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**Georgia Association for Pupil Transportation**  
**46th Annual Conference and Trade Show**

Mountain Creek Inn/Conference Center  
17800 Highway 27  
Pine Mountain, GA  
Monday, Jun 21, 2010 01:00 PM to  
Friday, Jun 25, 2010 12:00 PM

**Overview**

This conference is designed for those individuals involved in Pupil Transportation in Georgia. Through workshops, seminars, roundtable events, and presentations the participants are assured to gain valuable tools and information needed to perform their jobs efficiently and safely. With the economic times as they are and all budgets suffering reductions, a special emphasis will center on the old cliché of “doing more with less”.

This Conference will be held at Callaway Gardens. The Host hotel will be the Mountain Creek Inn and the meetings will be in the Conference Center located on that site.

**Description**

Monday—June 21

The Conference begins on Monday at noon with Pre-conference workshops and a driver trainer certification program provided by the State Department.

Tuesday—June 22

Tuesday morning continues with Pre-Conference workshops and driver trainer certification. The Opening Ceremony and Conference Kick-off will begin at 1:00pm on Tuesday. One of the highlights of the conference will be a welcome and update from the State DOE office by State School Superintendent Kathy Cox. Tuesday afternoon will consist of concurrent sessions, roundtable events, and presentations of various topics vital to the transportation of students with special emphasis on budget concerns.

Wednesday—June 23

Concurrent sessions and roundtable discussions with your peers will continue throughout the morning. Currently there are 10-12 sessions planned in which you may choose up to 4 to attend. This guarantees there will be something for everyone. In addition to these educational events, vendors have been invited to reserve space for special Vendor presentations. Participants will have an opportunity to choose 30-45 minute presentations from a variety of vendors on a variety of topics. Beginning at lunch, the Exhibit hall will be open for a chance at some one on one time with over 100 vendors of transportation related exhibits. Afterwards, all are invited to a Family picnic at the Callaway Garden’s Beach Pavilion on Wednesday evening.

#### Thursday—June 24

Thursday morning will begin with a brief update from the State Transportation Department. Following the update will be our keynote speaker that will present a program that will help us all be better transportation leaders. With the many struggles and battles we are currently facing, we all need a little pep-rally and encouragement. The Keynote speaker will certainly provide entertainment and lessons we all need to work and live by. Thursday afternoon is filled with a variety of GAPT activities designed to foster peer networking. The evening concludes with a Banquet to recognize special accomplishments and outstanding GAPT members throughout the state.

#### Friday—June 25

Friday morning will be the GAPT business session. Everyone will want to attend this meeting to represent their RESA group. The business session is scheduled to end at noon.

#### **Speakers**

Kathy Cox, State School Superintendent; Carlton Allen, State Transportation Director; Dave Weber, Keynote Speaker; Dr. Donna Smith, Drug and Alcohol certification; 12-15 concurrent sessions of workshops and roundtables; many vendor special presentations; and others to be determined.

#### **Agenda**

A detailed agenda will be available and updated when all the speakers are committed. Once it is finalized, it will be emailed to those that have already registered. A draft agenda will be posted on the GAPT website. [www.gaptonline.org](http://www.gaptonline.org) Visit the website and print a copy of this draft agenda if needed for your request for leave forms.

#### **Lodging**

Reservations should be made directly to the hotel. For lodging reservations visit the GAPT website at [www.gaptonline.org](http://www.gaptonline.org) and click on "lodging reservations". The group rates and room blocks have already been set. Call the Mountain Creek Inn/conference Center at 1-706-663-2281 and BE SURE TO TELL THEM IT IS FOR THE GAPT CONFERENCE. The Block of rooms and rates are LIMITED so it is advisable to register ASAP. You can choose rooms at the Inn, Lodge, or Cottages.

#### **Cost**

Early registration (until May 15, 2010) is \$100.

After May 15th, Registration is \$125.

Registration at the door is \$150.

Family Picnic is free to members and guests, (Please indicate on registration a number in the questionnaire section). Banquet is free to members, Guest tickets are \$30 each.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

Any Cancellations necessary after registration should be in writing via email to [bmartin@screven.k12.ga.us](mailto:bmartin@screven.k12.ga.us). Any Credit card cancellations WILL BE assessed a credit card handling fee.