



**Mid-Winter Conference Agenda  
Macon Marriott City Center  
Conference Schedule**

**GVATA**

**Monday, January 23, 2023**

10:00 AM           GVATA Executive Board Meeting

1:00 PM            First Year Teacher Meeting  
North Region – Ballroom A  
Central Region – Ballroom B

1:00–6:00PM       Mother’s Room – Room 313

4:30–6:00 PM      Early Conference Registration – Exhibit Hall A

4:30–6:00 PM      Vendor Visitation – Exhibit Hall B

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

7:00 AM–4:00 PM   Mother’s Room – Room 313

7:30 – 8:30 AM     Conference Registration – Exhibit Hall A  
Continental Breakfast–Exhibit Hall A  
Vendor Visitation – Exhibit Hall B

8:30–9:30 AM      Conference Opening Session – Exhibit Hall A  
Agricultural Education State Staff Report

9:45–10:45 AM     Professional Learning Breakout Session I

11:00–12:00 PM    Professional Learning Breakout Session II

12:15–2:00 PM     GVATA Business Session Luncheon – Exhibit Hall A

2:15–3:30 PM       Agricultural Education Regional Meetings  
North Region – Exhibit Hall A  
Central Region – Ballrooms A & B  
South Region – Ballrooms C, D, E

**Professional Learning Breakout Session I  
9:45—10:45 AM**

Topic	Location	Presenter	Description
GA Young Farmers Update (2 hour session)	Magnolia A&B (Marriott Side)	Martin Bius	Midwinter Young Farmer Update. Upcoming dates, activities, and opportunities.
Elementary Agriculture Education Update (2 hour session)	Magnolia C&D (Marriott Side)	Christa Steinkamp Brandi Baade S. Champman	Workshops geared toward those teaching elementary agricultural education.
Nursery Landscape	Grand Salon (Marriott Side)	Josh Allen	Drafting can be a scary part of the Nursery Landscape class. Learn some simple labs that you can introduce to your Landscape class when you return to school.
STEM Labs	Ballroom A	Melissa Riley	Learn simple STEM labs that directly connect your Basic Ag Class to the science standards.
How to Prepare for your Spring Plant Sale	Ballroom B	Justin Bennett	Tips on preparing for a successful plant sale including how to get your greenhouse ready, engaging your students, and marketing the sale to your community.
Poultry Break-down Lab	Ballroom C	Ricky Wheeler	Work with Mr. Wheeler on how to teach Poultry break-down. This lab can be used to train your poultry science team or in an Animal Science Class as a fun hands on lab.
Classroom Management	Ballroom D & E	Sara Hughes Carmen Bennett	This is a roundtable discussion led by two experienced teachers. Discuss issues that you maybe having in your classroom and learn what others are doing to correct them.

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Topic	Location	Presenter	Description
"No, I don't have it together" Roundtable Discussion	Room 306	Meredith Arrington  Allie Crockett  Tim Griffeth	Ever look on social media and think "How does that ag teacher do it all?" Well they don't. Learn how different teachers balance it all and not all at the same time.
Safety First	Room 308	Brian Alexander	Wanna really dive into ag mechanics but nervous about how to approach safety? Learn from two seasoned agricultural mechanics teachers on how they approach safety in their labs.
Shop Organization	Room 309	Barry Norris	Need tips and trick on how to keep your Ag Mech shop organized without going bananas? See how Mr. Norris kept his shop organized and how he made it work for him.
Marketing Plan CDE Prep	Room 310	Kent Benson	Work with Mr. Benson on preparing for the contest that is a straight to state event.
FFA American Degree Help	Room 312	Ben Lastly	Want to increase the number of American Degrees from your chapter? Learn how you can have a student earn their American Degree so that they can earn that coveted Golden Key.
Career Options in Forestry	Exhibit Hall B	Georgia Forestry Foundation	Forestry is one of Georgia's top commodities. Learn what the Georgia Forestry Foundation is doing to connect with Georgia Ag Ed.
Vendor Visitation	Exhibit Hall B		Come and visit with the vendors who support your program.

### Professional Learning Breakout Session II

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Greenhouse Pests	Ballroom A	Melissa Riley	Aphids, Mealy Bugs, and Caterpillars O MY. Figure out what is causing you greenhouse problems and how to manage them.
FFA Banquet Planning	Ballroom B	Amy Stalvey	Prepare now to have an awesome end of the year banquet that showcases your entire program.
SAE & Proficiencies	Ballroom C	Rachel Kinsaul  Amanda Hartley	Learn how you can make progress with SAE, Proficiencies, and middle school record books.
National Chapter Tips & Helpful Hints	Ballroom D & E	Hannah Elrick	Don't do a National Chapter Application just for the check mark. Learn how to be competitive with activities you are already doing in your chapter.
Pictures for Applications & Social Media	Room 306	Mandy Williams	Have you received criticism about your pictures on applications? Can you not post on your chapter Instagram because you don't have quality photos? Learn from a photographer easy ways to get the perfect shot!

**Professional Learning Breakout Session II**  
**11:00 AM — 12:00 PM**



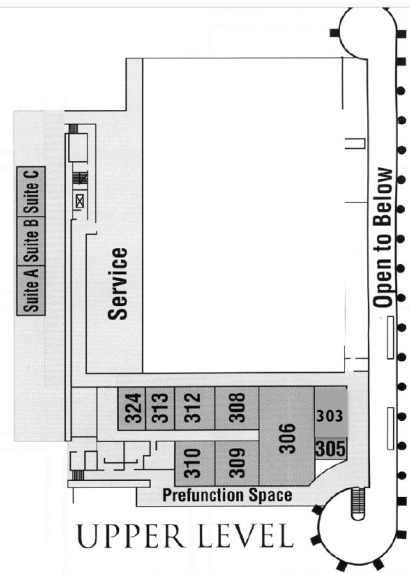
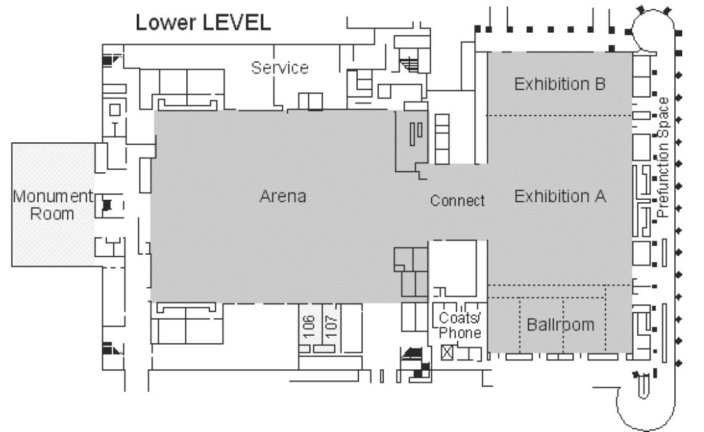
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**Business Session Agenda**  
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Topic	Location	Presenter	Description
Ag Mech CDE Prep	Room 308	Ag Mech Team	Is the Ag Mech CDE too daunting of a task for you in the spring? Learn from the Ag Mech team ways that you can prepare for this spring CDE.
Parliamentary Procedures LDE Prep	Room 309	Brittaney Schwing	Parli-pro and Conduct of Chapter Meetings LDE can be scary with all the "I move to". Learn how to prepare your students for this exciting contest.
Ag Issues CDE	Room 310	Ashley Thoron Andrew Thoron	Did you know that there is a CDE that you can compete in on the National level that isn't a state sanctioned CDE yet? Learn more about the Ag Issues CDE and how you can start a team.
Urban Ag Ed Programs	Room 312	Stacy Byrd	Did you know that we have an Urban Specialist? Have you struggled with getting students involved because they live in town or in an apartment? Learn how to combat some of those issues.
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- ◆ Welcome Rick DuBose
- ◆ Invocation Dr. Walt Parks
- ◆ Minutes of the 2022 Summer Conference Business Session Beth Galloway
- ◆ Financial & Membership Reports Justin Bennett
- ◆ Georgia ACTE Report Jessica Bowden
- ◆ PRC Report Daryl Baxley  
Traves Hyman
- ◆ Old Business Rick DuBose
- ◆ New Business Rick DuBose
- ◆ Summer Conference 2023 Update Dr. Walt Parks
- ◆ Announcements & Closing Remarks Rick DuBose

## Macon Marriott City Center Map



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**The following meeting rooms are located on the Marriott Hotel Side**

*Magnolia A&B*  
*Magnolia C&D*  
*Grand Salon*

## Special Thanks to our Conference Vendors

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Georgia Forestry Foundation

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