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Hurry! Sponsor Today

We are excited to announce that **Subaru of Gwinnett** has signed on as a corporate sponsor the the upcoming retreat. Please join them in supporting our mission to preserve and protect our national forests by becoming a sponsor today.

Online registration for our 20th Annual Membership Retreat on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at **Red Top Mountain** will open soon. GAFW members should look for an email from us in the near future with details.

Early registration will only be open to members, so please **join today** to ensure you receive the retreat registration alert and all else membership has to offer. If you have a question regarding your membership status, please contact us at **info@gafw.org**. With limited tickets available, we anticipate this year's retreat to sell out quickly.

Consider an **individual** or **business/organization** sponsorship today for guaranteed admission. Each sponsorship includes at least two assured tickets.

By sponsoring this community event, you will support GAFW's critical mission and guarantee you have tickets to the must-not-miss event of the year. We hope you'll choose to show your support.

Award-winning author **Janisse Ray** will be our keynote speaker for the event. Individual sponsorships are $250, including two retreat tickets, t-shirts, and lunch.

Please note that general admission will be open later and available on a limited basis due to venue capacity limitations. Reserve your tickets today by becoming a sponsor at the link below.

The day will be filled with informational presentations, lunch from **Hungry Hippos Eats**, fun activities, merchandise, and sponsor tables. Don't forget the raffle!

We hope to see you in October.

Even if you are not interested in sponsoring the retreat, **you can help by donating items for our raffle, auction, and door prizes.** We are looking for large and small items, including everything from gift cards to art pieces, cabin rentals, and outdoor experiences. Please help us make this year's retreat the best one yet!

Contact us at donations@gafw.org if you have items or experiences to donate.

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Trail Skills Workshop

Make plans to attend the seventh annual Trail Skills Workshop at Lake Winfield Scott (near Suches, GA) on September 23 – 24, 2023. This training event focuses on teaching the most current trail construction and maintenance methods applicable to Eastern landscapes.

The Trail Skills Workshop is an excellent opportunity for participants to learn and perfect trail skills. Skilled instructors are provided by the **Georgia Appalachian Trail Club**, the USFS, and the **Appalachian Trail Conservancy**.

The $30.00 fee ($25.00 for GATC members) includes all courses, a T-shirt, two nights camping, and a Saturday cookout and entertainment. For questions etc., contact **tsw@georgia-atclub.org**.

[More information here](#) and [register here.](#)

Crosscut Certification Courses

The U.S. Forest Service, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), and the Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards (SAWS) are hosting a crosscut A/B and a Crosscut C certification course.

Why? To build capacity for wilderness stewardship among volunteers, partner staff, and agency staff
What? Crosscut A/B course and Crosscut C certification courses
Where? There will be a classroom site and a field site for this course
Classroom Portion: Lumpkin County Library, 56 Mechanicsville Rd, Dahlonega, GA 30533 | Field Portion: Lake Winfield Scott, 439 Lake Winfield Scott Rd, Suches, GA 30572
When? Crosscut C –November 13-17, 2023; Crosscut A/B–November 15-17, 2023
How? [More information and register here.](#)

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Upcoming GAFW Outings & Outreach

Thursday, August 31 - **GAFW Book Club Meeting**, Zoom (*The Changing Blue Ridge Mountains* by Brent Martin)

Saturday, September 9 - **Outing! Foxfire Museum Guided Tour**

Sunday, September 10 - Come see us at the **Elachee Wildlife Festival**, 10 am - 2 pm.

Saturday, September 16 - Come see us at **Dahlonega Trail Fest**

Saturday, September 23 - Come see us at **Patagonia Beltline**, 10 am - 2 pm

Thursday, September 28- **GAFW Book Club Meeting**, Zoom (*Deliverance*, by James Dickey)

Saturday, September 30 - **Outing! Project Chimps Private Group Tour**

Saturday, October 14 - **Save the Date!** GAFW Annual Retreat at Red Top Mountain. **SPONSOR US NOW**

Saturday, October 21 - **The Second Wurst Festival Ever** , Fannin Brewing Company, Blue Ridge, GA (Tickets on sale soon)

Thursday, October 26 - **GAFW Book Club Meeting** , Zoom (*Haints on Black Mountain* by Ann Hite)

Friday, October 27 - Outing! Core Preserve at Lula Lake Land Trust

Thursday, November 30 - **GAFW Book Club Meeting** , Zoom (*Literary Field Guide to Southern Appalachia,* Edited by Rose McLarney, Laura-Gray Street, and L. L. Gaddy)

Thursday, December 28 - GAFW Book Club Meeting , Zoom (*The Lost Book of Eleanor Dare* by Kimberly Brock)

GAFW Outings on Meetup

If this email was forwarded to you, **please register here** to receive GAFW updates.

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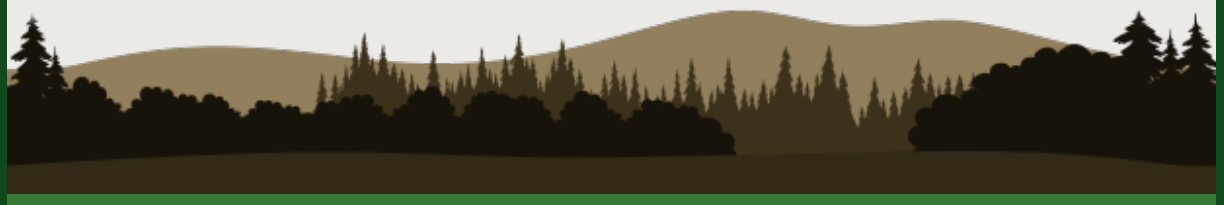
Georgia ForestWatch is the only nonprofit organization with a mission solely dedicated to ensuring the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests remain healthy and available for future generations, and we can only pursue our mission with the support of the community.

Please support our mission by ensuring your **membership is up to date** and providing **additional support** as you are able.

On behalf of our entire national forests in our beautiful state, we thank you for your support.

Our Mission

Our mission is to preserve and protect our national forests.



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