Each clue leads to a phrase wherein a word or words have been replaced by an animal or fish. Ordering the letters with indices below appropriately gives the phrase ALIGN TWO BLUE PIRANHAS, which must be applied to the dangerous river in Swimming. Answers, in clue order:

MARMOSET THERE'LL BE DAYS LIKE THIS
LIKE ECHIDNA CANDY STORE
AMERICAN SQUIRREL
AM I MY BROTHER'S KIPPER?

STURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING

SERVAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEPHANTSSEMBLY
OKAPI AND PASTE
BLUE SUEDE SHREWS
THE COATI KID

THE GNU REPUBLIC

ASSEMBLY LION
EVERY BUNNY PLAYS THE FOOL
LORD MARE OF LONDON
LEOPARD COLONY

Solving Killing Each Other yields the phrase NOW PUT NUMBERS LEFT SIX SPOTS IN PUNS. Moving each index number six spaces to the left and using those letters spells the message APT WORD INSIDE CLUE VII, which refers back to the Killing Each Other puzzle.

