

Soil Science Society of Georgia

2016-2017

January 13, 2017

SSSGA Members:

I hope this letter finds everyone well. It is time for our Annual SSSGA meeting. It will be held on February 27th-28th, 2017 at Reed Bingham State Park in Adel, GA. Located in the Coastal Plain Region, Reed Bingham is a spectacular setting for a meeting to discuss soil science. From Reed Bingham's Wikipedia entry:

“**Reed Bingham State Park** is a 1,613 acre (6.53 km²)^[1] [Georgia state park](#) in [Colquitt County](#) and [Cook County](#) located 5 miles east of [Ellenton](#). The park surrounds a 375-acre (1.52 km²) lake that is a tourist attraction in southern Georgia. Inside the park, visitors can hike the 3.5 mile (5.6 km) long Coastal Plains Nature Trail, which goes through a [baldcypress](#) swamp, a [pitcher plant bog](#), and sandhill area. The park also contains many animals, including the threatened [gopher tortoise](#) and the [indigo snake](#). In addition, the park offers camping and fishing with special ponds for kids that are only open on specific dates.”

As you look through our agenda for this year's meeting, you will notice we will be spending our entire meeting at Reed Bingham State Park. Our field trip this year will allow us to tour different ecosystems within the park. Due to the success of last year's Bar B Q Dinner, we are planning to do it again at the Catfish House (which is just outside of the park gates) for Monday night to provide a chance for fellowship and further discussion.

I am looking forward to another great meeting and seeing all of you again soon. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Thanks,

Curtis Ray
President Elect
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2017 SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF GEORGIA ANNUAL MEETING

(Reed Bingham State Park, Adel, GA)

Monday – February 27, 2017

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch @ Reed Bingham State Park (Included with Registration)
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	USACE (Terry Kobs, Savannah District)
1:45 PM – 2:15 PM	Break
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Environmental opportunities and options (Collin Lane, Edwards Pittman)
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	NRCS (Dee Pederson, Assistant State Soil Scientist)
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Break - Poster Review
3:45 PM – 4:30PM	Internship Presentations
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Poster Awards and UGA Soil Judging Updates
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner – Catered Bar B Q Dinner (at the Catfish House) (\$10 per person)

Tuesday – February 28, 2017

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Field Trip – Reed Bingham State Park
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Georgia State Department of Public Health Update (Tom Vanderboom, DPH)
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch @ Reed Bingham State Park (Included with Registration)
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Wetland Mitigation and Banking (Trey Evans, Mitigation Management)
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	SSSGA, Business Meeting

Membership Renewal / Registration for Annual Meeting 2017

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Title (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.) First name Last name

Street address

City State Zip Code

Telephone Email Fax

Membership category \$25 Individual \$10 Student Active Life (no fee)
(check one)

Registration For Annual Meeting to be held February 27th and 28th at Reed Bingham State Park, Adel, Georgia (check one)

Individual/Active Life \$65 (\$75 if returned after February 14, 2017)

Student \$15

Fees Enclosed Membership \$
Registration for Annual Meeting \$
(Includes lunch both days)
BBQ Dinner - February 27th (\$10.00) \$
Total Fees \$



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Optional information:

Please indicate your area(s) of interest:

Academia and Research Consultant Student
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Ballot for President-Elect for the Soil Science Society of Georgia

> The President-Elect will serve in that capacity and perform such duties as outlined in the By-Laws of the organization for the period from annual meeting February 2017 through annual meeting February 2018.

> The President-Elect shall then succeed to the Presidency for the period from annual meeting February 2018 through annual meeting February 2019. The President will serve in that capacity and perform such duties as outlined in the By-Laws of the organization.

Please vote for one:

[Phillip Archer]

Write-in Candidate

Please return this ballot no later than February 14, 2017 with your registration form.

SSSGA Annual Meeting Information and Directions

Visit us at www.sssga.com

Driving Directions to Reed Bingham State Park:

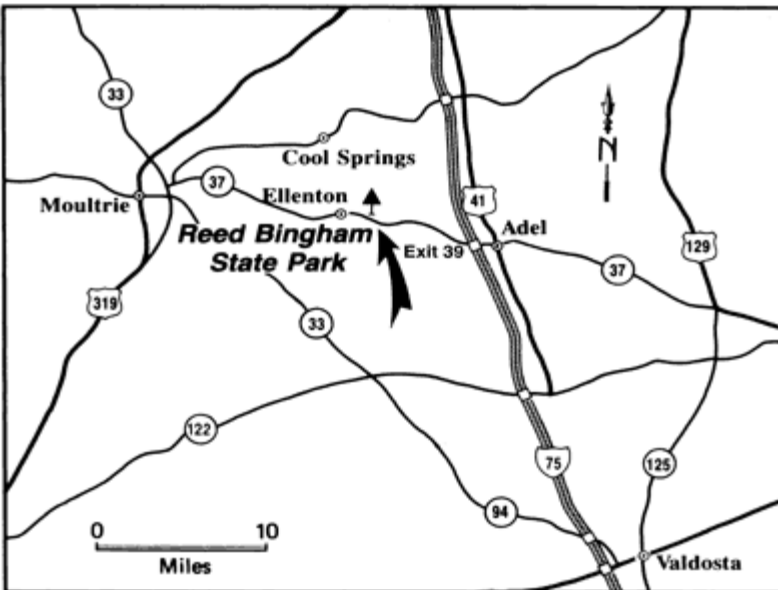
Address for Google Maps Reed Bingham State Park, 542 Reed Bingham Road, Adel, GA 31620

GPS Coordinates: 31.161633, -83.538933

<http://gastateparks.org/ReedBingham>

From the North Via I-75 and West Via U.S.319

Located 6 miles west of Adel on Highway 37 via I-75 exit #39, and 14 miles east of Moultrie from U.S. Highway 319.



SSSGA Annual Meeting hotel contacts:

Hampton Inn Adel 1500 West Fourth Street, Adel, Georgia, 31620, USA 229-896-3099

We have a block of rooms reserved for the meeting at \$89.00 plus tax per night.

Visit us at www.sssga.com

You can book direct with the Hotel by calling [229-896-3099](tel:229-896-3099) or by going online to www.hampton.com and using the group code: SSS If you book direct through the Hotel all you will need to do is mention the group name Soil Science Society.

General Information:

For the convenience of attendees, all meetings, meals and field trips will be either on-site or nearby. You may want to consider bringing a chair for the field trips.

Please take advantage of our BBQ Dinner on Monday evening. This is a great value and opportunity to fellowship.

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Poster Invitation

At the Annual Meeting of the Soil Science Society of Georgia we would like to have members and students present soil related posters or soil related exhibits. The posters may range up to size of 48 inches high by 48 inches wide and meet the same standards as the Soil Science Society of America posters. You may present posters that have been exhibited elsewhere. We also welcome displays and exhibits such as interesting soil maps, soil samples, soil instruments, soil photography, or other items of interest to the membership. Often, we work alone and this is a chance to share information and have fun.

This year there will be cash prizes. First prize is \$150, second prize is \$100 and third prize is \$50. This is also good recognition and practice for student presenters.

Please reply by February 14th, 2017 to Kevin Herndon at kherndon@charter.net if you would like to present.

Author:

Poster Title:

(or) Exhibit Title:

Posters will be mounted in the reception area.
Exhibits will be placed on tables or as appropriate.

Remember Posters and Exhibits count as CEUs.