

MESA and SOMU Attend Shrimp Festival

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The South Georgia College MESA Club and the Student Organization for Multicultural Unity (SOMU) attended the Wild Georgia Shrimp Festival in Jekyll Island, Georgia, on Saturday, September 20. The trip included a boat tour, which allowed students to observe how a shrimp boat trawls for shrimp. Several times during the boat tour, dolphins were spotted as well. When the shrimp nets were brought in, numerous ocean creatures were caught in the net, including a young stingray and a large horseshoe crab.

From left to right: Zaconnia Paulk (SOMU), Dr. Charles Johnson, Elisa Johnson, Courtney Baldwin (MESA), Marie Brooks (MESA Director), Nikki Sanks (SOMU Advisor), Veronica Sanks



After the boat tour, the group had the opportunity to eat some Wild Georgia Shrimp. These shrimp are caught fresh right off the coast of Georgia and are much sweeter than other shrimp due to the sweet grasses in the water. Students had the opportunity to visit several of the exhibits, most of which were vendors selling everything from jewelry to clothing items and artwork.

Next up for the MESA Program students is a trip to the UGA Marine Science Extension Center in Savannah on Oct. 30.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Shrimp Festival
- ✓ MESA Center Hours
- ✓ How to Join MESA
- ✓ Mission Statement
- ✓ Calendar of Events

MESA Center Hours

Mon./Wed.

12:30 PM—5:30 PM

Tues./Thurs.

12:30 PM—4:30 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

MESA enables educationally disadvantaged students to prepare for and graduate from a four-year college or university with a math-based degree in areas such as engineering, the sciences, computer science, and mathematics. Through **MESA**, students develop academic and leadership skills, increase educational performance, and gain confidence in their ability to compete professionally.

Schedule of Events:

✓ 10/22 Class session (3:00)

✓ 10/22 Field trip meeting (4:00)

✓ 10/23 Class session

✓ 10/23 Field trip meeting (4:00)

✓ 10/28 Regents' Test

✓ 10/30 Field trip to Marine Science Extension Center

✓ 11/4 Advisement Day

✓ 11/14 Local mandatory field trip (class members)