

WHAT IS OWLS?



Interested in learning about wildlife conservation through hands-on activities and field experiences? If so, check out Georgia Project WILD's Outdoor Wildlife Learning School (OWLS)! OWLS is a workshop focused on wildlife management and stewardship for K-12 educators.



Participants will spend five days immersed in Georgia wildlife education via hands-on activities and day trips. We will also discuss basic conservation biology concepts and field techniques that can be used with students in and out of the classroom. This is a three-part series of workshops and you can participate in one, two, or all three of them. Thanks to a grant from The Environmental Resources Network, the cost is only \$175 per person.

OWLS I: Investigate conservation efforts in the upper coastal plain through birding, canoeing in Bond Swamp, mist-netting bats at Oconee National Forest, exploring bogs at Ochopee Dunes, and hiking in granite outcrops.



OWLS II: Explore the Blue Ridge and Cumberland Plateau ecoregions by snorkeling in the Amicalola River, discussing black bear research, visiting a fish hatchery, and caving for endemic salamanders and bats.

OWLS III: Delves into GA's coastal ecosystem and lower coastal plain with canoeing in the Okefenokee Swamp, birding at Altamaha WMA and exploring the GA Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll Island, and hiking through a salt marsh on Sapelo Island.

In 2025, we will be leading the OWLS III workshop July 7 – 11, 2025

Register online at: <https://georgiawildlife.doubleknot.com/event/owls-3-outdoor-wildlife-leadership-school-coastal/3090671>

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