

To: GES and SCES Membership



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2025 Joint Annual Meeting of Georgia Entomological Society and South Carolina Entomological Society

The upcoming meeting will be held on **April 9-11, 2025** at the Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris, GA. A block of rooms is available at Brasstown Valley Resort (<https://brasstownvalley.com/>)

To receive the contracted group room rates, contact Brasstown Valley Resort by **March 10, 2025** (reservation deadline).

Brasstown Valley Resort is now accepting reservations. Please use this link for reservation <https://brasstownvalley.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1360&mode=b&pm=true&sr=1000476&vr=3>
Or Call 706-379-9900 and mention “GES Conference” for group rates.

Please make your reservation directly with Brasstown Valley Resort so it will count toward the GES room block.

- Be sure and mention that you are with the Georgia Entomological Society to get the meeting rate.
- Room Rates*:

Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa - Georgia Entomological Society			
		Wed 4/9/2025	Thu 4/10/2025
Run of House	Guestrooms	78	78
	Rate	\$139.00	\$139.00
One Bed Suite with Fireplace	Guestrooms	3	3
	Rate	\$139.00	\$139.00
One Bed Suite with Balcony	Guestrooms	2	2
	Rate	\$139.00	\$139.00
Total rooms		83	83

Tax Exemption Documentation (Sales 6% and/or hotel 5%) due at check-in.

- Resort fee should be a discounted rate \$17 per night per the contract
- Rate is per room per night. Tax and resort fee subject to change.
- **Guests are responsible for their own charges.**
- **All accounts with a balance must be paid in full at check-in.**
- No other discounts can be applied to this room block.

Meeting Registration Fees:

- \$175 for GES Regular members (includes \$30 annual membership dues)
- \$87.5 for GES Emeritus members (includes \$10 annual membership dues)
- \$87.5 for GES Fellows (no annual membership dues)
- \$35 for GES students (includes \$5 annual membership dues)
- \$25 for GES spouses

- \$175 for SCES regular members (includes \$40 annual membership dues)

- \$87.5 for SCES Emeritus members (includes \$20 annual membership dues)
- \$35 for SCES students (includes \$20 annual membership dues)
- \$25 for SCES spouses

Go to <https://site.caes.uga.edu/ges/> and use your PayPal account. Pre-registration strongly encouraged.

NOTE: GES and SCES members that have already paid 2025 annual membership dues will only be responsible for the meeting registration portion of the fees above.

NOTE: Registration fee includes a catered lunch, morning and afternoon coffee breaks, and an evening mixer. Excluding coffee and snacks, breakfast will not be provided at the meeting; there are numerous restaurants in nearby towns. On site dining room: Breakfast Buffet from 7-11am. \$22 per person. Room Service Breakfast \$17

Other Off-site options:

Brothers at Willow Ranch, 3 min drive. Lunch and Dinner
 Young Harris Wing House: 4 min drive. Lunch and Dinner
 El Charro Mexican Grill: 4 min drive. Lunch and Dinner
 Oaks Lakeside Kitchen: 6 min drive. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
 Sand Bar and Grille: 7 min drive. Lunch and Dinner.

Meeting Highlights:

- Founders Lecture recognizing an honoree by the GES
- J.H. Cochran Award for Excellence in Entomology lecture by the SCES
- Contributed papers and posters from regular GES and SCES members; Photo Salon competition; GES and SCES student paper and poster competitions; an industry panel session; and the highly anticipated and competitive fishing tournament.

Paper (PowerPoint) and Poster Submissions:

Papers and posters must be submitted by **March 7, 2025** (*please don't wait until the last minute.*) Everyone (both GES and SCES) should use



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebYy6Bfb1y2TVK4BiNW6rHygTovA3CnUxUKj3TvxQJ9lqldQ/viewform>

Or email his or her paper or poster title to Shimat Joseph (svjoseph@uga.edu)

Be sure to include the following:

1. Title, Author(s), Affiliations (**please put it in the following format**)
 - “Life as the Kudzu Bug (Hemiptera: Plataspidae) Whisperer. Wayne Gardner₁.
₁ Department of Entomology, University of Georgia, Griffin, GA.”
2. Paper or Poster?
3. Regular member, high school student, BS student, MS student or PhD student?
4. Member of the GES or SCES?

NOTE: There is a limit of one presentation per person. You may, however, be a co-author on multiple submissions.

Paper (PowerPoint) and Poster Presentations:

Submitted papers should be 8 minutes, with an additional 2 minutes for questions (10 minutes total). A computer and projector will be available for oral presentations. **Erich Schoeller** (Erich.Schoeller@uga.edu) is the Local Arrangements Chair; he is also handling the visual aids at the meeting. Please email your PowerPoint presentation to Erich by **March 30, 2025** with the file name as "GES/SCES last name of presenter.pptx" (for example, "**GES Schoeller.pptx**" or "**SCES Schoeller.pptx**"). If you do not meet the March 30th deadline, the PowerPoint presentation must be loaded onto the computer prior to the session, using a flash drive.

Posters should be a maximum of 36" wide by 48" high, to fit on the poster boards. Posters should be easily read from a distance of 6' (print should not be smaller than 24 font; 28+ font is preferred).

Paper (PowerPoint) and Poster Competitions:

- GES Best oral presentation by PhD Student (C. M. Beckham Award)
 - GES Best oral presentation by BS or MS Student (T. L. Bissell Award)
 - GES Best poster submission by a Student (U. E. Brady Award)
 - GES Best oral presentation by a Regular Member (O. I. Snapp Award)
 - SCES Best oral presentation by a Graduate Student
 - SCES Best oral presentation by an Undergraduate Student
 - SCES Best oral presentation by a High School Student
 - SCES Best poster submission by a Student
 - SCES Best oral presentation by a Regular Member
- NOTE: Students of both societies will present in joint sessions, but will be judged by their home society.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Fishing "Competition" (Wednesday, April 9)

- Contact 'legendary tall tale fisherman' Will Hudson (wghudson@uga.edu) for further details.
- Fishing licenses are required to fish in Georgia State Parks. Call 1-800-366-2661 or go online to <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/licenses-permits-passes> for more information.

Insect Photo Salon (Thursday, April 10)

- See details on the next page; contact Lisa Ames (lames@uga.edu) for further details.

Judging Criteria

- Organization (20 points)-sequence of topics logical and effective; introduction, body of talk
- Delivery (20 points)-poise, audibility, expression, eye contact, use of pointer
- Visual Aids (20 points)-appropriate for subject matter, legible, eye appealing
- Subject Matter (30 points)-important questions addressed, appropriate methods
- Handling of Questions (10 points)-questions made clear to audience; answers logical and appropriate
- Conformation to time constraints (maximum 8 point penalty)-deduct 1 point for each 15 seconds over time or each 30 seconds under time limit.

A **Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center (GMREC) tour** will be held at 2 PM on Friday, 11 April 2025. Please indicate interest in GMREC tour on the paper submission form to help us estimate the head count. Please make your own travel arrangements. Contact: Rebecca Griffin (beckygri@uga.edu) for specific questions.
<https://gamountain.caes.uga.edu/>

Scholarship Applications:

GES Scholarship Applications

- Should be sent to Brett R Blaauw (bblaauw@uga.edu), by **March 7, 2025**.
- See the GES website for details on scholarship applications (<https://site.caes.uga.edu/ges/scholarships/>).

SCES Cochran Scholarship Applications

- Should be sent to David Jenkins (djenkins@scfc.gov), by **March 7, 2025**.
- See the SCES website for details on scholarship applications (<https://www.scentsoc.org/awards.html>).

Insect Photo Salon (both GES and SCES submissions):

CATEGORIES: **Portrait** - close-up photo of a living insect. **Biology** - photo that ‘tells a story’ of how insects live and/or die. **Sequence** - 3-5 photos describing insect biology. **Microscopic** - photo of living insect, non-living insect or insect material.

Format: Only photographs with a horizontal format will be accepted (this limitation is based on the format for the journal cover). Limit of 2 individual photos per category and one sequence per participant.

DIGITAL IMAGE REQUIREMENTS: Digital images submitted for cover photos must be saved and submitted as TIFF files or high quality JPEG files. For cover consideration, photos should be at least 1 MB in file size (preferably larger—the more detailed the better), but still feature the insect prominently without an abundance of extraneous background.

Submission of Digital Images: Digital submissions should be submitted to Lisa Ames (lames@uga.edu) or if too large, send on a CD (see below for CD submission). Each image, whether sent via e-mail or regular mail, should include *name of photographer, category, photo title and brief description*.

Judging: Criteria for judging are excellence in photographic technique, aesthetic appeal, engaging use of subject, and scientific accuracy.

DEADLINE: All entries must be received by **March 7, 2025**.

NOTE: Four photos will be chosen from the total pool of photos to appear on the cover of the *Journal of Entomological Science*. Photos need not win a category to be chosen for a cover.

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For regular mail submissions, please use the following form:

Please fill out one form for each category entered.
Please make sure that your name is on every slide or that every file is named.

CIRCLE THE CATEGORY YOU WISH TO ENTER:

PORTRAIT BIOLOGY SEQUENCE MICROSCOPIC

Photographer’s Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

SLIDE or FILE TITLE/DESCRIPTION (Please Print, limit of two for categories other than Sequence):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Slide submissions will be turned into digital files for judging. **Send all non-digital entries and digital CD entries to: Lisa Ames, Department of Entomology, Griffin Experiment Station, 1109 Experiment St., Griffin, GA 30223**

Summary of DEADLINES:

1. Paper/Poster Title Submissions: Submit your title online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebYy6Bfb1y2TVK4BiNW6rHygTovA3CnUxUKj3TvxQJ9lqldQ/view/form> - **March 7**.
2. Meeting Registration and Payment (no deadline, **March 7 for early-bird**): Go to <https://site.caes.uga.edu/ges/> to use your PayPal account. Checks may be sent to Stan Diffie at Dept. of Entomology 2360 Rainwater Rd. Tifton, GA 31793. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, but not necessary.**
3. Room Reservations: Call Brasstown Valley Resort at 706-379-9900 - **March 10**.
4. Photo Salon Entries: Send to Lisa Ames at lames@uga.edu - **March 7**.
5. GES Scholarship Packets: Send to Brett R Blaauw at bblaauw@uga.edu **March 7**.
6. SCES Scholarship Packets: Sent to David Jenkins at djenkins@scfc.gov - **March 7**.

If you have any questions, contact **Shimat Joseph**, GES Program Chair at svjoseph@uga.edu