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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Gear Swap at Banks Lake: find a new boat, maybe try it out, or get rid of an old one

Lakeland, Georgia, February 26, 2020 — Here's something new: a fun-filled day of promoting paddle activities and trying various boat designs, at Banks Lake on the first Saturday of March. This new event by WWALS Watershed Coalition (WWALS) should help paddlers find a new boat or get rid of an old one. If the owner permits, you can try out a boat right there on Banks Lake. This should help get everyone ready to kick off a new paddling season in the great Suwannee River Basin.



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WWALS Outings Chair Bobby McKenzie, who thought up this Gear Swap, says, "Many thanks to Lanier County, Banks Lake Outdoors, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their cooperation in this event."

Suwannee Riverkeeper John S. Quarterman adds, "Maybe we'll find a boat and motor appropriate for patrolling and water quality testing. No telling what you might find!"

Gear Swap will be 10 AM to 4 PM, Saturday, March 7, 2020, at <u>Banks Lake Boat Ramp</u>, 307 Georgia 122, Lakeland, GA 31635, in Lanier County.