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Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and Piedmont Park Conservancy to host youth fly fishing program in Atlanta

ATLANTA – [Chattahoochee Riverkeeper](#) will host its [Becca Sue Klein All Kids Fish](#) program in partnership with [Piedmont Park Conservancy](#) on Saturday, August 24 in Atlanta. Through collaborations with local nonprofit organizations, 30 children from the metro Atlanta area will participate in the program at no cost and dip their toes into the world of fly fishing and environmental conservation at Piedmont Park’s Clara Meer Lake.

Now in its fifth year, the Becca Sue Klein All Kids Fish program hosted by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper seeks to ignite a passion for fly fishing and conservation among all kids between the ages of 10 to 18. Whether in Atlanta or the Chattahoochee River’s headwaters in Helen, Georgia, students participate in full-day fly-fishing retreats where they learn how to cast a fly rod, tie knots, use fishing gear, and safely handle fish. They also learn about native species and how a healthy river ecosystem sustains life.

Each child is paired with an experienced volunteer angler for one-on-one fly-fishing mentorship. Thanks to the generosity of [The Orvis Company](#), all participants receive their own fly-fishing rods to take home so that they may continue honing their skills.

In August of 2023, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper partnered with Piedmont Park Conservancy to host the program in Atlanta for the first time. After rotating through various workshops within the park, the kids and their mentors spent the rest of the day catching sunfish and bluegill in Clara Meer Lake.

“We are proud to partner with Chattahoochee Riverkeeper to bring the Becca Sue Klein All Kids Fish program to Piedmont Park for the second year,” says Kaycee Walker, Partnership & Public Programs Coordinator, Piedmont Park Conservancy. “The program provides an exciting opportunity for kids in Atlanta to connect with – and be inspired by – our greenspaces and waterways here in the heart of the city.”

“These events are about more than just fishing,” says program founder Becca Sue Klein. “They are about instilling a sense of respect and responsibility for our natural resources in the next generation of environmental advocates and water stewards. Chattahoochee

Riverkeeper is grateful to partners like Piedmont Park Conservancy and The Orvis Company for their incredible support of this program.”

This year, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper has partnered with non-profit partners [LaAmistad](#), [PFLAG Atlanta](#), the [Center for Pan Asian Community Services](#), and [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta](#) to engage youth from underrepresented communities within the Chattahoochee River watershed. Together, this collective effort provides meaningful experiences for children to participate in the sport of fly fishing and feel empowered to protect our urban waterways.

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About Chattahoochee Riverkeeper:

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper’s mission is to educate, advocate, and secure the protection and stewardship of the Chattahoochee River, including its lakes, tributaries, and watershed, in order to restore and conserve their ecological health for the people and wildlife that depend on the river system and in recognition of the important ecosystem functions provided throughout the region and planet. For more information, visit www.chattahoochee.org.

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