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Flint RiverQuarium & Darton State College team up to present Color the Grove 5K and Music Fest

The Flint RiverQuarium and Darton State College are painting the town Saturday, April 27, with a colorful 5k fun run along Riverfront Trail and through the streets of historic downtown Albany, followed by an evening of great music on the Darton campus.

Ideal both for casual walkers and serious runners, a color run, such as Color the Grove 5K, is more of an experience than an athletic event. Participants begin the run in a white t-shirt. Along the way they are showered by onlookers with non-toxic colored powder before reaching the finish line at the new Art Park on Pine and joining in the party with a rainbow of runners and spectators.

The Color the Grove 5K will begin at 2 pm, with packet pick-ups and day-of-race registrations beginning at 10 am at the Art Park. Spectators and runners can enjoy live music from Hannah and Cole, the Evergreen Family Band, and Jon Smith prior to and following the race. The race is not timed, and runners of all ages and abilities are encouraged to come out and join the fun.

The party atmosphere continues that evening with a Music Fest at Darton Stage College. Gates open at 4 pm. The concert will kick off with a giant color throw at 4:45 pm with performances by Abigail Rose, Relapse and Cole Taylor. Race registration includes admission to the Music Fest. For those interested in only attending the Music Fest, tickets at the gate are \$12 per person.

Entry fees - Race and Music Fest Individual pre-registration \$30 until April 17, beginning April 18 and race day \$35; groups of four (4) pre-registration \$100 per group until April 17 and beginning April 18 and race day \$120 per group. Darton State College students with validation of payment of student activity fee pre-registered and day of race \$5. Entry fees include custom race t-shirt, a bag of color and admission to the Music Fest. For more information or to register please

visit colorthegrove.com or contact Stevie at 229-317-6815. Proceeds benefit the Flint RiverQuarium and Darton Boosters.

The Flint RiverQuarium is southwest Georgia's premier aquarium, featuring more than 1,000 animals that call the Flint River watershed home. The Flint RiverQuarium is located at 101 Pine Avenue in downtown Albany, Georgia. Regular operating hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Darton Boosters, Inc. was founded by friends of the college with the belief in the positive impact athletics has on our students, campus, and community. The purpose of the Darton Boosters is to promote and support the objectives of the Darton State College Athletic Program by helping to provide funds; promoting fellowship among coaches, athletes, employees, and students of Darton State College; and strengthening ties between the community and the college.

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