

REGISTRATION INFO

March 18-20, 2024

SWANA-Georgia Chapter

2024 Spring Conference

Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa

6321 U.S. Highway 76, Young Harris, GA
30582



ROOM RESERVATION DETAILS

Room block at **Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa** is now full however you may call (706) 379-9900 to see if any rooms have been released and/or ask to be on a waiting list. Be sure to tell the hotel you are with SWANA.

For additional lodging options in Young Harris or nearby Hiawassee, please visit

<https://www.golakechatuge.com/where-to-stay.php>

SWANA-Georgia Group Rate @ Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa:

\$145/night (Run of House Guestroom)

Taxes are not included in the above rate and does not include a daily resort fee of \$15/room. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit.

Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. **Check-out time** is Noon.

Address is 6321 U.S. Highway 76, Young Harris, GA 30582.

Cancellation Policy: Reservations must be **cancelled seven (7) days** prior to scheduled arrival, or one night room and tax will be assessed to guest's credit card on file.

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Call: 706-379-9900

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

for Conference with Regular Fees until Late Fee is applied:
Sunday, March 17, 2024 @ 11:59 PM EST

Payment must be received by March 17 to avoid the Late Fee. All payments must be received prior to or upon arrival at the conference. SWANA-Georgia cannot offer reduced registration fees for partial conference attendance.

ATTENDEE fee covers: one (1) person / admittance to all sessions, breaks, receptions, meals and the exhibitor trade show.

	<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Late</u>
GA Chapter Member		\$450	\$475
GA Chapter 'Life' Member		\$350	\$375
GA Chapter 'Retired' Member / Volunteer*		\$350	\$375
Non-GA Chapter Member		\$525	\$550

**Limited availability. Must have a valid "Retired" status membership with SWANA and also volunteer to help with our registration area for one morning or afternoon at the conference.*

EXHIBITOR fee covers: one (1) person / one (1) skirted table / admittance to all sessions, breaks, receptions and meals, and the trade show. (additional person needs to register as regular attendee)

	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Late</u>
GA Chapter Member		\$625	\$650
Non-GA Chapter Member		\$725	\$750

Additional **NON-ATTENDEE** registrations include fees for Spouses / Guests to cover the cost of meals (Regular: \$125 / Late: \$150) and for Speakers (fees waived) who are only attending the session in which they present.

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CONFERENCE CANCELLATION POLICY:

In the event a registered participant needs to cancel, he or she should notify SWANA-Georgia prior to the early registration date of February 15, 2024 for a refund. Refunds and/or credits are not offered after February 15, 2024.

Don't forget to also register for any of the following **conference events**:

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Young Professional Event – Axe Throwing @ The Stables**

FREE event!

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM **5K & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk**

FREE event!

12:00 PM **Golf Tournament @ Brasstown Valley Golf Club**

\$100/person

Keep Rabun Beautiful Trail Maintenance Service Project @ Foxfire Museum

FREE event!

Clay Shooting a.k.a. "Buzzard Shoot" @ Noontootla Creek Farms

\$130/person

If you have questions about any of the event details,
check out our conference event flyers or visit our conference website @ <https://gaswana.org/agenda>

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Ready to Exhibit? Reserve your space now!

TABLE TOP exhibits are best, but larger exhibits may be accommodated if necessary. Booth assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, as registrations with payment are received. Booths will be assigned on-site via a sign with the organization's name placed on each exhibitor table.

Booths may be shipped Monday – Friday 8AM – 5PM to:

Brasstown Valley Resort
c/o Becca Denton
6321 U.S. Highway 76
Young Harris, GA 30582-2717

Package(s) must be labeled with:

Your name & organization name, plus,
"SWANA-Georgia 2024 Spring Conference: March 18-20"

The Resort can ship back as long as vendors pack it up, tape it up and put a pre-paid label on it.

By submitting completed registration, exhibitors agree that they assume the entire responsibility and liability for losses, damages, and claims arising out of exhibitor's activities on the Resort premises and will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Resort, its agents, servants and employees, the SWANA Georgia Chapter, conference organizers and their representatives or agents from any and all such losses, damages and claims. See Program for Exhibitor Set-up and Break-down times.

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\$1000 = OPENING RECEPTION Sponsor and/or

\$1000 = CASINO NIGHT Sponsor

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- \$250 discount on conference registration fee (limited to one registrant); Contact program@gaswana.org to obtain Coupon Code before registration
- Sponsor name and logo will be prominently posted on conference slide shows during breaks, advertised at the registration area and in the conference program and acknowledged on our website and communications.

\$500 = BREAKFASTS & BREAKS Sponsor

- Sponsor will be recognized by moderator following breakfast and before breaks.
- Sponsor name and logo will be prominently posted on conference slide shows during breaks, advertised at the registration area and in the conference program and acknowledged on our website and communications.

\$250 = YOUNG PROFESSIONAL EVENT Sponsor and/or

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- Sponsor will be recognized by moderator at the conference when they advertise this event.
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EXHIBITOR & SPONSOR PowerPoint Promos!

*Sponsors and Exhibitors are invited to provide 1) their logo and 2) a brief description of their organization/service for ONE PowerPoint slide, which will be projected with other sponsor/exhibitor information during the conference between sessions. *Organization is responsible for sending these items to presentation@gaswana.org no later than March 8, 2024.**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM¹

Conference Attendees may earn **9.0 professional development hours** (PDHs) towards their Georgia Landfill Operator Certification Renewal by attending the conference in its entirety.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Chapter Board Meeting (Creekside Pavilion) / Exhibitor Set-Up (Hallway outside Ballroom)
10:30 AM Registration Open (Business Center)
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Opening Lunch & Keynote Address (Ballroom):**
Welcome and Membership Vote on Proposed Changes to Chapter Bylaws
Keynote – Panel Discussion: “Pros and Cons of Landfilling since Subtitle D” – Roy Walton (ret.), Harvey Levitt (ret.), Mack Belue (ret.)
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM **Exhibitor Break**
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Safety Moment – Christine Hug, Geosyntec Consultants
“Debris Management Post Disaster” – Chris Johnson, Southern Disaster Recovery
“Convenience Center Changes with Exceptional Customer Service” – Emma Wells, Floyd County
“Solid Waste in a Circular Economy” – Natasha Dyer, Sustainable Environmental Management Co.
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Exhibitor Break**
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM “Taking Fear Out of PFAS – Direct removal of PFAS from Raw Leachate Via Foam Fractionation” – Aaron Gilman, Leachate Management Specialists
“Celebrate Compost with Georgia Composting Council” – David Paull, Compost Now
“Organics: From Waste to Bioresources” – Jorge Montezuma, Wanu Organics
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Opening Reception with Exhibitors – hor d’oeuvres / Cash Bar / Door Prizes! (Ballroom)**
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Young Professional Event – Axe Throwing (The Stables)^{2,3}**
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM **Membership Networking Event (Brassies Grill)**

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

- 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM **5K & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk^{2,3}**
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**
Chapter Road-E-O Volunteer Training (Ballroom)
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Safety Moment – Christine Hug, Geosyntec Consultants
“What’s ahead for SWANA” – Amy Lestition Burke, SWANA
“Landfill Slope Stability from an Operations Perspective” – Kenneth Gann, GFL Environmental
“Coal Combustion Residuals” – Glenn Amey, Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc.
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Continental Breakfast (extended) and Exhibitor Break**
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM “Leachate Evaporation - Cost and Emissions Minimization” – Kent Jensen, Skagen Energy
“Enviro Cover ADC: A Better Cover for Odor Mitigation” – J.D. Mohr, Enviro Cover
“Georgia EPD Grant Program Updates” – Lena Chambless and Sarah Knapp, Georgia EPD
12:00 PM **Golf Tournament (Brasstown Valley Golf Club)^{2,4}**
Keep Rabun Beautiful Trail Maintenance Service Project (Foxfire Museum – Mountain City, GA)^{2,3,4}
Clay Shooting a.k.a. “Buzzard Shoot” (Noontootla Creek Farms – Blue Ridge, GA)^{2,3,4}
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Casino Night by Big Eastern Events - Dinner Buffet / Cash Bar / Door Prizes! (Ballroom)**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Safety Moment – Christine Hug, Geosyntec Consultants
“Rain Flaps vs Rain Covers” – Kevin Berry, P.E. and Eric Jackson, P.E., HHNT
“Glass Recycling and The Insulation Industry in Georgia” – Abbey Patterson, North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA)
“Waste Shredding Case Study” – Albert Glenn, SCS Engineers
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Continental Breakfast (extended) / Exhibitor Break-Down / Hotel Check-out**
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Panel Discussion: “Getting Young(er) Folks Excited about Waste Careers” – Hilda Garrison, Georgia Department of Education; Suki Janssen & Axel Skobba, Athens-Clarke County
“EPD Solid Waste Management Program Update” – Keith Stevens, Georgia EPD
11:30 AM **Adjourn & Final Door Prizes / Exhibitor Break-Down / Hotel Check-out**

¹ Details subject to change until Agenda is finalized before conference
² Pre-registration required

³ All participants will be required to sign a waiver prior to the event
⁴ Box lunch provided

Keynote Panel Discussion: "Pros and Cons of Landfilling since Subtitle D"



Roy Walton, Retired

Roy Walton was born in Cuba, Alabama in 1953 where he was raised on a farm and grew up around earth moving and the construction business. He finished high school and joined the military in 1971, he served thirteen and a half years as an active Army Reservist. He got started in the waste business field by helping build the hazardous waste site in Emelle, Alabama. After working on site as a contractor several years, Waste Management acquired a landfill in Meridian, Mississippi and hired Roy as a General Manager to oversee the construction and building of the facility. Later he transferred to Atlanta, Georgia and was the regional Vice President for Georgia Landfills where he constructed and built Live Oak Landfill and managed the Rolling Hills Landfill both in Atlanta.

In 1990 Roy assisted in bringing all the Georgia landfills up to Subtitle D standards. Waste Management closed the Rolling Hills facility because of subtitle D. He was transferred to Houston, Texas where he became Vice President of Houston Texas Landfills where he managed four facilities. In 1991 Waste Management moved overseas and started Pacific Waste Management in Australia and New Zealand. Roy transferred to Sydney, Australia to oversee international operations for the company where he managed three landfills, two in Australia and one in New Zealand. The same year Australia adopted the Subtitle D guidelines and the Australian government asked him to work with them to incorporate Subtitle D guidelines and rules to their landfills.

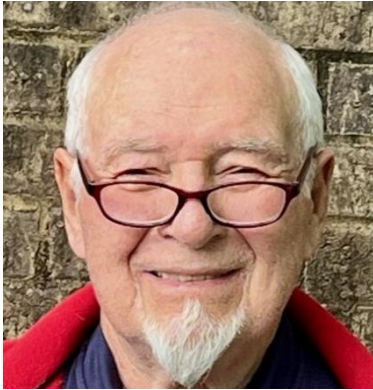
In 2001 Roy left the waste business and moved back to the United States. In 2002 he was asked to come work for Advanced Waste & Disposal at the Tallassee, Alabama site. Shortly after he was moved back to the Atlanta market to manage the Rogers Lake Road Landfill. Later he transferred to the Eagle Point Landfill to manage it until 2007.

In 2007 he left Advanced Disposal to run The Taylor County Landfill owned by Veolia. He ran this facility until he retired December of 2022.

During his tenure in the waste business Roy oversaw the expansion of three major landfills, one in Texas and two in Georgia, and was successful in achieving these expansions without a public hearing.

Currently he is retired and doing consulting work.

Keynote Panel Discussion: "Pros and Cons of Landfilling since Subtitle D" (cont'd)



Mack Belue, Retired

Born 1940, B.C.; Older than Dirt.
Graduate Christian Brothers High School
Lincoln Memorial University – B.S.
Brenau University – M.P.A.

25 years Executive Director of Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Management Authority

"Key to success is information; to acquire you need education and relationships. SWANA will provide these to you."



Harvey Levitt, Retired

Born Miami, FL in 1946. Moved to Atlanta, GA in 1962. Resident of Fulton County last 62 years. Graduated Henry Grady High School 1965. Attended Gordon Military College and UGA Athens in 1965 – 1967.

Employed 20 years with City of Dalton in management in the solid waste industry as General Manager at the Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority. While at the City of Dalton was lead instructor and moderator for 20 years for the GA Landfill Certification Program held previously at Southern Tech and now at UGA in Athens, GA.

"Debris Management Post Disaster"



Chris Johnson, Southern Disaster Recovery

Senior Project Manager, SDR

Former Regional Manager/Safety Manager, Santek Environmental

Former Solid Waste Director, Gordon County, Georgia

"Convenience Center Changes with Exceptional Customer Service"



Emma Wells, Floyd County

Emma Wells serves as the Solid Waste Director for Floyd County! Emma is a native of Ellijay, Georgia, home of the Apple Festival. She graduated from Berry College in 2016 with a BS in Biology, and again in 2023 with her MBA. Emma has held various roles in the environmental space, as a staff biologist at the Rome-Floyd ECO Center, and Director of Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful. She is passionate about keeping her community clean, green, and beautiful.

"Solid Waste in a Circular Economy"



Natasha Dyer, Sustainable Environmental Management Co.

After working for a decade focusing primarily on organics waste diversion from landfill as part of state and municipal level climate action plans, Natasha Dyer now gladly helps local governments transform their entire waste streams towards more circular and sustainable futures with careful sustainable materials management planning and incentivizing.

“Taking Fear Out of PFAS – Direct removal of PFAS from Raw Leachate Via Foam Fractionation”



Aaron Gilman, Leachate Management Specialists

With over three decades of landfill/environmental pollution control and remediation experience, Aaron stands out as a seasoned professional in landfill facility construction, operations, and repair, and he is also a veteran that served as an aircraft mechanic while in the Air Force. His years of landfill experience prepared him to handle nearly any landfill issues including leachate infrastructure construction, major overhaul/repair projects, and gas collection systems. His expertise extends to solid waste facility permitting, construction, operations, and he has developed numerous landfill odor control projects. His experience across so many aspects of landfills allows for problem solving to come naturally. Aaron’s hands-on approach in project estimation and execution demonstrates his commitment to creating cost-effective and sustainable solutions.

“Celebrate Compost with Georgia Composting Council”



David Paull, Compost Now

David Paull is co-founder and Chief Impact Officer at CompostNow. CompostNow is an award winning compost solutions provider for organics recycling with expertise in the hauling, logistics, consultation, production, and distribution of compost. Founded in 2011, CompostNow’s mission is to make composting easy. Since 2011, CompostNow has diverted 75 million pounds of food waste from landfills and created 24 million pounds of finished compost for local farms and gardens. David has been highly involved in food waste circularity, food systems, and social entrepreneurship for the past decade, leading CompostNow to be ranked among Inc. 5000 fastest growing companies 2023. He currently serves as a commissioner on the East Point Local Food System Ecosystem Commission, as a Board Member of the Southface Institute, and is the founding Board Chair of the Georgia Compost Council. With a design degree from the Savannah College of Art and Design, David applies design thinking to advance circular solutions at the intersection of planetary and human health.

“Organics: From Waste to Bioresources”



Jorge Montezuma, Wanu Organics

Jorge is a versatile composting and organics recycling consultant with over 12 years of experience working in the public and private sectors. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in NC and other states, has worked on more than 30 composting projects across the country, and visited over 100 large and small organics recycling operations. His experience spans from strategic planning and site design to construction management and site improvements. Jorge has served on the Boards for the NC Composting Council and the US Composting Council (USCC) and participated in developing the USCC Model Zoning Template and Guidelines. He is a contributor to BioCycle Magazine and has trained composting professionals through the Compost Research and Education Foundation's Compost Operations Training Course, including GA EPD. Jorge is an engineering graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and NC State. He lives near Durham in North Carolina with his wife and daughter.

“What’s ahead for SWANA”



Amy Lestition Burke, SWANA

Amy Lestition Burke, FASAE, CAE is the executive director and CEO of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), an organization of more than 10,000 public and private sector professionals committed to advancing from solid waste management to resource management. Amy previously served as the VP of industry solutions of the Consumer Brands Association, overseeing partnerships and collaborations with companies that support the consumer packaged goods industry, which included the key areas of supply chain and sustainability. Prior to Consumer Brands, Amy served as the Executive Director of the Special Libraries Association, an international organization with 50 chapters around the world, representing information professionals in business, government, academia, and other “specialized” settings. Amy is an association management executive with more than 20 years of experience in leading associations, partnership cultivation, revenue development and membership and community engagement strategies.

“Landfill Slope Stability from an Operations Perspective”



Kenneth Gann, GFL Environmental

Current title: Regional Landfill Gas Project Manager.

Years of experience in Landfill operations = 33 years.

“Coal Combustion Residuals”



Glenn Amey, Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc.

Glenn Amey has more than 20 years of experience in the electric utility industry. He joined Atlantic Coast Consulting (ACC) in 2023 and is based in Charlotte where he is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with utility customers in support of ACC’s growing customer base. Prior to joining ACC, Glenn worked at Charah Solutions as Project Manager/Business Development and with PPL Corporation as a supervisor in PPL’s Coal Combustion Products group. Glenn has participated in various American Coal Ash Association Task Groups including the Government Relations Task Group to develop a draft document describing beneficial use exemption under EPA’s RCRA CCR rule. Glenn graduated from Juniata College with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology. He is a licensed Professional Geologist in Kentucky, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

“Leachate Evaporation - Cost and Emissions Minimization”



Kent Jensen, Skagen Energy

Kent started his career in petrochemicals over 40 years ago. He moved through the leadership ranks in Nova Chemicals, performing roles in engineering, ethylene operations, polyethylene operations, HR, purchasing, feedstocks and strategic direction. He was recruited away from Nova to take on the role of Canadian Divisional President for Exterran Gas Compression. After addressing serious issues with safety performance and revenue deterioration, he moved on to Freedom 50.

This was worse than his golf, and shortly afterward, he took the role of VP Operations for an oil sands project in Canada. The oil crash in 2015 motivated a second attempt at retirement, also an epic fail.

Kent and his family started Skagen Energy Services in 2016. The business began in the natural gas sector, evaporating produced water for customers in the Marcellus. It quickly expanded into the landfill management business, evaporating leachate using the same proprietary technology developed for oil and gas.

He looks back with fond memories of his employment career but says nothing beats working with the kids. It's a privilege he appreciates every day.

Kent has a B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Alberta and a Masters degree in Organizational Development from Pepperdine University in California.

“Enviro Cover ADC: A Better Cover for Odor Mitigation”



J.D. Mohr, Enviro Cover

JD Mohr has over 19 years of experience in the waste industry. He is Business Development in the US for Enviro Cover ADC. JD provides support and consultation to landfills struggling with odor mitigation.

“Georgia EPD Grant Program Updates”



Lena Chambless, Georgia EPD

Lena Chambless is the Program Manager of the Recovered Materials & Abatement Program at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. The RMA Program houses the Recovered Materials Unit, Georgia’s Lead & Asbestos Programs, and the Tire Management Unit. This includes regulatory oversight of scrap tire operations, lead-based paint and asbestos abatement contractors, composting operations, material recovery facilities and other beneficial waste processing operations in Georgia. The RMA Program also administers Georgia’s Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Solid Waste Trust Fund Grant Program. Lena is a graduate of the University of Georgia’s Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and has worked in environmental protection with several agencies in Georgia and Florida.



Sarah Knapp, Georgia EPD

Sarah Knapp is the manager of the Recovered Materials Unit for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, where she manages the \$3.5 million Solid Waste Trust Fund Grant Program, contracts for state-wide scrap tire abatement and abandoned landfill closure, and permitting of material recovery facilities. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and minor in Public Administration, and is a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP BD+C) and an Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP). Sarah is passionate about saving the environment, reducing waste, and educating and inspiring others.

“Rain Flaps vs Rain Covers”



Kevin Berry, P.E., HHNT

Kevin Berry is a Professional Engineer and has worked with HHNT since 2007. Originally from Augusta, Kevin moved to Macon to go to Mercer University where he earned Bachelors and Masters degrees in Environmental Engineering. He has worked with HHNT since graduation and currently serves Solid Waste clients throughout the southeast.



Eric Jackson, P.E., HHNT

Eric Jackson is a Professional Engineer and has worked with HHNT since 2013 and in the Engineering Field since 2008. Now living in north Georgia, Eric graduated from the University of Central Florida earning his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. During his time with HHNT Eric has served public and private Solid Waste clients throughout the southeast.

“Glass Recycling and The Insulation Industry in Georgia”



Abbey Patterson, North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA)

Abbey Mullaney Patterson is a Consultant for the North American Insulation Manufacturer's Association (NAIMA) and owner of AMP Consulting Services, LLC. Abbey combines her understanding of the solid waste and recycling permitting process and collection service with her understanding of local politics. For over a decade Abbey managed municipal contracts as Market Development Manager for one of the top two largest waste and recycling companies. In that position she became the intermediary between locally elected officials and the waste company, allowing her to better understand the political and economic drivers associated with waste and recycling collection services. Abbey has also been involved in recycling and sustainable practices for sporting arenas and events. She designed and implemented recycling and waste management infrastructures for three Olympic Organizing Committees - Atlanta in 1996, Sydney, Australia in 2000 and Salt Lake City in 2002. Abbey draws from her 25 years of experience in the industry to provide zero waste solutions for both the public and private sectors.

“Waste Shredding Case Study”



Albert Glenn, SCS Engineers

Albert Glenn is a civil engineer and project director in SCS Engineers Charlotte office, starting with SCS Engineers in 2009. Overall, he has 28 years of consulting and design experience assisting public, private, and international solid waste management clients. His career has predominantly focused on assisting clients in the Carolinas and Virginia. His experience includes solid waste design, permitting, construction and operations support, landfill gas collection and control, renewable energy production, and leachate, stormwater, and wastewater management and treatment.

Panel Discussion: “Getting Young(er) Folks Excited about Waste Careers”



Hilda Garrison, Georgia Department of Education

A native of Jefferson, Hilda Garrison is the Northeast Georgia Regional Coordinator for Great Promise Partnership. Great Promise Partnership is a part of the Georgia Department of Education in the Office of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education. She is married and with her husband, they have four children and four grandchildren. She travels Northeast Georgia in her work, but her goal is to help Great Promise Partnership attain engagement in partnerships with schools, businesses, community organizations, and government agencies across the state.

For today’s program, Hilda will talk about her work with Great Promise Partnership (GPP) with Athens-Clarke County’s Solid Waste Department, and how the program addresses and supports schools, students, and communities in helping students at risk to complete their education through GPP’s work with Work Based Learning teachers.



Suki Janssen, Athens-Clarke County

Suki Janssen is the Director of the Athens-Clarke County (ACC) Solid Waste Department and has been with ACC for nearly eighteen years. Biggest accomplish to-date was bringing a Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) to Georgia. Prior to her position in ACC, she was a Program Coordinator for the Keep Georgia Beautiful program within the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Office of Environmental Management. She is a certified middle grades teacher (having taught 7th and 8th grade science in Cobb County Georgia for five years), past Georgia Recycling Coalition President and board member and current Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority board member and Solid Waste Association of North America Georgia (SWANA) Chapter past president and current International Advisory Board Delegate. She is a SWANA certified Landfill Operator and Class Instructor since 2005 and SWANA Recycling Systems Manager certified since 2007 and Composting Programs Manager certified since 2013. She completed the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leaders (IGEL) program as is part of the Class of 20-21. She is a Georgia Master Gardener, Master Composter and Master Naturalist. She published a children’s book about nature’s best recycler, the vulture. The book is titled There Goes the Neighborhood and came out in February 2020. She is married to Chris Janssen a middle school math teacher in Oconee County and lives with three dogs and two snakes.

Panel Discussion: “Getting Young(er) Folks Excited about Waste Careers” (cont’d)



Axel Skobba, Athens-Clarke County

Axel Skobba is a 17-year-old, enthusiastic solid waste worker and recent graduate of Foothills Regional High School in Athens, Georgia. Axel has been interested in the solid waste industry since age 3. He first participated in an internship with ACC Solid Waste when he was 12, shadowing the mechanics; helping educators with projects and programs; and working at downtown Athens events. When he was 14, he volunteered with collections, riding his bike along the route several days a week. As a high school student, he participated in the Georgia Great Promise program, which allowed him to start his career in solid waste and live out his lifelong dream of driving a garbage truck.

“EPD Solid Waste Management Program Update”



Keith Stevens, Georgia EPD

Keith is the Solid Waste Permitting Manager for EPD. He has been with EPD since 2015 and has held this role for over 5 years.

The Unit he oversees is responsible for reviewing the administrative and technical aspects of permitting actions related to collection and disposal operations throughout the State. The waste streams regulated include MSW, industrial, CCR, construction and demolition, biomedical, and inert. In addition, the unit reviews and acknowledges Permit-by-Rule facilities, enforces financial responsibility, performs construction inspections, issues approvals to receive waste at new cells, and provides technical assistance to the district offices to help ensure the requirements of various State and Federal regulations are consistently enforced.

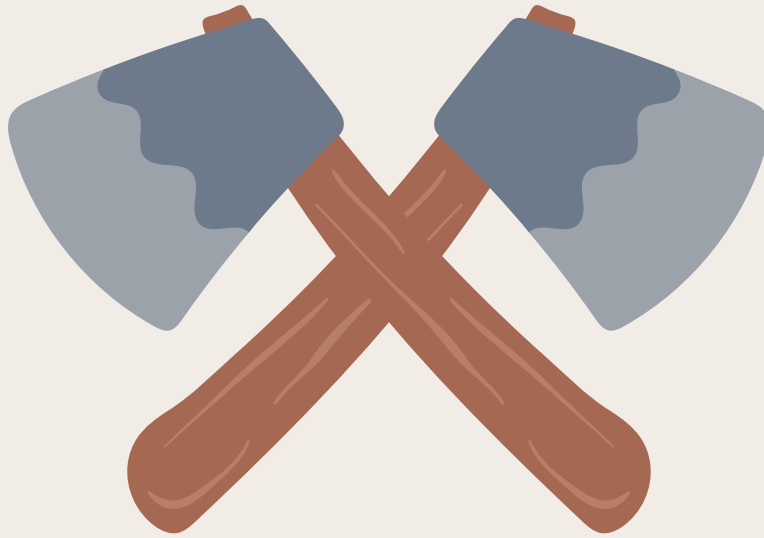
“Safety Moment” (at the beginning of technical sessions each day)



Christine Hug, Geosyntec Consultants

Christine is a Senior Geologist and Georgia P.G. at Geosyntec Consultants with more than 16 years of consulting experience across the U.S., Western Australia, and Germany. She has extensive experience in field hydrogeological, environmental, and geotechnical investigations, including soil and rock logging and classification; groundwater contamination and methane migration investigations; groundwater, surface water, leachate, and methane monitoring and reporting at solid waste landfills and CCR sites; environmental compliance monitoring; assessments of corrective measures (ACMs); and project management. Christine has also supported various geotechnical investigations for municipal solid waste landfills, including supervision of on-site cone penetration testing in waste to assess the presence of soft (i.e. weak) and/or wet materials within the landfill, and targeted soil logging and sampling to support buttress and berm soil characterizations.

2024 SPRING CONFERENCE



MARCH 18

YP EVENT AXE THROWING

MARCH 18

Monday, March 18th, 2024 | 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
The Stables At Brasstown Valley

Free!

Preregistration Required

Participants will have to sign a liability waiver

Cash Prizes for the Winners!

NETWORKING EVENT

The venue's patrons are responsible for purchasing individual food and beverages.



Brassies Grill

Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa



7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

Please contact Chapter Membership Committee Chair Mike Biers at (478) 365-8609 or membership@gaswana.org if you have any questions.

5K & 1-MILE FUN RUN/WALK

Meet outside the Resort lobby entrance before the race starts.
Participants will have to sign a liability waiver.
Headlamps and reflective clothing/devices required.
Prizes for the first three places!



**Brasstown Valley
Resort**



6:30 AM - 7:30 AM

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GEORGIA CHAPTER



SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

Please contact Monte Jones at
(770) 542-9133 or
monte.jones@atlcc.net if you have any
questions.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Meet at the Golf carts by 12:15 PM.

Tee Off at 12:45 PM.

Pre-registration \$100/player; Box Lunch provided.

Prizes for first three places and for two Closest to Pin and Longest Drive.

Door prizes and mulligans too!



**Brasstown Valley
Golf Club**



12 PM - 5 PM

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Please contact David Hamilton at
(770) 570-0874 or
david.hamilton@atlcc.net if you have
any questions.

BUZZARD SHOOT

Transportation on your own.

Meet at the Conference Registration Area at 12 PM noon.

Pre-registration \$130/shooter (includes shooter fees, 4 boxes of ammo and lunch).

All fees paid directly to SWANA-Georgia Chapter

100 target "fun shoot" with Lewis Class and Ladies Class format.

Bring your own gun, eye and ear protection.

Ear protection, eye protection and gun rentals available at Noontootla Creek Farms.



Noontootla Creek Farms

3668 Newport Road, Blue Ridge,
GA 30513

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Sponsorship opportunities available on
website or contact Michael Snipes at
(478) 676-3963 or
mdsnipes@progressivetel.com.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE SERVICE PROJECT

Meet at the Conference Registration Area at 12 PM noon.
Lunch provided.
Wear appropriate clothing.
Bring your favorite work gloves.



Foxfire Museum

98 Foxfire Ln, Mountain City, GA 30562



12 PM - 4 PM

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Foxfire

CASINO NIGHT

Buffet, Cash Bar and Prizes! Blackjack, Roulette and More! Hosted by Big Eastern Events.



Ballroom

Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa



6 PM - 9 PM

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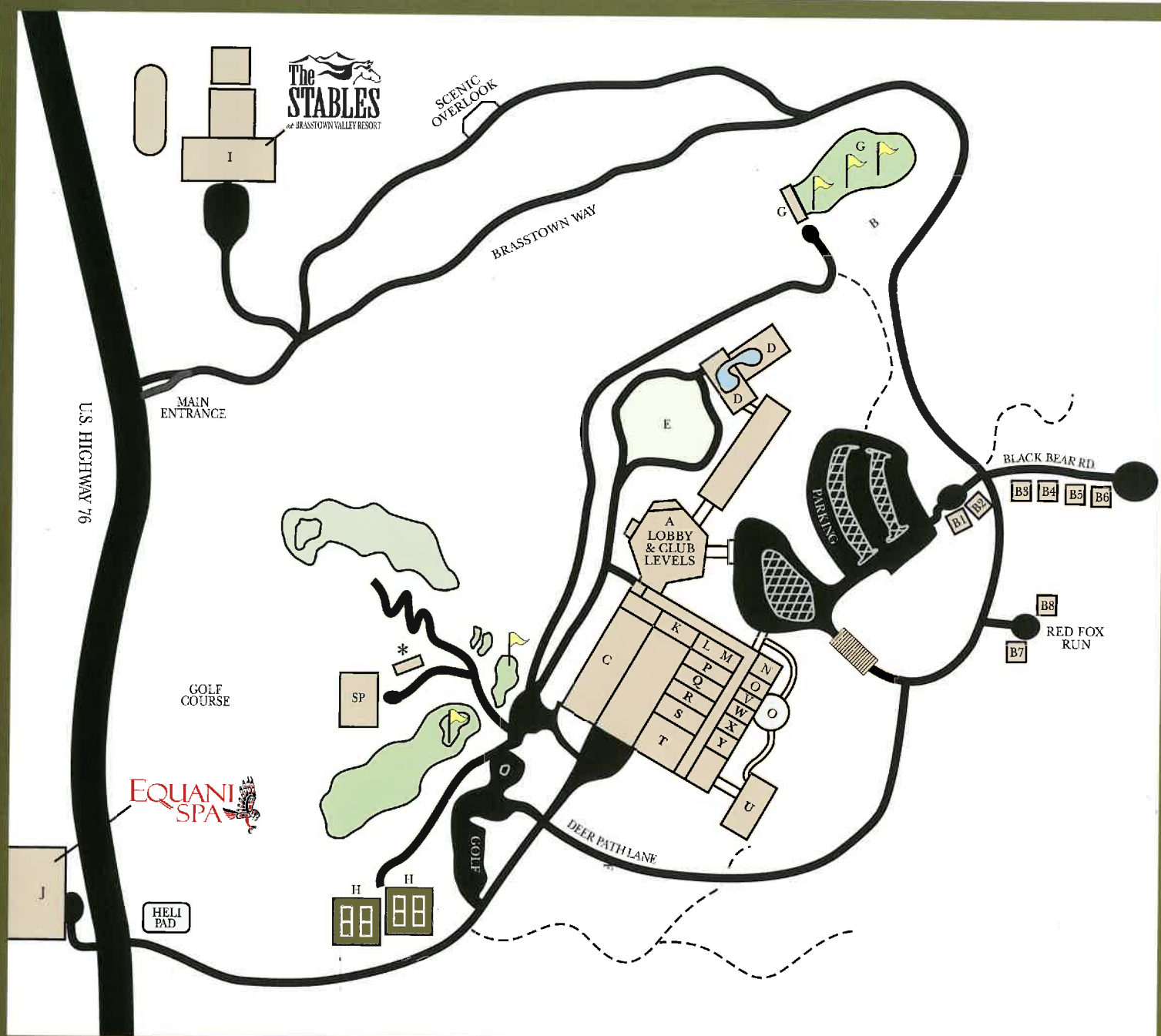


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| A - Lobby Level | B - Lodge Guestrooms | K - Cedar Knob A & B | T - Trackrock Theater |
| Front Desk | Floors 2-5 | L - Keys Branch | U - Creekside Pavilion |
| Business Center | B1-8- Cottages | M - Johnson Branch | V - Chimney Top |
| Bellstand | C - The Dining Room | N - Group Registration | W - Walnut Grove |
| Fireside Lounge | D - Indoor/Outdoor Pool | O - Break Area & Patio | X - Mining Gap |
| Leisure Services | E - Waterfall Lawn | P - Ballroom Salon 1 | Y - Long Ridge |
| A - Lower Club Level | F - Putting green & 1st Tee | Q - Ballroom Salon 2 | SP - Sunset Pavilion |
| ProShop/Country Store | G - Golf Driving Range | R - Ballroom Salon 3 | * - Volleyball & Horseshoes |
| Brassies Sports Grill | H - Tennis Courts | S - Ballroom Salon 4 | |
| Art Gallery | I - The Stables & Tack Room | | |
| Game Room | J - Equani Spa | | |
| Fitness Center | | | |

Brasstown Valley Resort Conference Center & Pavilions

