



First Annual **Suwannee RIVERKEEPER®** Songwriting Contest

Deadline June 1; Contest June 23, 2018

Why: There should be more than one song about the Suwannee River, and the Withlacoochee, Alapaha, Alapahoochee, Okefenokee....

Song Submissions: Starting Monday April 2, 2018

Deadline: *Extended* to Friday, June 1, 2018

Finalists: will be announced Saturday June 9, 2018

The Contest: 1-5PM, Saturday, June 23, 2018

Where: The Salty Snapper, 1405 Gornto Rd, Valdosta, GA 31602

Tickets: \$10 per person.

What: Food, bar, silent auction, kayak raffle, finalists play, prizes awarded, sponsors acknowledged.

Prizes: **\$300 First Prize.** Finalists must be present to win.

\$50 winner from within the Suwannee River Basin,

\$50 winner from elsewhere, and one winner in each musical genre.

What to submit: Lyrics and sound (mp3 or wav) about one or more of the **Suwannee** or its tributaries the Little, Black, or Gopher, the **Withlacoochee** or its tributaries the Little or New, the **Alapaha** or its tributaries the Alapahoochee, Willacoochee, Little Alapaha, or Dead, or **other** Rivers, creeks, springs, sinks, swamps, or ponds in the Suwannee River Basin or Estuary. Nature, people, or events, are all good.

Avoid: the Santa Fe River or waterbodies in that sub-basin (it has another contest). Avoid proselytizing religion. Avoid partisan politics or specific candidates, but issues are OK. Avoid things that don't exist here. No vulgar or violent lyrics.

Bands: of more than one musician are OK. All finalists must arrive early for sound check.

Judges: will mark finalists on originality of lyrics and music, showing the integrity and value of the waters, and more. Extra credit for naming the most rivers (springs, etc.).

Sponsor: the contest to get your organization or personal name recognized, in the program, on the stage, with a **sponsor banner** for you, and many other ways.

Contact: song@suwanneeriverkeeper.org, 850-290-2350, www.wwals.net.

