Outreach Facilities on the Georgia Southern Campus

• Garden of the Coastal Plain
  Centered on an early 20th century farmstead, the Garden offers visitors a unique view of the cultural and natural heritage of the Southeastern Coastal Plain, an area rich in unique and endangered plants. The Garden’s nearly 11 acre site, located in the middle of the growing city of Statesboro, includes walking woodland trails, Bland Cottage, Heritage Garden, Rose Arbor, Children’s Learning Garden, Camellia Garden, Native Plant Landscape Garden, Native Azalea Collection, and Bog Garden. The Garden is a research and educational resource for faculty and students and provides educational and cultural programs for the public. The Garden is also available for rentals such as photography sessions, weddings and receptions. The Garden’s grounds are open 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. Buildings are open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Garden office at (912) 871-1149, or visit the website at http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/garden/.

• The Georgia Southern University Museum
  Since 1982, the Georgia Southern University Museum has sought to preserve, exhibit, and interpret objects pertaining to the unique cultural heritage and natural history of this region. A world-class mosasaur specimen and Georgiacetus vogtlensis, the oldest fossil whale ever discovered in North America, are among the many exhibits reflecting Georgia’s prehistoric past. The museum also hosts a variety of changing exhibits and programs relevant to the University’s academic departments—often curated by faculty. The museum also presents several offsite exhibits on local and University history. The museum’s outreach programs, Project SENSE and BESST, train teachers to teach hands-on science and social studies and deliver kits to hundreds of teachers across south Georgia. The museum serves as a research and educational resource for faculty, staff, students, the general public, and schools in south Georgia. Opportunities exist for undergraduate and graduate student involvement in all aspects of the museum’s programs. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inquiries may be directed to the museum at (912) 478-5444. Visit the website at http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/museum/.

• The Center for Wildlife Education and The Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center
  Since its opening in 1990, the Center for Wildlife Education has grown into one of the leading environmental education facilities in Georgia. At over 17 acres in size, the Center supports Georgia Southern University’s environmental education programs with a mission to provide wildlife encounters for the school children and citizens of the region. This nature center displays numerous species of eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, and vultures showcased in their natural habitats. Flighted raptor demonstrations and reptile programs are offered to the public on weekends and to scheduled groups on weekdays. The Center includes exhibits dedicated to Georgia’s wildlife as well as a lecture hall and gift shop. Built through private donations, the $3 million Center is supported operationally through private and public partnerships. The 12-acre expansion, the Wetland Preserve, opened in 2009 and focuses on ornithology and water resource conservation. Inquiries may be directed to the Center at (912) 478-0831. Visit the website at http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/wildlife/.

• The Center for the Performing Arts
  The Georgia Southern University Performing Arts Center is located in the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center. The 34,000 square foot facility houses an 825-seat theatre with state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems. Programming is booked to reflect the Center’s mission: “To present diverse, quality cultural experiences to the Georgia Southern University and regional communities through the performing arts. To support and enhance the University’s performing arts departments. To promote the discovery, appreciation, and enrichment of the performing arts to all with accessibility to perform and train in a professional, state-of-the-art performing arts center.” Inquiries may be directed to the Box Office at (912) 478-7999 or to the Center’s administrative offices at (912) 478-0830. Visit the website at georgiasouthern.edu/pac.