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April Newsletter

Inquiries from Greenlaw in Atlanta and Save Our Suwannee in Florida led WWALS to initiate a meeting on March 17, 2015 with Valdosta city officials about the wastewater and sewage overflows into the Withlacoochee River and creeks that flow into the Alapaha River. A thorough presentation was made by the city and Valdosta appears to be ahead of schedule with their new wastewater facility and improvements to city sewer pipes and manholes, especially in regard to spills into the Withlacoochee. Some questions still remain in regard to spills into the Alapaha Watershed and WWALS is in the process of following up and getting answers. Watch the blog for details.

The Alapaha River Water Trail meeting on March 14, 2015 was a success! The logo contest winners were announced and the winning logo distributed on our ARWT draft brochure. Maya Turner from Tift County High School was the first place winner. She received \$100 and two tickets to Wild Adventures Theme Park. Second place went to Taarna Jones from Lanier County High School. She won \$50 and a \$50 gift card from Camping World retail store in Lake Park, GA. Third place went to Glenda Velasquez from Tift High. She won \$50 and a Browning Buck cap from Jasper Hardware, Jasper, FL.



Codi Sadler, senior from Lanier County High School won Honorable Mention for his entry and received a rugged military style backpack from Jasper Hardware.

Our April Outing is as follows:

When: Saturday April 18 – meet at 8am – on the water by 9am

Where: Rowetown Church Cemetery to 135 Bridge Length: approximately 4 hours (40 minute shuttle)

Back-up: Paradise Lake

Not able to paddle? - Visit the Gaskins Forest Education Center on Saturday April 18th from 9:00am-3:00pm for "A Day in the Woods" 3359 Moore Sawmill Rd Alapaha, Georgia.