

On July 18th, 2011 ten middle school students from Clayton County will study the natural environment of Jekyll Island, courtesy of the Kid's Outdoor Scholarship. Based on a 250 word essay, students in grades 7th and 8th were chosen to attend a three day trip to Jekyll Island, Georgia with all expenses paid for by the 2011 Lake Spivey Road Race and Festival & BBQ Competition. The Georgia Children Outdoors Initiative was passed in 2009 with the support of State Representative Glenn Baker. The Outdoor Bill of Rights states that every child in the state of Georgia by the age of 14 should have the opportunity to experience one of the ten outdoor activities listed in the Initiative. Some of the events include camping under the stars, discover Georgia's past, splash in the water, follow a trail, catch a fish, and learn to swim. The essay competition encouraged students to focus on one of the ten activities in the Initiative and explain why they wish to participate in it. The three day trip to Jekyll Island will include a stay at the 4-H center, a visit to the Sea Turtle Center, an excursion on the Department of Natural Resource's research vessel, beach walks, seine fishing, and an astronomy lesson.

The students chosen for this year's 2011 Jekyll Island Scholarship are:

Victoria Starr - Forest Park Middle
Abigail Dixon - Babb Middle
Porsher Leigh - Sequoyah Middle
Matthew Johnson - Morrow Middle
Malik Clark - Sequoyah Middle
Tran Nguyen - Mundy's Mill Middle
Hector Facio - Eddy White Academy
Anthony Edwards - Lovejoy Middle
Sydney-Alyce Bourget - Elite Scholars Academy
Marisha Robinson - Babb Middle