

Coastal Habitat & Water Quality Boat Tour Low Country Boil Dinner

Date: January 28, 2007

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (boat tour & coastal water quality session)
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (browse aquarium & social hour)
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (low country boil dinner)

Location: UGA Marine Education Center & Aquarium (<http://www.uga.edu/aquarium>)

Fee: \$95/person (boat tour and social-dinner)
\$45/person (social - dinner only)

Max Participants: 40 (boat tour) and 60 (social hour & low country boil dinner)

Tour Agenda:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity/Class</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Sun., Jan. 28	1:45	Arrive / Browse the Aquarium	
	2:00	Group A: Trawl (incorporating H2O Quality) Group B: Coastal Water Quality Issues Talk	Fran & Mare TBD
	3:30	(groups switch)	
	3:45	Group A: Coastal Water Quality Issues Talk Group B: Trawl (incorporating H2O Quality)	TBD Fran & Mare
	5:15	Browse Aquarium and Social Hour	
	6:00	Low Country Boil Dinner	

Tour Description:

This half day tour will be spent touring the coastal estuary and discussing coastal water quality issues. Approximately 1.5 hours will be spent aboard the 43' RV *Sea Dawg* where participants will collect bottom-dwelling organisms in the estuary using an otter trawl net. Participants will learn about the local natural history and commercial importance of many vertebrate and invertebrate species, participate in water quality testing as well as having the experience of collecting and handling the live animals and plants collected during the trawl. In addition, approximately 1.5 hours will be spent in the classroom listening to presentations given by local experts that will provide a broad overview of the local coastal water quality issues.

Low Country Boil Dinner & Social Hour:

Spend your first evening in Savannah socializing and experiencing a Coastal Georgia tradition – the low country boil. The traditional low country boil includes sausage, shrimp, corn and potatoes boiled together with spices. The Marine Education Center is located on beautiful Skidaway Island where participants can take a walk after dinner around the campus and down to the water.