



Georgia Association of Conservation Districts

P. O. Box 1134
Ringgold, Georgia 30736
www.GACD.us

DATE: October 19, 2016

TO: District Supervisors, Conservation Partners and Guests

FROM: Dan Bennett, GACD President

RE: **2017 GACD Annual Meeting, February 9th-12th**
Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands
7000 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford, GA 30518

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 2017 GACD Annual Meeting on February 9-12, 2017 at Lake Lanier Islands.

We have an exciting agenda planned including special invited guest speakers for the Hall of Fame Awards Dinner, General Session and Breakout Sessions all centered on this year's theme of *Navigating Georgia's Water Resources*. In addition, we will be celebrating 80 Years of Conservation Districts in Georgia. So please make plans to attend this very special GACD Annual Meeting.

The conference will be held at Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands in Buford, Georgia. Hotel rooms at Legacy Lodge may be reserved at special GACD rate of \$109 per room per night. You can make your hotel room reservations by phone, by email or by online link.

- Phone by calling 1-800-840-5252 or 770-945-8787 or 678-318-2018.
- Email Reservations Request to reservations@lanierislands.com
- Or access the Online Link (see attached additional instructions):

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=10192&Chain=15467&arrive=2/9/2017&depart=2/12/2017&adult=1&child=0&group=170210GSWC>

The Registration Form and Draft Agenda for the 2017 Annual Meeting are enclosed. Pre-registration ends December 15th. Please return your form and payment to: GACD, P.O. Box 1134, Ringgold, GA 30736. You may also find the form online at www.GACD.us.

We look forward to seeing you at Lake Lanier

Dan Bennett, GACD President



Dan Bennett, President
Woody Snell, Vice President
Roger Bowman, Secretary
Marty McLendon, Treasurer
Dennis Brown, NACD Representative

Danny Hogan, Past President
Davis Nelson, Group I VP
Denney Rogers, Group I Alternate VP
Clay Wilson, Group II VP
Gene Anderson, Group II Alternate VP

Larry Eley, Group III Alternate VP
Hal Simpson, Group IV Alternate VP
Jerry Holcomb, Group V VP
Travis Cook, Group V Alternate VP



REGISTRATION FORM
2017 GACD ANNUAL MEETING
February 9th-12th, 2017
Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands
7000 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford, GA 30518

Name: _____ District/Agency: _____
 Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
 Spouse Name (if attending): _____
 Check One: () District Official () State Agency () NACD () District Employee () Auxiliary () NRCS () Guest

# of Tickets	Type of Tickets	Price	Amount
_____	Optional Dinner at Legacy Lodge for Early Check In - Thursday, February 9, 2017	\$25.00	_____
_____	Pre-Registration - If Pre-Registration received prior to December 15, 2016 Includes: Friday Breakfast, Friday Lunch and Hall Of Fame Awards Dinner Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Sunday Breakfast	\$275.00	_____
_____	Complimentary Spouse Registration: Includes Friday Breakfast, Friday Lunch and the Hall of Fame Awards Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Sunday Breakfast	\$0.00	Free
_____	Late Registration - If Registration received after December 15, 2016	\$350.00	_____

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT **AMOUNT:** _____

GACD MEETING REGISTRATION
Make Checks payable to GACD and Mail Checks & This Form to: GACD, P.O. Box 1134, Ringgold, GA 30736.
 For Additional Information: www.GACDS.us
 or Contact: Alan Toney, mudflat@comcast.net, 770-456-1446
 Davis Nelson, angusfarms1@yahoo.com, 404-213-3840
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 Woody Snell, woody@GACD.us, 404-512-4583
 Roger Bowman, rbowman@catt.com, 706-935-5572

TOUR PREFERENCE

Self	Spouse	Preliminary List of Tours - Please Recommend 3 Tours You and Your Spouse would prefer (1-1st choice, 2-2nd choice, 3-3rd choice)	
		Lake Lanier Dam Tour	
		Mountain Fresh Creamery and Jaemor Farms	www.mountainfreshcreamery.com www.mountainfreshcreamery.com
		Buford Trout Hatchery	www.georgiawildlife.com/Hatcheries/Buford
		Lake Lanier Boat Cruise	
		Lake Lanier Islands Water Treatment Plant Tour	
		Georgia Poultry Laboratory	www.gapoultrylab.org
		Lake Lanier Islands Activities (Golf, Hiking, Zip line, Tennis, Spa, Bike Ride, Horse Rides, Boat Rides)	www.lanierislands.com

HOTEL RESERVATION - LEGACY LODGE AT LANIER ISLANDS
7000 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford, GA 30518
GACD Group Room Rate \$109.00 per room per night
Must Reserve Room Before December 15th
Phone Reservations By Calling: 1-800-840-5252 or 770-945-8787 or 678-318-2018
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HOTEL RESERVATIONS 2017 GACD ANNUAL MEETING



GACD Annual Meeting February 9th-12th, 2017 Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands 7000 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford, GA 30518

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1. Please let your guests know that once they click on the above link, on the next page that opens, they must:
 - a. Select their “dates of stay”
 - b. Then click on the **GREEN** box that says “**Check Availability**”
2. When the next page appears, click on the **GREY** box “**View Available rooms**” –and the next page below appears:

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Legacy Lodge & Conference Center at Lake Lanier Islands website. The page is titled "LEGACY LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER AT LAKE LANIER ISLANDS" and shows a booking interface. The "Your Stay" section indicates an arrival on Thursday, February 09, 2017, and a departure on Sunday, February 12, 2017. The "Available Rooms & Rates" section lists two room options: "Legacy Lodge King Room" and "Legacy Lodge Double Queen Room". Both rooms are priced at USD 109.00 / Night, excluding taxes and fees. The "Legacy Lodge King Room" features a high definition TV, desk, private balcony or patio, and complimentary WiFi. The "Legacy Lodge Double Queen Room" features HDTV, free Wi-Fi, large desk, spacious bath, and balcony. The page also includes a "GA Assn of Conservation Districts" logo and a "More about this Rate" section with a cancellation policy.

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DRAFT AGENDA - 2017 GACD ANNUAL MEETING
Navigating Georgia's Water Resources
February 9th – 12th, 2017
7000 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford, GA 30518
Updated: October 18, 2017

Thursday, February 9th:

- After 4 pm Early Check In
6:00 pm OPTIONAL - Dinner at Legacy Lodge for Early Check In

Friday, Friday February 10th:

- 7:30 am – 9 am Continental Breakfast provided by Hotel
8:00 am – 10 am GSWCC Board Meeting
8:00 am – 12 pm NRCS Employee Meeting
9:00 am – 5 pm Registration and Exhibit Showcase
9:00 am – 10 am How to Set Up a District Website & Email
10:00 am – 11:45 am GACDS Board Meeting
10:00 am – 11 am How to Set Up a District Website & Email
11:45 am – 1:00 pm Lunch provided by Hotel
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Business Session**
Welcome
GACD Update
GSWCC Update
NRCS Update
RC&D Update
NACD Update
2017 Budget
2017 Plan of Work
Election of Officers
Other Business

3:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
3:30 pm Coffee Break and Exhibit Showcase
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm Group Meetings
5:30pm- 6:30 pm Social Reception, Silent & Live Auction

6:30 pm **GACD Annual Awards & Hall of Fame Dinner**
 Welcome
 Recognition of Hosts/Exhibitors/Speakers
 GACDS Poster Contest Award
 GACDS Scholarship
 GACDS Auxiliary Scholarship
 Partners for Wildlife Cooperator Award

Year GACDS Superior Professional Support
 GACDS Supervisor of the

 GACDS District of the Year
 Length of Service Awards
 Induction of 2017 GACDS Hall of Fame Recipient

8:30 pm – 11 pm Social After Awards Dinner

Saturday, February 11th:

7:30 am Continental Breakfast provided by Hotel

8:30 am **General Session**
 Welcome and Opening Remarks
 Invocation
 Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance
 National Anthem
 Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Keynote Address

8:30 am Ladies Auxiliary Country Store

9:45 am Coffee Break and Exhibit Showcase

10 am – 12:00 pm ***Breakout Sessions - Navigating Georgia's Water Resources***

Session 1 10 am – 10:45

Session 2 11 am - 11:45 am

Noon – 3 pm ***Tours with Box Lunch***

Preliminary List of Tours to be reduced to 3 or 4 tours

1. Lake Lanier Dam
2. Mountain Fresh Creamery & Jaemor Farms www.mountainfreshcreamery.comwww.jaemorfarms.com
3. Buford Trout Hatchery www.georgiawildlife.com/Hatcheries/Buford
4. Lake Lanier Boat Cruise
5. Lake Lanier Islands Water Treatment Plant Tour
6. Georgia Poultry Laboratory www.gapoultrylab.org
7. Lake Lanier Islands (Golf, Hiking, Zip Line, Tennis, Spa, Bike & Horse Rides, Boat Rides) www.lanierislands.com

Dinner on Your Own

Sunday, February 12th:

7:30 am – 9 am Continental Breakfast provided by Hotel Breakfast on Your Own

9:00 am Worship and Memorial Service