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Seniors Baptized in Beautiful Eagle Creek
Eagles just 26 days from season opener

Football

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STATESBORO - The Georgia Southern football team capped its Monday practice with a dip in Beautiful Eagle Creek, continuing the tradition of "baptizing" seniors of the program.

With this year's tradition back to the last practice in preseason on the banks of Beautiful Eagle Creek, head coach [Chad Lunsford](#) waded into the "magical" waters of the creek along with the senior class. After practice ended Monday, the team gathered around Coach Lunsford for words of encouragement. Tuesday technically ends preseason camp with classes starting Wednesday, but the Eagles still have almost two weeks of work to put in before game-week preparations begin.

The team then headed over to the creek and gathered around the banks near the sign marking Beautiful Eagle Creek. The 26 seniors on the team and the new staff joined Lunsford down the muddy shores to take a dip into the waters. After a quick photo, a few players hung back for interviews with the media.

After a quick bite to eat, the team came back to together in the afternoon for lifting, meetings and dinner before having another set of meetings.

The team will wrap up this week with an open scrimmage beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Paulson Stadium. It is open to the public. A second scrimmage is scheduled for Aug. 21 as well.

TICKETS

Fans can purchase 2021 season tickets and select their seats online by going to [GSEagles.com/Tickets](https://gsueagles.com/tickets) or by calling 1-800-GSU-WINS.

BACK STORY ON BEAUTIFUL EAGLE CREEK

When Georgia Southern resurrected the football program in 1981, traditions and spirit needed resurrection as well. So legendary Head Football Coach Erk Russell created his own. But inspiration came to him in the most unusual of places. Inspired by the gnat-infested drainage ditch that cut across the field between the team's locker room and practice fields, Russell convinced his players that its stagnant water was actually "Beautiful Eagle Creek," a source of "magical" waters.

CLEAR BAG POLICY

In order to expedite entry and provide a safe environment for all patrons and participants, Georgia Southern Athletics has implemented a Clear Bag Policy for all ticketed sporting events, effective Aug. 1, 2017. Fans can find the complete policy as well as an FAQ section at [GSEagles.com/ClearBag](https://gsueagles.com/clearbag).

Georgia Southern Preseason Football Schedule

Date (Time, Location)

Tues, Aug. 10: 8:20-10:20 AM (Paulson)

Wed., Aug. 11: No Practice

Thurs., Aug. 12: 5:30-7:30 PM (Paulson)

Fri., Aug. 13: 4:30-6:30 PM (Paulson)

Sat., Aug. 14: 9:30 AM (Paulson; SCRIMMAGE #1); Fan Fest Following

Sun., Aug. 15: 6:30-8:30 PM (Paulson)

Mon., Aug. 16: No Practice

Tues., Aug. 17: 5:30-7:30 PM (Paulson)

Wed., Aug. 18: 5:30-7:30 PM (Paulson)

Thurs., Aug. 19: 5:30-7:30 PM (Paulson)

Fri., Aug. 20: 4:30-6:30 PM (Paulson)

Sat., Aug. 21: 9:30 AM (Paulson; SCRIMMAGE #2)

Sun. Aug. 22: 6:30-8:30 PM (Paulson)

Mon., Aug. 23: No Practice

Tues., Aug. 24: 5:30-7:30 PM (Paulson)

Wed., Aug. 25: 5:30-7:30 PM (Paulson)

Thurs., Aug. 26: 5:30-7:30 PM (Paulson)

Fri., Aug. 27: 4:30-6:30 PM (Paulson); Women's Clinic Following

Sat., Aug. 28: No Practice

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