**Georgia Blind Sports Association is announcing our first 2024 Kayaking Event!**

**Paddlers, their families, friends and volunteers are invited to join us on Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at Red Top Mountain State Park. Webster Ferry Boat Launch Cove.**

**Purpose: To learn about water safety, kayaking and develop paddling skills. Various kayaks and paddleboards will be available to try. All kayaks have a weight limit for safety.**

**ALL water-based participants must be able to:**

**1. Seal their own airways.**

**2. Correctly wear a Life Jacket.**

**3. Demonstrate the ability to turn over from face down to face up in the water.**

**4. Sign a participant waiver.**

**Date: Saturday, June 1st, 2024**

**Time: 10:00-2:00**

**Location: Red Top Mountain State Park**

**Red Top Mountain Park, Webster’s Landing area**

**Google Maps: Webster Ferry Boat Ramp; OR Red Top Mountain Park.**

**Directions:**

**\*\*\* After turning on the Webster Ferry Landing Road, we will be at first cove on the right as you get close to the lake. If you get to the boat ramp, you have gone too far. We will be the parking lot on the left as you leave the lake area going back out.**

\*\* **There are NO BATHROOMS at this site; only a porta-potty near the boat ramp. You must use the toilets at the Visitor’s Center on the way in if you don’t like the porta-potty.**

**\*\* Be prepared to pay for a $5.00 park day use pass or have a GA State Park Annual Pass. These can be purchased at the visitor’s center OR at the boat ramp area. Cash or Check. If GBSA is able to secure passes, we will let you know when you RSVP.**

**The following Personal Items are recommended for a safe day of Kayaking and lake fun:**

**- Swim wear, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, *water* and lunch**

**- Life jackets/ Personal Flotation Devices of your own IF you have them; if not, we will provide these for use. We have PFD of various sizes.**

**IF YOU HAVE THEM:**

**Kayaks, paddle boards or canoes**

**We will bring:**

* **Life jackets**
* **Kayaks & Paddles**
* **Water**

**We kindly ask that if you plan to bring small children, that you consider the following safety rules at our event:**

1. **You MUST have a correct sized life jacket that will be test-fitted for each child that will be in the water. Let me know if you need help to locate, purchase or borrow a life jacket. It is mandatory that all children UNDER 12 wear their life jacket at all times; it is the law that a life jacket be worn while in any watercraft.**
2. **Please be sure to have a set of eyes available to watch your child/ children in / near the water. There are no lifeguards at this site and event staff will not be able to supervise children, as we will be teaching and monitoring the kayaking of our blind and low vision participants.**
3. **If you have questions or to RSVP please email:** Nancy@bashizi.com **or text 770-815-8768**

***PLEASE RSVP* in order for us to ensure we have enough boats and volunteers to support the needs of all participants. I could also use some help with securing a few extra boats or trucks/ trailers to carry the Kayaks we have.**

**Thank You for helping us make this a safe and enjoyable event for everyone!**

**Nancy Parkin-Bashizi, M.A., COMS, CVRT**