

# Winning Water: The 2009 Children's Water Festival

*Everyone wins with clean water!*

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August 29, 2008

Dear Friend of the Festival,

The College of Coastal Georgia has been chosen for the 2009 Children's Water Festival and we need your help! By providing hands-on, interdisciplinary activities and lessons the Festival will educate 1100 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the Altamaha, Satilla and St. Marys River Basins on the importance of water and water conservation. This exciting event will take place on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the College of Coastal Georgia from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

With so many children, it is extremely important for us to have plenty of volunteers to help make this event run smoothly. We will need about 200 volunteers to serve as guides to assist the school groups in finding their activities, act as classroom assistants, registration help, decorators (on the day before), clean-up crew after the event, (this should only take about an hour if we have lots of people!) and other various tasks.

ENCLOSED IS A FORM FOR YOU TO FILL OUT. Please let us know how you will contribute to the Festival. Please copy the form and share with others who would like to help. Return all forms by February 6, 2009. We will contact you soon regarding your assignment and other specific details.

Remember, the Festival is not possible without you! On behalf of Winning Water: The 2009 Children's Water Festival and the children of the Altamaha, Satilla and St. Marys River Basins, we thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and support of the Festival. If you have any questions, please contact me at 404-679-4853 or [svisser@dca.state.ga.us](mailto:svisser@dca.state.ga.us).

Cordially,

Sarah Visser  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Volunteers (estimate): \_\_\_\_\_

I/We can help with the Festival on Wednesday, March 11, 2009:

Can help at any time needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Have a preferred time (please note: most volunteers are scheduled for at least a 4 hour block). Time Available: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We are interested in the following volunteer opportunities:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Class Group Guide (*Mandatory training: multiple dates and times to be determined*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Assistant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Registration and Information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mascot
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mascot Assistant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Runner
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pit Stop Waiter/ Waitress
- \_\_\_\_\_ Put me where I'm needed

Do you know anyone else (individual or group) who may be interested in helping?

\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, check here and include their name, address, phone number, and e-mail address on the reverse side so that we may contact them, or they can contact us at 404-679-4853.

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## **Volunteer Duty Descriptions:**

All volunteers (except Pit Stop volunteers) are asked to wear their festival T-shirt and pants. Please dress neatly because VIP's and the press will be attending the festival.

           **Volunteer Class Guides:** The duty of a volunteer class guide is to lead one class around campus for the entire 4-hour block that the class is assigned to attend the festival. The guide must make sure the class leaves each session in time to arrive at the next session on-time. The guide must stay with that class during each session to act as an additional pair of hands when necessary. In addition, the guide must attend a mandatory training in advance on the Georgia Southern University Campus.

           **Presenter Volunteers:** The duty of a presenter volunteer is to provide help to each presenter. This volunteer will spend the entire day with the presenter and aid them with their presentation. These volunteers will either be in a classroom or in the activity hall with their presenters during the festival.

           **Pit Stop Volunteer:** The duty of a Pit Stop volunteer is to act as a waiter/waitress in the Pit Stop. Each volunteer will take water orders (tap, spring, or bottled) from the students, teachers/chaperones and then deliver that water to the students, teachers/chaperones. The students will be seated listening to the Pit Stop entertainer. The Pit Stop Volunteers are being asked to wear black pants (and shoes, if possible) and white dress shirts (bowties/ties are encouraged for effect). In addition, these volunteers will be wearing aprons with the *Winning Water* logo imprinted on the aprons.

           **Mascot Volunteer:** The duty of the mascot volunteer is to dress like a mascot and/or be a mascot escort. The mascots must not take off any part of their costume while they are in public and the mascot escort(s) must be with them at all times. We will have a room for the mascots to rest or switch people. Be aware that these costumes are very hot and will require frequent breaks.

           **Runner:** The duty of runners is to take materials, drinks, and lunches to and from the presenters. This position will require a lot of walking.