

NEWS RELEASE * ELACHEE NATURE SCIENCE CENTER

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RE: Calendar of Events – 2008

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Photos are available in electronic form for the asking

* Family-oriented programming

***Elachee Nature Science Center**, the premier environmental education center in Georgia, is celebrating 28+ years of building environmental literacy through quality educational field trip experiences, museum exhibits, programs for families and children, and resources for schools, groups, and the general public. Elachee was Georgia's first and is currently metro Atlanta's only nature center to be accredited by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). Elachee also serves as the resource manager of the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve, a 1,500-acre woodland which surrounds the Center, one of the largest green space areas in North Georgia and an ideal outdoor learning laboratory for Elachee's hands-on programs. Each year over 35,000 students from more than 35 school systems and an additional 30,000 visitors enjoy Elachee's educational programs and hands-on learning experiences. The Center is open to the public Monday - Saturday 10 am – 5 pm where visitors can tour three discovery areas that explore astronomy, local archaeological history, and a display of live amphibians, reptiles, and hawks. Admission to the Center is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 2-12, children under 2 and members of Elachee admitted free. Outside the Center you can visit our rain garden and compost demonstration sites, picnic, or hike on any of the 13 miles of trails through the Nature Preserve. Trails are open every day of the year from 8 am – dusk and use of the trails is free, although donations are welcome. Elachee is located just south of Gainesville, GA and less than one hour from metro Atlanta. Take I-985 to Exit 16, Oakwood and follow the signs to the nature center.

Ongoing Programs

Elachee Programs for Teachers and Educators, Ongoing. High quality, experience-based environmental/nature education at Georgia's first SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accredited nature center! Choose from more than 30 different programs for all grade levels correlated to Georgia's Performance Standards and Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT). Programs for schools, home-school groups, and scout and community groups, are held at Elachee within a 1,500-acre nature preserve...an ideal outdoor classroom...or at your site/school. Teacher education programs are also available. Fees vary based on program length.

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***Elachee's Birthday Parties for Children, Ongoing.** Leap into nature with Elachee's education-themed birthday parties for children ages 4 and up...bugs, snakes, dinos, amphibians. Party includes a woodland or nature hike, craft, animal encounter, party favor, invites, admission to Elachee for 12 friends.

Weekdays at 3 pm, Saturdays at 10:30 am or 1:30 pm, reservations required. \$125 Elachee members, \$150 non-members.

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*** Elachee's Permanent Exhibit: "Waters of Time: The Chicopee Woods Story" – Ongoing.** This exhibit traces the importance of Walnut Creek in the development and preservation of the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve, highlighting previous eras and inhabitants of Chicopee Woods through the Ice Age, Native American, Colonial, and 20th Century periods. View two authentic fossilized mosasaur skeletons and explore how cultures lived through actual artifacts, dioramas, and hands-on activities. Children will love searching for real fossils in the dino dig box, climbing on a 1-ton petrified log, making pottery rubbings to take home, and creating forest animal tracks in special nature goop. Monday-Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children, Elachee members and children under 2 free. Elachee Nature Science Center, 2125 Elachee Drive, Gainesville, GA 30504.
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***Elachee's Permanent Exhibit: "Searching for Spaceship Earth" – Ongoing.** Take a voyage to outer space in our astronomy hall filled with an array of displays to acquaint you with our solar system, planet earth, and beyond. See a 100 pound meteorite recently found in Africa that is older than any Earth rock, discover how much you weigh on other planets, make a "moon crater", check out the current moon phase, make a rubbing of star constellations, and watch an astronomy video. Keep up to date with the latest earth and astronomy discoveries through ViewSpace, a continually updating video display from NASA's Space Science Telescope Institute including views from the Hubble Space Telescope of earth, other planets, and celestial bodies. Children will enjoy the moonscape, hands-on activities and special reading area. Monday-Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children, Elachee members and children under 2 free.
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***Elachee's Discover Nature Packs – Ongoing.** Check out a free *Discover Nature Pack* and explore nature in the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve! The daypacks are filled with nature guides, activities, and fun learning games to help parents maximize their family's woodland experience. Pack versions available are animals, plants, bilingual English/Spanish, and GPS/Orienteering for older children.
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***Elachee's Adopt-A-Friend - Ongoing.** Adoption program for Elachee's collection of 30 live animals that is perfect for school classes, scout groups or individuals. Priced by amount of care and food needed, this educational adoption program is complete with adoption certificate, picture of the animal and info sheet, passes to visit your animal, plus a basket of themed goodies.
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Rent Elachee for Your Next Special Event - Ongoing. Our beautiful facilities are available for your next business meeting, wedding, bridal shower, or anniversary party. You can choose from five unique spaces located in a wooded nature preserve with the beauty of wildflowers and the trill of birdsong in the air. Call for details.
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Elachee's Trail Steward Training, Thursday, January 10th, 6-8pm, and Friday, January 11th, 10am – 12 noon. If you like hiking outside consider becoming one of Elachee's Trail Stewards. Help us record visitor numbers, monitor trail and safety conditions, and conduct light trail maintenance while hiking 1-4 hours a week in the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve. Training includes learning about the preserve, hiking rules and data collection. Pre-registration required. Call to register.
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***Elachee's First Wednesday Home School Education Program – Astronomy and Night Hikes, Tuesday, January 15th, 6-8pm.** A series of programs specially designed for home schooled students and parents with hands-on, educational, age-appropriate activities. This semester of programs begins with a special evening of Astronomy and Night Hikes. Learn about stars, planets and constellations as well as the nighttime woods in this Tuesday evening program. Space is still available for this semester's series of 5 programs at \$40 per child and \$20 per adult. Call to register at 770-535-1976.
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***First Saturday Hike at Elachee, Saturday, February 2nd, 10 – 11:30 am.** Join a naturalist on a guided hike to enjoy the winter beauty of the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve. Great for families, scout groups and individuals. Program fee: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 2-12. Children under 2 and Elachee members free.
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***Elachee's First Wednesday Home School Education Program – Predators and Prey, Wednesday, February 6th, 1:30-3:30 pm.** A series of programs specially designed for home schooled students and parents with hands-on, educational, age-appropriate activities. This month enrollees learn some of the ways that foxes, hawks, snakes and other predators find their foods of choice and how the prey animals do their best to avoid that fate. Pre-registration required.
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Adopt-A-Stream Family Workshop Day at Elachee, Saturday, February 9th, 10am-1pm. Learn about the wide variety of insects that live in our streams, ponds, and lakes. This family workshop shows how macro-invertebrates are identified and monitored for determining the health of the water. Discover what makes a healthy stream and how GA Adopt-A-Stream works to accomplish this throughout the state. Trainees under age 18 are welcome when accompanied by an adult. Program fee: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 2-12. Children under 2 and Elachee members free. Registration required. Call to pre-register.
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Adopt-A-Stream Training at Elachee, Friday, February 15th, 6-10 pm, and Saturday, February 16th, 9 am – 4 pm. Join us for an intensive 1.5-day workshop that will train you to effectively and accurately monitor streams. Learn to delineate your watershed, chemically analyze streams, and accurately identify macro invertebrates. Upon completion you'll be certified by GA Adopt-A-Stream, the state's leading citizen science stream monitoring organization. Trainees under age 18 are welcome when accompanied by an adult. Materials Fee: \$5. Registration required. Call to pre-register.
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***Stars Over Elachee at Chicopee Lake, Saturday, February 16th, 5:30-7:30 pm.** Learn about astronomy and how to use a telescope to view the night sky. You'll receive an observing log and star chart to assist in seeing constellations, stars, planets, and even Moon craters and Apollo landing sites. Suggested for adults and children ages 8 and up. Bring a flashlight and pencil. Reservations required. Call to register and reserve a telescope. Program fee: \$10 Adults, \$5 for children ages 2-12. Elachee members free.
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Elachee's Members Only Winter Program - Astronomy and the Lunar Eclipse – Wednesday, February 20th, 7-10pm.

Elachee members can take advantage of this special program to learn about the night sky while observing this evening's lunar eclipse with the assistance of our telescopes and resident astronomer. For current Elachee members only. Free. Call to register and reserve one of our telescopes.
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***First Saturday Hike at Elachee, Saturday, March 1st, 10 – 11:30 am.** Join a naturalist on a guided hike to search for signs of spring in the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve. Great for families, scout groups and individuals. Program fee: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 2-12. Children under 2 and Elachee members free.

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***Elachee's First Wednesday Home School Education Program – Spring Wildflowers, Wednesday, March 5th, 1:30-3:30 pm.** A series of programs specially designed for home schooled students and parents with hands-on, educational, age-appropriate activities. This month enrollees celebrate the newly appearing spring blooms and learn about these remarkable and beautiful organisms. Pre-registration required.

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Teacher Workshop, *Diving into the Watersheds of Northeast Georgia*, Saturday, March 8th, 8:30am-5pm. This workshop for teachers sponsored by COSEE (Centers for Ocean Sciences Educational Excellence) will focus on how activities in the state's interior affect the natural systems of the coast. A number of guest experts will present and the day will culminate with a Lake Lanier cruise aboard the Chota Princess II. All participants will receive posters, curriculum, and a variety of other educational and teaching resources. Free. To register or receive additional information, please contact John Schellenberg at John_Schellenberg@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

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Elachee's Pre-order Plant Sale. March 24th – April 11th. Plant list available March 24th.

Pre-order high quality, drought resistant wildflowers, perennials, native azaleas, and woody shrubs that attract butterflies, birds and wildlife. Order by April 11th for pick up on Friday, April 24th 10am-2pm or Saturday, April 26th 12Noon – 2pm at Elachee. Call to receive a list and order form.

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***Earth Hour at Elachee. Saturday, March 29th, 7-9pm.** Join us for Elachee's participation in this Earth Hour 2008, a world-wide event that encourages people across the world to turn off their lights for one hour as a symbolic gesture to promote energy conservation. Experience a serene night under the stars with telescopes, quiet music, fun-in-the-dark activities and a special program on energy, light pollution and its effects on nocturnal animals. Admission: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 2-12. Children under 2 and Elachee members free. To participate on your own check out this website: www.earthhour.org sponsored by the World Wildlife Federation.

***Elachee's First Wednesday Home School Education Program – Stream Life, Wednesday, April 2nd, 1:30-3:30 pm.** A series of programs specially designed for home schooled students and parents with hands-on, educational, age-appropriate activities. This month enrollees investigate the health and creatures of a stream habitat. Pre-registration required.

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***Elachee's Spring Break Camp, April 7th – April 11th, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 2 pm.** Children learn to appreciate nature and enjoy the great outdoors in the beautiful Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve that surrounds the Center. This popular day camp experience for elementary-aged children features exciting nature/science topics with learning activities plus the fun of crafts, songs, woodland and creek hikes, making new friends and more. Experienced and trained staff, excellent staff to child ratios, and a warm, personal, and well-supervised setting create memories that will last a lifetime. Before and after-camp care available for working parents for an additional fee. Call for details and to register.

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Elachee's Morning Bird Hikes. Monday, April 21st - Friday, April 25th, 8:00-11:00am. Join expert birders for one or all of these easy 2-3 hour bird hikes as we visit the best birding habitats of Hall County in search of warblers, tanagers, and other beautiful songbirds. Friday's special cruise on Lake Lanier offers a chance to see herons, ducks, sandpipers and Bald Eagles. Fee range: \$5-\$15 per day. Exact times and fees vary with program. Call for details and to register. Elachee Nature Science Center, 2125 Elachee Drive, Gainesville, GA 30504. 770/535-1976. www.elachee.org.

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Elachee's Flights of Fancy Benefit Auction, Friday, May 9th, 6-9 pm. Come for a casual evening featuring hors d'oeuvres, wine and other beverages, jazz music and a unique silent auction of "flighty" garden items, bird houses, and truly unique yard art created by local artists, notables and Elachee friends. Proceeds benefit Elachee's education programs for children and conservation efforts in the preserve. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance. Call 770/535-1976 for reservations. Elachee Nature Science Center, 2125 Elachee Drive, Gainesville, GA 30504. 770/535-1976. www.elachee.org.

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***Camp Elachee Preview. Saturday, May 24th, 11am – 2pm.** Join us for fun and the opportunity to tour our facility, meet our staff, and sample camp activities like hiking, crafts, and games. Other events for the day include face painting and a live animal presentation. You can even register while you're here! Free. Elachee Nature Science Center, 2125 Elachee Drive, Gainesville, GA 30504. 770/535-1976. www.elachee.org.

***Camp Elachee 2008. May 27th – August 1st, Mon – Fri, 9 am – 2 pm.** Pre-K, elementary, and middle school youngsters experience a hands-on nature and science-oriented program in a woodland setting. Weekly sessions feature fun activities including hiking, creek exploration, games, songs, crafts, and special programs relating to the theme of the week. Extended care available. Pre-registration required. Call for a brochure or to register. Elachee Nature Science Center, 2125 Elachee Drive, Gainesville, GA 30504. 770/535-1976. www.elachee.org.

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Elachee's Members Only Summer Program – Stream Ecology, Saturday, June 21st, 9 am -12 noon. Elachee members can take advantage of this special free program to see and learn about the critters that inhabit our local streams and how to keep their water environment healthy. For current Elachee members only. Free. Call to register.

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Elachee's Volunteer Trail Crew Annual Cleaning Day, Saturday, August 2nd, 9 am – noon. The trail crew takes a respite from their usual activities for their annual equipment maintenance followed by a picnic. Free. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. Call to pre-register.

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***Elachee's Annual Snake Day. Saturday, September 13th, 10am – 1pm.** See a wide variety of live native and exotic snakes and reptiles at our most popular public program! Dispel your myths and fears about reptiles and learn why they are important to our world from our expert exhibitors. Children can also enjoy crafts, activities, and face painting. Program fee: Adults, \$5, Children 2–12, \$3, Members: Free.

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Elachee's Safari Benefit Dinner and Auction. TBA, Saturday, September 20th OR October 4th, 6 - 11pm. Enjoy a casual evening of cocktails, dinner, jazz music, and live and silent auctions featuring unique artwork, trips, entertainment activities, and items from local merchants. Proceeds benefit Elachee environmental education programs. Reservations required in advance. Call for details and reservations.

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Elachee's Members Only Fall Program – Birds and Migration – Saturday, October 11th, 8-11am. Elachee members can take advantage of this special free program to see and learn about the beautiful varieties of birds that inhabit and migrate through our local area. For current Elachee members only. Free. Call to register.

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***Elachee's NightFall Halloween Festival. Friday, October 24th & Saturday, October 25th, 6–9 PM.** Enter the nighttime forest for a non-scary adventure to learn about nocturnal creatures from our animal-costumed naturalists. Also see a live animal program and enjoy crafts, face painting, storytelling, stargazing, and treats for the children. Admission: Elachee members, \$3; Non-members, \$5.
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***Georgia Junior Duck Stamp Art Tour, December 1st-30th, Monday-Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm.**

Elachee is pleased to again host the Georgia Junior Duck Stamp Art Tour with 100 winning waterfowl renditions drawn by students throughout the state. These entries in the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest sponsored by the Federal Wildlife Service represent hours of waterfowl and habitat research culminating in the amazing artwork in pencil, watercolor, and collage created by each of the K-12 students. Admission (includes entire museum): Adults, \$5; Children ages 2-12, \$3; Children under 2 and Elachee members free.

***First Saturday Hike at Elachee, Saturday, December 6th, 10 – 11:30 am.** Join a naturalist on a guided hike to explore the winter woods in the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve. Great for families, scout groups and individuals. Program fee: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 2-12. Children under 2 and Elachee members free.

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***Elachee's Winter in the Woods Holiday Celebration, Saturday, December 13th, 10am – 1pm.**

A natural way for families to enjoy the holidays with seasonal crafts, candy cane hunt, face painting, cookie decorating, holiday music, and winter hikes. Admission: Adults \$5, Children 2-12 \$3, Members and under 2 are Free.

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