



GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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2026 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

DAY 1

Wednesday, August 26th, 2026

10:00am-1:00pm	Registration & Exhibitor Booth Set-up
1:00pm-1:30pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks, Dr. Ryan, NEHA Region 7 VP
1:30-2:00pm	Dr. Nguyen, Public Health Deputy State Entomologist, Environmental Health Section, Alpha-Gal Syndrome
2:00pm-2:45pm	Erica Wood MSPH, RTI, Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Day Care Facilities
2:45pm-3:00pm	<i>Break with Exhibitors</i>
3:00pm-3:45pm	Wendy White, Ga Tech, Implication of Avian Influenza in Dairy Cows and Dairy Products
3:45pm-4:15	Sharia Hudson and Merriah Baker, DPH, Food Plan Review Processes
4:15pm-5:00pm	Cameron Garrison, HS GovTech/Beyond Data Management
5:00pm	Adjourn General Session
6:00pm	Cornhole Tournament (Poolside next to Bull Frog's Bar and Grill)

Day 2

Thursday, August 27th, 2026

7:00am-8:00am	Breakfast
7:30am-8:00am	Registration & Exhibitor Booth Set-up
8:00am-8:30am	Galen Baxter, State Director Environmental Health Section-TBD
8:30am-9:00am	Matthew Stickney, EPD, Public Drinking Water-Permitting and compliance

9:00am-9:30am	Ty Beckom, Principal, The Pointer Agency (Wastewater Pumps)
9:30am-10:15am	FVSU, Dr. Wesley: Environmental Dangers of Wildlife Encroachment on Urban Areas
10:15am-10:30am	<i>Break with Exhibitors</i>
10:30am-11:00am	FVSU: Student Presentation, Craig Harbin: Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) as an Environmental Health Crisis.
11:00am-11:30am	FVSU: Student Presentation, Chisom Dike: Effects of Lighting Condition on AI-Based FAMACHA Image Classification
11:30am-12:00pm	Alan Kidwell, American Manufacturing, Benefits of Drip Systems in Georgia
12:00pm-1:30pm	GEHA Business Luncheon & Awards Ceremony (lunch included with registration)
1:30pm-2:00pm	Ireka Jordan, Association Between Firefighter/First Responder Experience and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Levels in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia
2:00pm-2:45pm	Keri Dowling, High School Laboratory Safety and Rehabilitation Program
2:45pm-3:15pm	Matt Geller, CEO Best Food Trucks Inc
3:15pm-3:45pm	Jessica Jones, Program Manager, EPD, GAG278 - Large Community System Permits
3:45pm-4:15pm	Chris Kumnick, DPH, Grease Traps
4:15pm-5:00pm	Camilo Denbrok, Aqua Summit, Pool Chemistry
5:00pm	Adjourn General Session
5:30pm	Hospitality Suite

Day 3

Friday, August 28th, 2026

7:00am-8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am-8:45am	Chris Peasley, GDA Program Manager, Retail Food-Food Safety
8:45am-9:30am	Mallory Finley, Fulton County EH 4, Food Service Case Study
9:30am-9:45am	<i>Break with Exhibitors</i>

9:45am-10:30am	Randy Comans, Fire Suppression and Ventilation Systems
10:30am-11:15am	Panel Discussion: Dr. Brandon Leftwich, Shaun Bryant, and Colby Brown, Permitting Large Temporary Events: FIFA World Cup
11:15am-11:30am	Adjournment
11:30am-12:00pm	GEHA 2026 Annual AEC Board Meeting
12:00pm-12:30pm	Closing remarks & adjourn the 2026 AEC

***Please note: this conference, as outlined in this agenda, provides 9 food service CEUs**