

CAHABA CONNECTIONS: THE STATE AND FUTURE OF OUR RIVER

MAY 15, 2015



Join individuals and organizations from throughout Central Alabama for the first ever Cahaba Connections Conference. The conference will bring together academic institutions, government agencies, environmental organizations and citizens interested in the future of the Cahaba. Held on the Cahaba River at the new Living River retreat and environmental education center, the conference will both celebrate the river and tackle some of the challenges it faces.

Cahaba Connections will provide an opportunity to:

- Learn about the current state of the river.
- Hear about the work being done to protect and restore the Cahaba.
- Discuss ideas for creatively meeting the challenges facing the river.
- Network and explore collaborative opportunities for working together.

SCHEDULE

Friday's schedule offers a mix of informational sessions, panel discussions and open space for participants to engage with one another. The day concludes with a wine and cheese gathering beside the River if weather permits.

For those wishing to spend the night, an optional dinner and overnight lodging is available on Friday night. On Saturday those staying have the option to canoe, hike, bird or hunt for fossils at Living River or to visit the Cahaba Lily Festival in nearby West Blocton.

Friday, May 15

9:00 am	Registration
10:00 am	Welcome, State of the Cahaba Watershed Overview
10:40 am	Water Quality Challenges & Restoration
Noon	Lunch
12:30 pm	Keynote: Biodiversity
1:15 pm	Connecting People with the Cahaba - Education, Recreation, Tourism
2:20 pm	Open Space Breakout Sessions
3:30 pm	Reports from Open Space Sessions, Next steps
4:15 pm	Wine and cheese gathering ~ by the river
6:00 pm	Optional dinner and overnight stay

Saturday, May 16 (Optional)

Breakfast

Enjoy canoeing, hiking, birding, or fossil hunting. Attend the Cahaba Lily Festival in nearby West Blocton.

COST

The conference fee, which includes lunch and the wine and cheese gathering, is **\$25** until May 1st. After May 1st the conference fee is **\$35**.

Optional overnight lodging including dinner and Saturday breakfast is **\$39**.

LOCATION

The conference will be held at Living River: A Retreat on the Cahaba located near Montevallo. For driving directions go to livingriver.org.

REGISTRATION

Register at livingriver.org/cahabaconnections.

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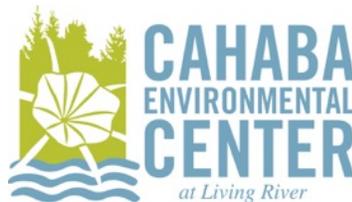


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