



GEORGIA CHAPTER SWCS NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WOW! How time slips by! It is almost time for our Chapter's Annual meeting. David Ferrell has been working hard to make it a good one. Our Chapter members have been busy working and planning for a variety of activities that will help our Chapter achieve its purpose and mission. Please note some of the opportunities for service that are coming up.

1997 ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are being finalized for the 1997 Georgia Chapter SWCS Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held in Macon on June 27 at the Ramada Inn at I-475 and US 80. A block off rooms is being held at government rates for those who will be requiring lodging. Advance meeting registration will be \$20 which will include the awards luncheon. A registration form will be sent to you soon along with additional details of the meeting. **Help Support your chapter by attending the Annual Meeting!** Direct any questions you may have to David Ferrell at 912-283-5598 (office) or 912-283-4621 (home).

TOURS OF USDA-ARS SOUTHERN PIEDMONT CONSERVATION RESEARCH CENTER - APRIL 16

The Georgia Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society and others will host Conference Tours and an Open House at the USDA-ARS Southern Piedmont

Conservation Research Center in
Watkinsville, GA.

Paul Johnson, Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly SCS) will be the Keynote Speaker for the Open House. Dr. Johnson will also lead the closing plenary session for the SWCS conference, "Interactions: Investigating Ecosystems Dynamics at a Watershed Level" at the UGA Continuing Education Center to be held April 13-15. SWCS members and friends are invited to join us in dedicating our new research programs, facilities, and partnerships which support Southern Piedmont agriculture and natural resource conservation. The day's events includes tours of laboratories and field sites and other agricultural activities in the Watkinsville area. Open House registration begins at 8:15 a.m. with coffee and displays and three separate tours from 9:00 to 11:30. A complimentary lunch will be served at noon with the dedication program at 1:00 p.m. Displays will continue from 2:00-4:00. Reservations are necessary for both the tours and lunch and can be made by calling or writing Mrs. Diane Mansfield, USDA-ARS, 1420 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677, phone 706-769-5631 ext. 206, by April 11. The Center is located near the intersection of Ga 53 and US 441 (Watkinsville bypass). We welcome you to attend the Open House, learn more about our research, and allow us to interact with our neighbors through out the state

Next Executive Board Meeting - April 16 immediately following the tour of the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

The 1977 Natural Resources Conservation Workshop will be held June 15-20 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton. This is the 36th year for the workshop with over 9,200 students having graduated.

The workshop is open to any Georgia high school student who is 15 or older. Tuition is \$150 per student. All chapter members can nominate deserving students, provide the tuition for a deserving student, and/or volunteer to help in other ways. Contact Sharon Hart, ABAC, or any Executive Board Member for applications, brochures, or to get additional information.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Soil & Water Conservation Society is the principal forum for soil and water conservation information, education, and advocacy. The mission of SWCS is to advocate the protection, enhancement, and wise use of soil, water, and related natural resources. There are more than 100 active non-profit chapters throughout North

America. The Journal of Soil & Water Conservation provides advertising opportunities while keeping you informed on the latest advancements in soil and water conservation. You may know a business or corporation in that may be interested in becoming a corporate member. If so, call 1-800-THE-SOIL for a corporate membership application.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Do you know of individuals, groups, businesses, or fellow Chapter members who are deserving of special recognition or honor for their contributions to soil and water conservation. If so, please contact your Regional Vice President for an Application.

Region 1 - Atlanta, Conyers, Griffin, Rome Areas; Elaine Nash 404-922-7292.

Region 2 - Athens, Gainesville, Milledgeville, Augusta Areas - Wally George; 706-769-9685

Region 3 - Macon, Tifton, Cordele Areas - Dan Thomas; 912-365-377

Region 4 - Soperton, Waycross, Savannah Areas - Thomas Joyner; 912-681-5241