



Savannah River Ecology Laboratory

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Media Advisory: UGA SREL's 10th Annual "Touch An Animal Day"

Who: University of Georgia Savannah River Ecology Laboratory

What: SREL's 10th Annual "Touch An Animal Day"

When: Saturday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon



Where: UGA SREL Conference Center, Highway 278, approximately 17 miles southeast of Aiken, South Carolina, via South Carolina Highway 19. The SREL Conference Center is 25 miles east of Augusta. Please note that GPS has been known to give inaccurate directions. The conference center is off of the site—it is not located on the Savannah River Site.

The University of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Laboratory is delighted to bring this family-friendly event to the public for the 10th time. Held for the first time in August of 2009, the day of fun continues to give children and adults of all ages, the opportunity to see and touch plants and animals from the local area. This year's event will feature returning favorites—snakes, an opossum and edible plants at the healthy beverage station. A pollinator exhibit will make its debut.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet members of the SREL staff, including the outreach team and graduate students who will share scientific poster presentations. The poster presentations will cover various topics from the effect of contaminants in snakes and ducks to diseases that can be found in amphibians.

TAAD, SREL's largest outreach event, is free and open to the public.

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The Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, a research unit of the University of Georgia founded in 1951, is located on the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site near Aiken, South Carolina. SREL conducts ecological research to assess environmental impacts on the ecosystem, provides advanced hands-on educational opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students, and improves environmental stewardship and awareness through public outreach. For additional information about the lab, go to www.srel.uga.edu.

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