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Tuscaloosa's Waterkeepers Unite: Thursday August 12 at Alabama Museum of Natural History

Thursday, August 12, from 5 to 8pm, Black Warrior Riverkeeper and the Friends of Hurricane Creek (Hurricane Creekkeeper) present a free public event at the Alabama Museum of Natural History: "An Evening with Tuscaloosa's Waterkeepers". Mercedes-Benz U.S. International., Inc is the lead sponsor.

The event will feature watershed presentations and new photography exhibits by the two Waterkeepers protecting Tuscaloosa-area waterways: Nelson Brooke (Black Warrior Riverkeeper) and John Wathen (Hurricane Creekkeeper). Dr. Doug Phillips of Discovering Alabama will deliver a special introduction. Both nonprofit Waterkeeper organizations will accept optional donations. Free admission, parking, food (Snow's Bend Farm and Zoës Kitchen), wine (JohnnyGreenSeeds), and beer (SweetWater) provided.

The Alabama Museum of Natural History (www.amnh.ua.edu) is located in Smith Hall on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Capstone Drive at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. To reach the Museum from Highway 82 (McFarland Boulevard), take the University Boulevard exit and follow the signs leading west to Hackberry Lane. If you are arriving on I-59, exit onto I-359 and take the University Boulevard exit traveling east to Hackberry Lane. Plenty of free parking will be available August 12.

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Black Warrior Riverkeeper (www.blackwarriorriver.org) is a citizen-based nonprofit environmental advocacy organization whose mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. A proud member of Waterkeeper Alliance, Black Warrior Riverkeeper was the Alabama Environmental Council's 2007 Conservation Organization of the Year and the American Canoe Association's 2008 Green Paddle Award winner. The staff Riverkeeper, Nelson Brooke, won the Alabama Rivers Alliance's 2010 River Hero Award. For more information, contact Charles Scribner, Executive Director, Black Warrior Riverkeeper: cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org or 205-458-0095.