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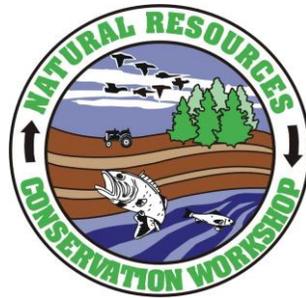


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Natural Resources Conservation Workshop at ABAC in Tifton June 8-12

TIFTON – Over \$18,000 in college scholarships, back-to-nature field trips, and a true taste of college life will be on the line for students who attend this year’s Natural Resources Conservation Workshop (NRCW) on June 8-12 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The NRCW targets students with a desire to learn more about Georgia’s natural resources and the opportunities and responsibilities these resources provide. 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.

Workshop Director Luke Crosson said the workshop gives students a unique, one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn about Georgia’s natural resources from experts in each field utilizing classroom and field trip activities to help interested young people learn the basic principles and

the responsible use of natural resources. Soil, water, air, plants, minerals, and animals will be spotlighted during the week.

Students attending the workshop will get a taste of college life while gaining valuable insight into careers through their counselors and instructors consisting of professional personnel from the Department of Natural Resources, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, the University of Georgia (UGA) Cooperative Extension Service, the Warnell School of Forestry at UGA, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and many private industries and organizations.

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

Tuition is \$150 per student and is usually provided to the students by local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, local businesses, and individuals. The deadline for applications is May 24.

The workshop application and information is available online at <http://www.abac.edu/nrcw> 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.

NRCW scholarship sponsors include the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors, the ABAC Foundation, Georgia Chapter of American Public Works Association, Georgia Mining Association, Workshop Scholarship Fund, Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District, UGA's Warnell School of Forestry, Fort Valley State University, Blue

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