

The Southern Crop Production Association proudly announces its
54th Annual Meeting
“Agriculture - the new frontier”

John F. Kennedy in his acceptance speech in 1960 to the Democratic National Convention said, “*We stand at the edge of a New Frontier – the frontier of unfulfilled hopes and dreams... Beyond that frontier are uncharted areas of science and space; unsolved problems of peace and war; unconquered problems of ignorance and prejudice; unanswered questions of poverty and surplus. It would be easier to shrink from that new frontier and look to the safe mediocrity of the past. But I believe that the times require imagination and courage and perseverance. I’m asking each of you to be pioneers towards that new frontier.*” We in agriculture now stand at that same edge and we are the pioneers in this new frontier!

To: SCPA Members

Date: June 25, 2008

Subject: Convention Information

Enclosed is your registration form and information about the upcoming SCPA Annual Meeting to be held November 2-5, 2008 at Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, SC.

After reading the attached information, please complete the registration form, and send the top two copies of the form back to SCPA with separate checks. One payable to SCPA for the registration fee and any activity fees and one payable to The Charleston Place Hotel for the room deposit. (Credit card information can be used for the room deposit for the hotel. **SCPA can also accept credit cards for SCPA registration but would prefer a check.**) Do not send form to the hotel. Upon receipt, your room request will be processed by SCPA, date received recorded and then forwarded to the hotel.

We look forward to having you at our 2008 meeting and to receiving your registration soon.

Your 2008 SCPA Convention Committee

Please note: You must pre-register for golf, ladies luncheon, and/or tour to participate. SCPA uses a meal plan package. Please note carefully on agenda which functions will be included and charged to you and be sure to attend those events.

Committee members: Please note time of your meeting and plan to attend.

Please assist us: By sending to the SCPA office information on anyone that has passed away this past year from our industry and should be included in the necrology report at the meeting.

Mail forms to Southern Crop Production Association, POB 7000, Dawson, GA 39842
Any questions call 229-995-2125, fax 229-995-4000, or email us at southcrop@earthlink.net

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
SCPA 2008 Annual Meeting
Charleston Place Hotel
205 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC
843-937-8538

November 2 - November 5, 2008

INSTRUCTIONS

*******PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*******

GENERAL

All hotel reservations for the period of the convention must be made through SCPA using the application form provided. The cut-off date for the entire SCPA room block is October 10. SCPA cannot assure room availability for registration received after that date.

Do not call the hotel directly for reservations or send checks and forms to hotel. **Send to SCPA.** You must complete and send in one set of forms per employee attending. Spouses of registrants are included on the one registration form - **there is no registration fee for a spouse**. Company or individual checks are acceptable. In the event of double occupancy, please indicate on the registration form with whom the room is to be shared. Room assignments and confirmation will be made by the hotel.

This is a one time mailing. If you do not intend to use the enclosed forms, please pass them on to a member who may need them. All individuals on the SCPA general mailing list should receive a registration form. The registration form may be duplicated or additional copies obtained from SCPA.

RATES - DEPOSITS - PAYMENTS

The room rate is \$239 per night, plus taxes, plus whatever package meal plan is included for the day. Items included in the Meal Package Plan are shown on the registration form. Please note which functions are included in the plan. Since our convention rate is based on certain meals being taken as a group, refunds cannot be made for meals taken at other places. These charges will be included in your final bill from the hotel! Your hotel deposit will be credited to guarantee your room for the day of arrival. You will be billed by the hotel for early check out and be responsible for meal plan. Room cancellation within less than 3 days of planned arrival may cause forfeiture of deposit.

CANCELLATIONS - REFUNDS

Notice received by SCPA prior to October 15 is required to obtain refund for cancellation of SCPA registration fee. Your hotel deposit will be credited to guarantee your room for the day of arrival. Room cancellation within less than 3 days of planned arrival may cause forfeiture of deposit.

Notify both SCPA (229-995-2125) and hotel (843-937-8538) of any cancellations.

GUEST POLICY

No person may attend the SCPA convention without being registered. Attendance by non-members is discouraged. If you are a guest, please indicate on the SCPA form that you are a guest and of whom. All guests must be sponsored by an Association Member. Normally guest status is accorded only to prospective members or close business associates or family of the sponsor. Repetitive attendance at successive conventions without becoming a member is discouraged. SCPA reserves the right to deny registration to violators. **Companies also are requested not to invite non-registered persons or non-members to functions or sales meetings held at the hotel during the convention.** Companies are expected to pay appropriate registration or guest fees for such persons if they desire to have them take advantage of our convention.

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest airport is Charleston International Airport which is located in North Charleston, SC and is approximately 13 miles from the hotel. Rental cars are available at the airport as well as taxis. The hotel's preferred vendor is Charleston Black Cab which owns and operates authentic London style cabs that are very unique, clean and greatly maintained. Their number is 843-216-2627.

SCPA 2008 Annual Meeting Convention Program

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Sunday, November 2, 2008

3:00 - 5:30 P.M. Registration
3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Reception (casual)
Dinner on your own

Please note: Our meeting has been streamlined to allow you more time for business meetings. We would very much appreciate companies not scheduling business appointments during General Sessions.

Monday, November 3, 2008

9:00 A.M. General Session
9:30 A.M. Address by Mark Keenum, USDA (invited)
10:15 - 11:00 A.M. Prognostications by Hastings Wyman, Southern Political Report
11:00 - 11:45 A.M. Keynote Speaker, Eric Wintermute, Amvac Chem. Co.
11:45 A.M. Adjourn
11:30 A.M. Ladies Luncheon (See Sign-up Sheet)
12 noon Lunch on your own
Afternoon Open for your choice of activities
1:00 P.M. Culinary Tour
1:00 - 5:00 P.M. SCPA State Affairs Committee Meeting
2:00 - 5:00 P.M. IRCC T & D Committee Meeting
6:30 - 7:30 P.M. *Reception (Business suit/cocktail dress)
7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Bingo - PAC Fundraiser
*Annual SCPA Banquet

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

7:30 A.M. *Breakfast & General Session (Bring your spouses)
8:30 A.M. General Session
8:45 A.M. “Economic Update”, Don Reynolds
9:30 A.M. “Humor for the Heart of Agriculture”, Damien Mason
10:15 A.M. Announcements and Adjournment
Afternoon Open for your choice of activities
12:00 P.M. Tour (See Sign-up Sheets)
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch at golf club
12:30 P.M. Golf Tournament (See Sign-up Sheets)

6:30 - 7:30 P.M. *Reception (Casual)
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Return home, play golf, or take part in other activities

***Function included in package meal plan**

GOLF REGISTRATION FORM

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

The annual golf tournament will be held Tuesday, November 4 beginning at 12:30 p.m. with a modified shotgun start at The Rivertowne Golf Course in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The course was designed by Arnold Palmer.

The cost of the tournament is \$140 per person. Charge for golf club rentals is \$35.

Note: A buffet lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the club is included in the above price.

Directions to Rivertowne Golf Course will be available at the meeting.

Please sign up below for an afternoon of fun



Name _____

Company _____

If you have your foursome already set, please include names _____,
_____, _____, and myself.

If you know you will need golf clubs, please let us know ___ right handed ___ left handed.

The golf tournament is designed to generate funds for PAC II. You will have the opportunity of purchasing a ticket for \$50 which gives you the opportunity of winning \$200 on three different holes. The prize money is donated by our member companies and all of the proceeds from the sale of the tickets go directly into the SCPA PAC fund. This money is contributed at the local level to support candidates who support our programs and interests during elections.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in this tournament, I, on my own behalf and anyone claiming through me, hereby assume the risks inherent in this event and release and discharge the sponsor and its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, staff and all organizations and individuals assisting in promoting, conducting or otherwise affiliated with the program from and against any and all liability arising from my participation in the program.

LADIES LUNCHEON SIGN-UP SHEET

Monday, November 3, 2008 at 11:30 p.m.

Please join us for our annual ladies luncheon. It's a great time for meeting and greeting those near and dear! We will begin with a mix and mingle session at 11:30 followed by lunch at 12 noon.

Please sign-up below to attend the ladies luncheon. Cost - \$45.

Thank you.

Name _____

Company _____

Following the luncheon don your walking shoes and come along for a delightful tasting tour!

Culinary Walking Tour

Monday, November 3, 2008

Join your friends for a culinary tour of downtown Charleston that will take you on an epicurean journey that will captivate all your senses.

You'll be taking a walk through Historic Downtown Charleston and stopping at some of the best food finds in Charleston. On your culinary journey, you'll explore the Market area, Restaurant Row, King Street Shopping District, Customs House, Historic Ansonborough, and more!

Every tour includes several tasting stops selected from:

- * Food Markets where you can taste an amazing Sicilian espresso and gelato
- * Specialty Shops full of unique flavors, including tea varieties you won't believe!
- * Chocolatiers including European establishments and a local candy store with one-of-a-kind Pralines
- * Local and National Cooking Stores where you learn how to elevate your home cooking with specialty knives, spices, and cookbooks

Tours are led by 10th generation South Carolinian Amanda Dew Manning and her team of culinary experts.

Come get the inside scoop on why Charleston is considered one of the hottest culinary destinations in the country!

Although the tour concludes with a tasting, this is usually not enough food to serve as a meal for most people. Please eat lunch before the tour.

Meet in the lobby of the hotel at 1:00 p.m. (Walking tour - 1 1/2 - 2 hrs) Cost \$38/person.

Sign me up!

Name: _____

Harbor/Aquarium Tour

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Come join us for a fun afternoon. We'll travel by mini bus to the loading dock and get aboard the Spirit of Carolina, Charleston's premier passenger yacht. You'll enjoy a non-stop, narrated harbor tour and discover how fresh sea air, incredible harbor views and the history of the Old South can turn your tour of Charleston harbor into a memorable event. For 1 hour and 30 minutes, enjoy a leisurely cruise past the palatial homes of Charleston's famous Battery, the Cooper River Bridges, Waterfront Park, Patriots Point, Ft. Sumter, Ft. Moultrie and Charleston's bustling seaport.

And the fun doesn't end there. Upon leaving the boat, walk next door to the South Carolina Aquarium. Charleston's most visited attraction features thousands of amazing aquatic animals from river otters and sharks to loggerhead turtles in more than 60 exhibits representing the rich biodiversity of SC from the mountains to the sea. The aquarium also presents fabulous views of Charleston harbor and interactive exhibits and programs.

Meet in the lobby of the hotel at 12:00 p.m. Harbor tour begins at 1 (board the boat at 12:30) - Aquarium tour begins at 2:45 p.m. and the bus will be waiting to bring you back at the hotel at 3:45 p.m.. Cost for both events and transportation is \$40.

Name: _____