



CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER®

Floating Classrooms

The Floating Classrooms are on-the-water environmental education programs that teach science, ecology, history, and math in accordance with STEM goals and state education performance standards.

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper operates a Floating Classroom on Lake Lanier and West Point Lake. In operation since 2000, more than 75,000 students and teachers have experienced the program.

The 40-foot boats serve as floating laboratories to learn about the lake and river system. While on board, students see firsthand their source of drinking water and develop an understanding of it by using scientific equipment to monitor water quality, view wildlife through binoculars, and learn watershed concepts. Takeaways include how to become responsible water stewards by protecting local streams and the watershed from pollution as well as the importance of water conservation in a changing climate. Thanks to the generous support from public and private donors, we are able to offer a limited number of scholarships to students from Title I schools or programs serving students from economically disadvantaged communities.



Lake Lanier Aquatic Learning Center



River Forks Park
Gainesville, GA



Scheduling and scholarship information:
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The Lake Lanier Aquatic Learning Center is operated in partnership with Elachee Nature Science Center and Hall County Parks and Leisure Services.

West Point Lake Floating Classroom



Pyne Road Park
LaGrange, GA



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For information on how to contribute to Floating Classroom scholarship funds, please contact Kyndall Thiessen, Development Director, by emailing kthiessen@chattahoochee.org or calling 404-352-9828