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### **Student Applications Now Being Accepted for 2014 Natural Resources Conservation Workshop at ABAC**

*Students have opportunity to win more than \$18,000 in college scholarships*

**DAWSON, Ga.** – With over \$18,000 in college scholarships being offered and an opportunity to learn more about Georgia’s natural resources, the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop will be the place to be for rising 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Georgia students. The one-week residential camp will be held from June 8 – 12, 2014, on the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga.

"Some of our youth do not realize the importance of our natural resources that we all depend on daily," said NRCW Director Luke Crosson. "This camp utilizes classrooms and field trips to help educate our students on the basic principles of conserving our natural resources."

Experts from universities and local, state, and Federal natural resource agencies will provide students with lectures and hands-on activities to enhance their understanding of Georgia’s vital natural resources.

Tuition is \$150 per student, but scholarships are available from the state’s 40 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, local businesses, and individuals. The deadline to apply is May 24, 2014. Students who have previously attended the workshop are not eligible.

The workshop application is available online at <http://gaswcc.georgia.gov/natural-resources-conservation-workshop> or through county offices of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, Department of Natural Resources - Wildlife Division, the Cooperative Extension Service and other participating organizations.

Applications and information about scholarships are available by contacting any one of the five Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission Regional Offices in

- Calhoun (706-624-1434 or email [region1@gaswcc.org](mailto:region1@gaswcc.org))
- Athens (706-552-4479 or email [region2@gaswcc.org](mailto:region2@gaswcc.org))
- Statesboro (912-681-5241 or email [region3@gaswcc.org](mailto:region3@gaswcc.org))
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- Dawson (229-995-6001 or email [region5@gaswcc.org](mailto:region5@gaswcc.org))

Georgia’s locally-led Soil and Water Conservation Districts support the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop as part of their commitment to the improvement of the state’s soil and water resources.

More information on protecting, conserving and improving Georgia’s soil and water resources is available on the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission website at <http://gaswcc.georgia.gov> or by calling (706) 552-4470.     ###

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