm  
Animal Encounters  
Flint RiverQuarium

10:00 am, 11:00 am, Noon, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm  
Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
Flint RiverQuarium Imagination Theater

10:00 am-4:00 pm  
Interactive Children's Activity Stations  
Flint RiverQuarium Skywater Room & Thronateeska Heritage Center

10:30 am-Noon, 12:30-2:00 pm & 2:30-4:00 pm  
Guided Canoe Trips (\$15 per canoe)\*  
Meet at Flint RiverQuarium

10:00 am, 11:00 am, Noon, 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm  
Guided Garden Tours  
Radium Springs

*\* Reservations and additional fee required. Because space is limited for many fee-based activities, we encourage you to register and pay online at [www.flintriverquarium.com](http://www.flintriverquarium.com). You also will be able to register and pay the day of the event on a space-available basis.*

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.