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Speech By State Senator Carter Highlights Weekend of Fun and Education on Flint River

The [Georgia Conservancy](#) is partnering up with [REI](#) for a weekend of boats, barbecue and bluegrass for the [3rd Annual Flint River Adventure](#) on the weekend of September 10-11.

This fun-packed weekend will feature a variety of activities for the whole family. Participants will be staying at the [Gerald I. Lawhorn Scout Camp in Molena, Ga.](#), where they will be treated to activities such as hiking, archery and rappelling. The evening will feature a barbecue dinner, a performance by the [Evergreen Family Band](#) and a special speaker, State Senator Jason Carter.

Senator Carter will speak at the event about his family legacy of conservation on the Flint. President Jimmy Carter, his grandfather, played an important role in preserving this section of the Flint River while governor of Georgia — preventing a dam from being built where Sprewell Bluff State Park sits today. The Georgia Conservancy was an advocate for the prevention of the Sprewell Bluff dam in the 1970s and continues to oppose any dam projects along the Upper Flint.

“The Georgia Conservancy is committed to protecting the integrity of the Flint River for future generations, and we will continue to educate policy makers and elected officials on the economic and natural benefits of this precious resource,” said Will Wingate, vice president of advocacy with the Georgia Conservancy.

The following morning, canoes will be available for a short paddle trip along the Flint River, followed by a cookout at Sprewell Bluff State Park. For those who live in the Atlanta area, [Keeping It Wild](#) is providing free transportation from Atlanta to Lawhorn Scout Camp.

“The Georgia Conservancy is proud to host our family-friendly adventure on the banks of one of the most beautiful rivers in Georgia,” said Bryan Schroeder, trip coordinator and membership director for the Georgia Conservancy. “We believe that if we are going to protect the Flint, people have to experience the Flint.”

The cost of the trip is \$60 per person and \$250 for a family of five. The price includes all meals, camping equipment and canoes.

For more information, please visit our website: www.georgiaconservancy.org/flint

About the Georgia Conservancy

The Georgia Conservancy was founded in 1967 to protect Georgia's natural resources for present and future generations by advocating sound environmental policies, advancing sustainable growth practices and facilitating common-ground solutions to environmental challenges. For more information, visit our website at www.georgiaconservancy.org.