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UCR volunteers gather 750 pounds of trash in the Clean the Race Course paddle cleanup in advance of Saturday's River Race

ATLANTA – UCR welcomed 25 volunteers who helped pull out more than 750 pounds of trash in the annual Clean the Race Course paddle cleanup on June 4, in advance of the **9th Annual Back to the Chattahoochee River Race and Festival** to be held this Saturday, June 11, at **Riverside Park in Roswell**. Organized and presented by Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (UCR) in partnership with the **National Park Service, Fulton County**, and the **city of Roswell**, the event is organized to celebrate the Chattahoochee and foster a sense of community around our river. Highlights included:

- 10 bags of aluminum cans
- 100-plus golf balls
- 4 bags of bottles
- Dozens of tennis balls
- 10 shoes (including a matching pair ... a first!)
- 3 basketballs
- 3 chairs
- 2 adult-size bicycles (fully intact)
- 2 car tires

“This is an enormous amount of trash removed from only a 9-mile section of the Chattahoochee, and most of the aluminum cans were found between Garrard Landing and Island Ford,” said Tammy Bates, UCR’s director of events and outreach. “I would like to challenge our river community – boaters, floaters, swimmers, fishing folks – to bring a garbage bag with you when you visit the Chattahoochee, and help keep our river clean!”

(Watch a video of the cleanup here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAzrc6pwZgo>)

UCR’s mission is to protect and preserve the Chattahoochee River, its lakes and tributaries for the people, fish and wildlife that depend upon it. The Chattahoochee is the most heavily used water resource in Georgia. For more information, visit <http://www.ucriverkeeper.org/river-revival.php>.

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