50th ANNIVERSARY

NCRWA TRAINING SUPPORT

# 49th Annual NCRWA CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

**MAY 11- 14, 2026**
BENTON CONVENTION CENTER
WINSTON-SALEM, NC

# EXHIBITOR BROCHURE

**2025 2026 State Association of the Year** WINNER

# BECOMING AN EXHIBITOR

## Exhibit Booth Rates

**Super Saver** (received by 2/13/2026)
Member Rate: $1,525
Non-Member Rate: $2,325

**Regular Rates** (received after 2/13/2026)
Member Rate: $1,775
Non-Member Rate: $2,575

**Premium Booths:** Can be purchased for an additional $650 or by purchasing a minimum of $850 in Conference sponsorship opportunities.

### Why You Should Exhibit at the 2026 NCRWA Conference and Exhibition

Join us at the 2026 NCRWA Conference and Exhibition to showcase your products and services to industry leaders in North Carolina's rural water sector. This annual event attracts decision-makers, utility managers, and operators from across the state, providing a unique opportunity to connect directly with potential customers.

As an exhibitor, you'll gain valuable exposure, network with key professionals, and demonstrate your latest innovations to those who influence purchasing decisions. Don't miss the chance to expand your reach, build relationships, and grow your business in this vibrant and engaged market. Secure your spot today and be part of North Carolina's premier water industry event!

## Booth Inclusions:

- 8'x10' exhibit space, draped table, two chairs, wastebasket, standard electricity (by request),
- Two complimentary name badges for exhibitor staff.
- Company listing in the on-site show guide
- Be a sponsor and have your company logo listed on the Conference Sponsor page of our website
- Access to meals, networking events and classes

**Contact us anytime with questions**
**336-731-6963 or conference@ncrwa.org**

## Exhibit Space Assignment:

- Existing Members: Submit your Exhibit Space & Sponsorship Form by January 16, 2026. After this date, space will be assigned based on participation level (years as an Associate Member, Show Guide ads, WaterPAC donations, etc.). Forms received after January 16th will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis to Associate Members until the floor is opened to non-members. Beginning February 2nd, space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Non-Members/New Members: Starting February 2nd, space will be assigned in order of application receipt. Applications received before February 2nd will be date stamped and held for processing.

## Exhibitor Badge Rules:

- Extra badges: $95 in advance or $105 on-site.
- **The badge registration form must be submitted by Friday, April 24th to claim your complimentary badges; after April 24th, you must register on-site and the on-site rate will apply.**
- Badge changes are allowed until May 5th via email or fax (336.731.8589 or e-mailing conference@ncrwa.org). After May 5th a $5 administrative fee will apply.
- Badge swapping is strictly prohibited!

## Private Vendor Events:

- Private Vendor Hospitality Events are to be held on Tuesday, May 12th after 6:30pm.
- The NCRWA Banquet is a time for our industry to celebrate, network and fellowship with attendees. A strong attendance at Banquet furthers industry networking and celebrating. **Please refrain from holding vendor hospitality events during the NCRWA banquet.**

# PREMIUM SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Exhibit and purchase a **minimum of $2,000 in Sponsorships** from the "Sponsorship Opportunities" list on Page 6 & 7 of this brochure to automatically be upgraded to the qualifying **Premium Sponsorship Package**!

## DIAMOND SPONSOR

**Booth space plus $6,000 minimum in Sponsorship**

- Corner Premium Booth (based on availability)
- Signage and promotion as a Diamond Sponsor
- Total of eight (8) complimentary name badges for booth staff
- Full page black & white ad and black & white logo next to company listing in the on-site Show Guide

## PLATINUM SPONSOR

**Booth Space plus $4,000 minimum in Sponsorship**

- Corner Premium Booth (based on availability)
- Signage and promotion as a Platinum Sponsor
- Total of six (6) complimentary badges for booth staff
- Full page black & white ad and black & white logo next to company listing in the on-site Show Guide

## GOLD SPONSOR

**Booth Space plus $3,000 minimum in Sponsorship**

- Corner Premium Booth (based on availability)
- Signage and promotion as Gold Sponsor
- Total of five (5) complimentary badges for booth staff
- Half page black & white ad and black & white logo next to company listing in the on-site Show Guide

## SILVER SPONSOR

**Booth space plus $2,000 minimum in Sponsorship**

- Premium Booth (based on availability)
- Signage and promotion as a Silver Sponsor
- Total of four (4) complimentary badges for booth staff
- Black & white logo next to company listing in the on-site Show Guide

## Tuesday, May 12, 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| 8:00 am | Golf Tournament - Tanglewod Golf Course / Clay Shoot Tournament - Shane's Sporting Clays |
| 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Registration Desk Open and Exhibitor Set Up |
| 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm | Class in Session |
| 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm | Exhibitor Meeting (Exhibit Hall) |
| 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm | Meet & Greet (Exhibit Hall) |
| 6:30 pm | Open Evening for Vendor Hospitality Events |

## Wednesday, May 13, 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| 7:00 am | Devotion |
| 7:00 am - 8:00 am | Breakfast (Exhibit Hall) |
| 7:00 am - 5:00 pm | Registration Desk and Exhibitor Hall open |
| 8:15 am - 9:15 am | Opening Session |
| 9:15 am - 9:45 am | Morning Break |
| 9:45 am - 10:45 am | Class in Session |
| 10:50 am - 11:50 am | Class in Session |
| 11:50 am - 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Water Taste Contest |
| 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm | NCRWA Annual Business Meeting |
| 1:05 pm - 2:05 pm | Class in Session |
| 2:05 pm - 2:35 pm | Afternoon Break Available if not in Class |
| 2:10 pm - 3:10 pm | Class in Session |
| 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm | Afternoon Break |
| 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm | Class in Session |
| 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm | **2026 Awards Banquet and Casino Night - Please plan to attend!** |

## Thursday, May 14, 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Breakfast (Exhibit Hall) |
| 7:30 am - 10:00 am | Registration Desk and Exhibitor Hall open |
| 8:35 am - 9:35 am | Class in Session |
| 9:40 am - 10:40 am | Class in Session |
| 10:00 am | Exhibitor Prizes Posted |
| 10:45 am - 11:45 am | Closing Session |
| 11:45 am - 12:15 pm | WaterPAC/$500 Passport |
| 12:15 pm | Exhibitor Breakdown |

# Overnight Accommodations

Hotel reservations are now open for exhibitors and system utility representatives, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Marriott Winston-Salem, NC**
Room Block Rate: $169 plus taxes
Room Block Cut-Off Date: April 13, 2026
Phone: 1-800-228-9290

**Embassy Suites Winston-Salem, NC**
Room Block Rate: $184 plus taxes (Queen/King)
Room Block Cut-Off Date: April 11, 2026
Phone: 1-800-362-2779

**Reservation Methods**: Visit www.ncrwa.org/annualconference or by calling the appropriate phone numbers listed above.

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Secure a prime branding opportunity, place your logo beside a gaming table, on a casino chip, or photo!

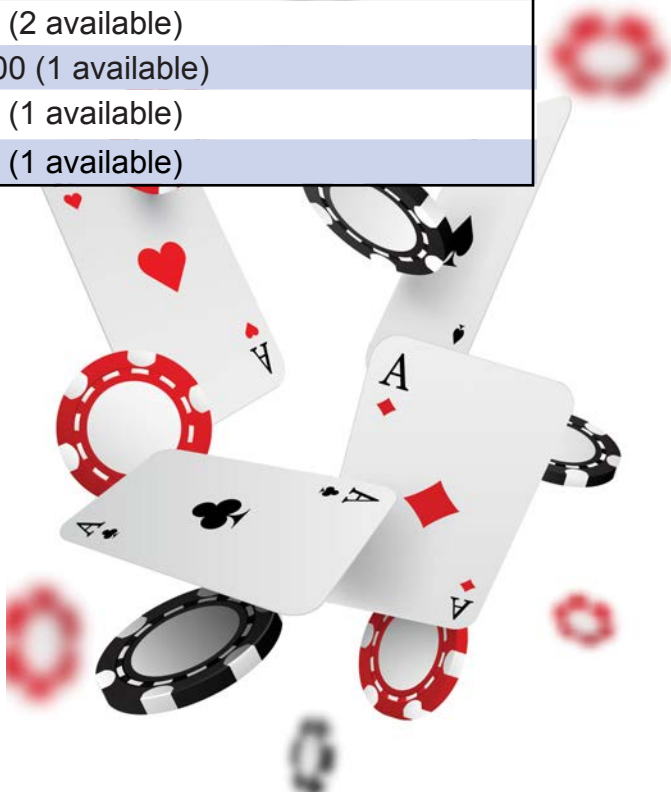
CASINO Party♦Aces

## Wednesday, May 13, 2026

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **E1** | Blackjack Table | $375 (15 available) |
| **E2** | Roulette Table | $700 (2 available) |
| **E3** | Craps Table | $900 (1 available) |
| **E4** | Poker Table | $700 (2 available) |
| **E5** | Customized Logoed Casino Chips | $1,000 (1 available) |
| **E6** | Photo Booth with Logo | $595 (1 available) |
| **E7** | Casino Night Music | $200 (1 available) |

To purchase a sponsorship opportunity, list the code found in the first column above in the space provided on the **Exhibitor Order Form.**

NCRWA will promote sponsorship through signage and Conference electronic & print marketing.



## Sponsorship Opportunities

To purchase a sponsorship opportunity, list the code found in the first column below in the space provided on the Exhibitor Order Form. NCRWA will promote sponsorship through signage and Conference electronic & print marketing.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **S1** | Meet & Greet | $1,500 (8 available) |
| **S2** | Conference Bags | $2,000 (2 available or $3,500 for exclusive sponsorship) |
| **S3** | Conference Padfolios | $5,000 (1 available) |
| **S4** | Conference Lanyards | $2,500 (1 available) |
| **S5** | Conference T-shirts | $1,000 (4 available) ***Thank you to*** **Southern Corrosion** |
| **S6** | Wednesday Breakfast | $500 (5 available) |
| **S7** | Wednesday Morning Break | $300 (5 available) |
| **S8** | Wednesday Coffee | $500 (6 available) |
| **S9** | Wednesday Lunch | $500 (5 available) |
| **S10** | Wednesday Afternoon Break | $300 (5 available) |
| **S11** | Banquet Meal | $3,000 (3 available) |
| **S12** | Banquet Casino Night Entertainment | See page 6 for Entertainment Sponsorship Opportunity Details |
| **S13** | Thursday Breakfast | $500 (4 available) |
| **S14** | Thursday Coffee | $500 (4 available) |
| **S15** | Golf Tournament Meal **SOLD OUT** | ***Thank you to*** **McGill Associates -** exclusive sponsor |
| **S16** | Golf Tournament Hole | $150 (18 available) |
| **S17** | Golf Tournament Trophies | $300 (1 available) - signage only, actual trophies are not logoed. |
| **S18** | Golf Refreshments | $500 (1 available) |
| **S19** | Golf Hole-In-One | $500 (1 available) |
| **S20** | Golf Raffle Item | $350 minimum value (1 available - NCRWA approval required) |
| **S21** | Golf Balls **SOLD OUT** | ***Thank you to*** **Southern Corrosion** - exclusive sponsor |
| **S22** | Golf Towels **SOLD OUT** | ***Thank you to*** **The Wooten Company -** exclusive sponsor |
| **S23** | Sporting Clay T-shirt Back | $150 (8 available) |
| **S24** | Sporting Clay T-shirt Sleeve | $200 (2 available) |
| **S25** | Sporting Clay Stations | $150 (14 available) |
| **S26** | Sporting Clay Shoot Meal | $600 (1 available) |
| **S27** | Sporting Clay Raffle Item **SOLD OUT** | ***Thank you to*** **Pearson Pump** - exclusive sponsor |
| **S28** | Sporting Clay Bags | $1,000 (1 available) |
| | | |
| **Conference Show Guide Advertising** | | Signage not included, artwork due March 31, 2026 |
| **A1** | Full Page, 4 Color Ad | $500 (2 spots available) - W: 8” x H: 10.5” |
| **A2** | Full Page Black & White Ad | $250 - W: 8” x H: 10.5” |
| **A3** | Half Page Black & White Ad | $150 - W: 8” x H: 5.25” |
| **A4** | Black & White Logo with Listing | $75 - W: 0.75” x H: 0.625” max |

## Other Conference Participation Options

**PLEASE NOTE:** These items are **not** considered “Sponsorship Opportunities”.

**WaterPAC Donations ($250 minimum value)**

**Goodie Bag Donations (no paper, logoed promotional products only) - must arrive at NCRWA by April 3, 2026**

Conference Attendee Bag - 750 pcs

Golf Tournament Bag - 144 pcs

***Please print or type all information.***

## I. CONTACT INFORMATION

Company or Organization Name (as it is to be listed in the Show Guide)

Booth Coordinator Contact

Title

Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number (Area Code) Ext.

Fax Number (Area Code)

E-mail Address

Website Address

## II. Show Guide Listing (must be received by 4/3/26)

☐ Check here to use the information above or complete below

Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number (Area Code) Ext.

## III. EXHIBIT REQUESTS & DETAILS

**List any probable exhibitors you wish to be near:** _____

**List any probable exhibitors you do not wish to be near:** _____

**List your preferred booth number(s):** _____

**List any special requests/needs:** _____

☐ Electricity (standard outlet) - an outlet will not be provided if this box is not marked.

☐ Other (additional fee(s) may apply):

**Company Description:**

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## EXHIBIT SPACE & SPONSORSHIP FORM
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*An event membership of one-cent per person is included in your registration fee(s) allowing participation in NCRWA fundraising activities. This membership is only valid for the length of the Annual Conference. This is required by Federal Election Commission laws. If you wish to opt-out, please go to the registration booth at conference for your refund of this one-cent fee.*

### IV. DONATIONS (please mark and describe any donations)

☐ WaterPAC _____

☐ Attendee Bag _____

☐ Golf Bag _____

### V. CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

**Booth Order:** note quantity of each selection

| | | Subtotal |
|---|---|---|
| *Standard Booth (each)* | | |
| Qty: ___ | Member Super Saver Rate (received by 2/13/26): $1,525.... | $ |
| Qty: ___ | Non-Member Super Saver Rate (received by 2/13/26): $2,325 | $ |
| Qty: ___ | Member Regular Rate (received after 2/13/26): $1,775..... | $ |
| Qty: ___ | Non-Member Regular Rate (received after 2/13/26): $2,575 | $ |
| *Premium Booth Upgrade Options (each)* | | |
| Qty: ___ | Premium Upgrade Charge: $650, ***or*** . . . . . | $ |
| Qty: ___ | $850 minimum in Sponsorship (calculate below)..... | --- |
| | **Booth Total** | $ |

***Booth Inclusions***

Basic contact information listing in the Show Guide, pipe and drape back wall with side rails, draped table with two chairs, wastebasket, standard electricity if requested, identification sign, access to the NCRWA Membership mailing list, and two complimentary registrations per booth. The badge registration form is included in this packet and must be submitted by **Friday, April 24th** to claim your complimentary badges; after April 24th, the full on-site rate will apply. A standard electrical outlet is available at no charge if checked under the "Special Requests/Needs" section of this form. NCRWA reserves the right to revise booth assignments at any time.

**Sponsorship Order: (**see page 6 & 7 for codes & price list)

| Code | Quantity | Price | Subtotal |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | $ |
| | | | $ |
| | | | $ |
| | | | $ |
| | | **Sponsorship Total:** | $ |

**GRAND TOTAL FOR BOOTH & SPONSORSHIPS:** $ _____

### VI. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Applications will not be processed without payment in full.

Select One: ☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

I authorize NCRWA to charge $ _____ to the card below:

Name as it Appears on Card _____

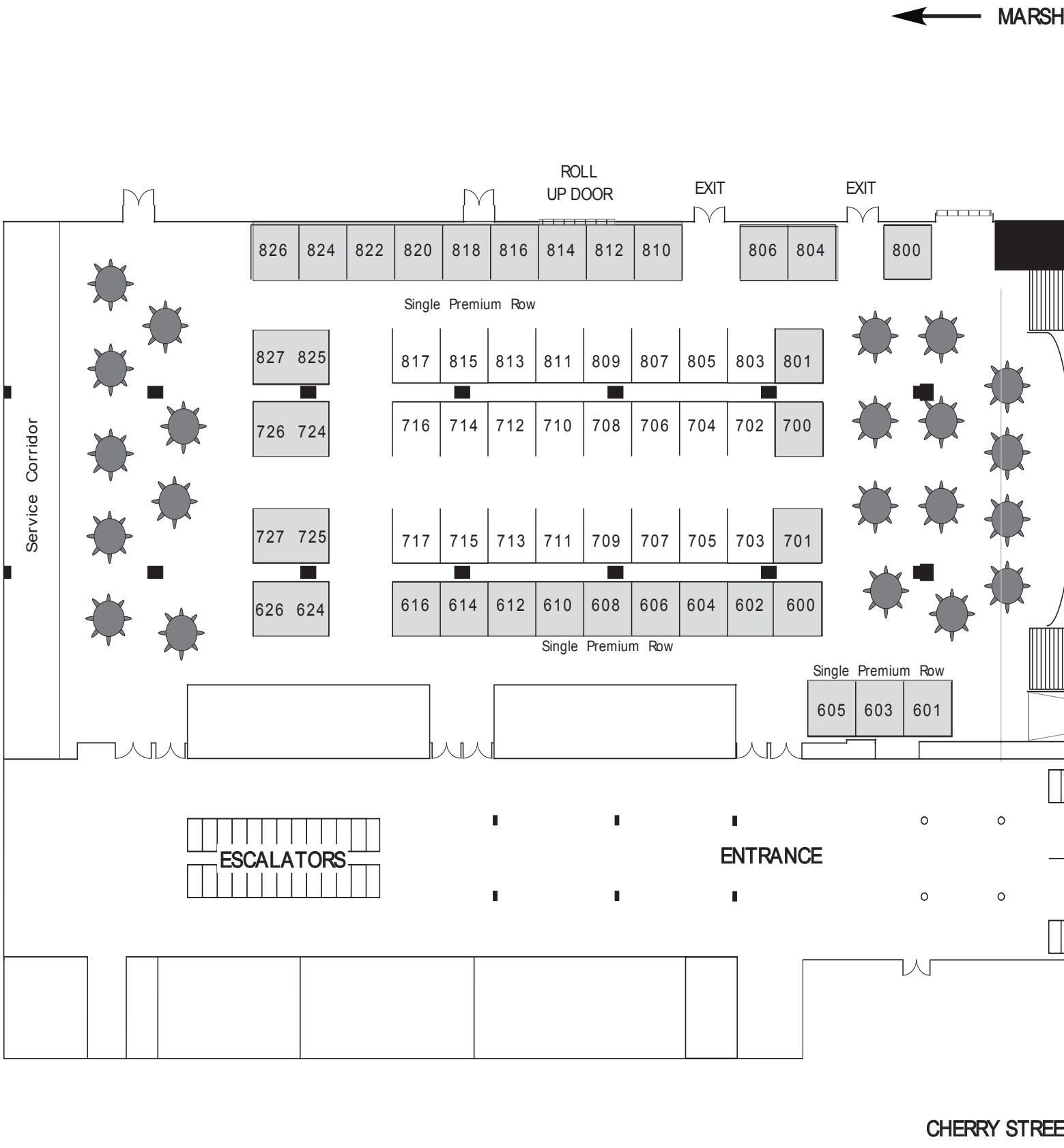
Billing Address _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date (MM/YY) _____ 3 or 4 Digit Security Code _____

Authorized Signature _____

**Cancellation/Refund:**

Sponsorships will not be refunded. Exhibit space cancellations must be made in writing prior to March 31, 2026 and will be charged a $75 administrative fee. No refunds will be given after March 31, 2026.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# EXHIBIT HALL FLOOR PLAN

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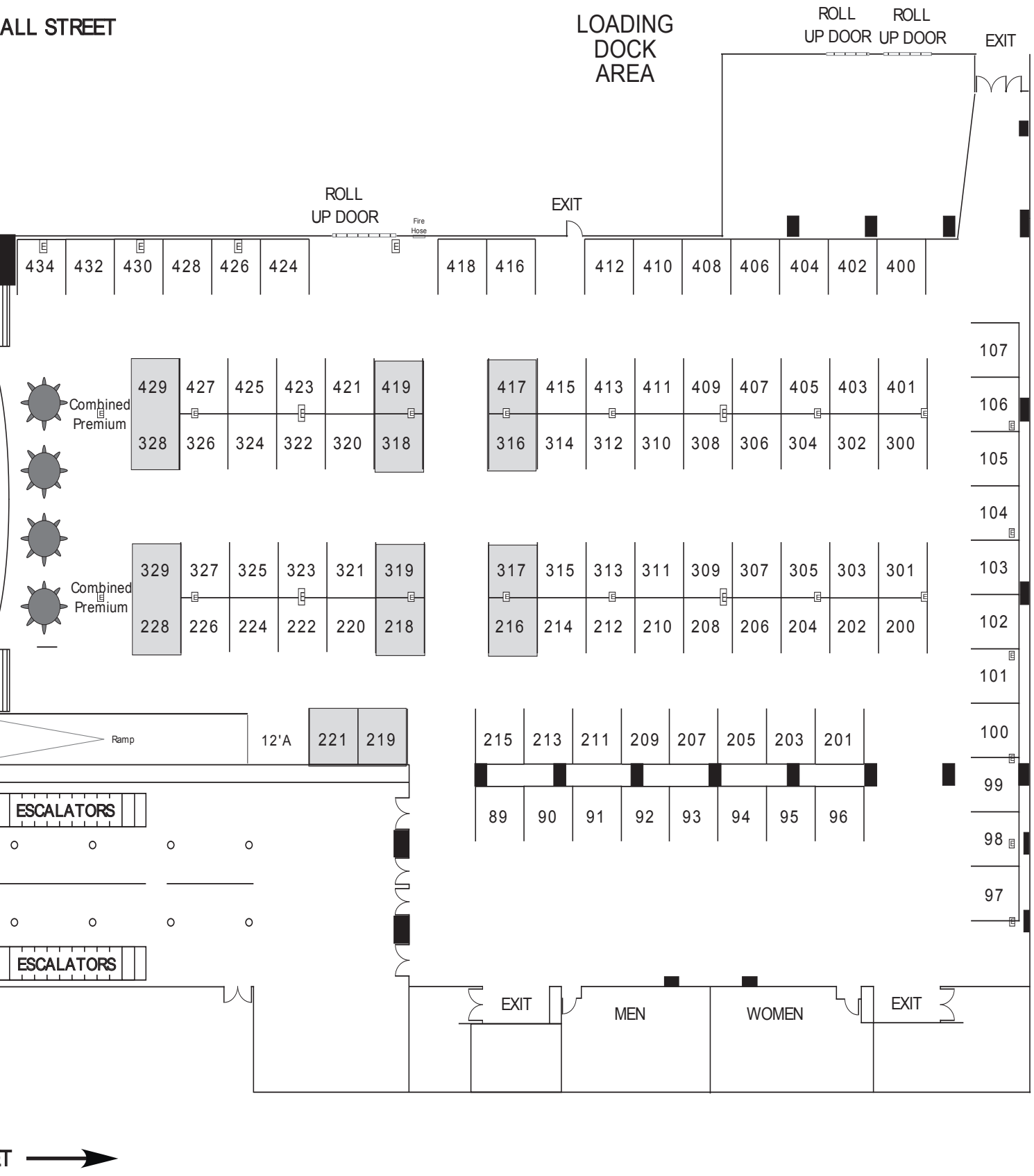

Company/Organization Name

**SHOW GUIDE EXHIBITOR LISTING**

☐ Use the address, phone number, and website address as listed on my Exhibit Space & Sponsorship Form.

☐ Use the following information for inclusion in the Show Guide.

Address

City State Zip

Phone Number

Website Address

## EXHIBITOR ADVANCE BADGE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS April 24th!

**Registration Inclusions:**
Admission into the Exhibit Hall, Standard 1-hour Education Sessions, Meet & Greet, All Conference Meals & Breaks, Awards Banquet, and Conference T-shirt.

**Badge Changes:**
Badge name changes may be made in writing by May 5th at no charge. After May 5th, changes must be made on-site and a $5 administrative fee will apply.

**Badge Rules:**
Any badge purchased by an exhibitor at the exhibitor rate, must have the exhibiting company name on the badge. We will not print, or reprint on-site, exhibitor badges with any other company name. Badge swapping is strictly prohibited.

## ADVANCE BADGE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 24, 2026

**Exhibitors are provided two (2) complimentary badge registrations per 8'x10' booth for company personnel if claimed by the Advance Badge Registration Deadline of April 24th.** Additional badges for exhibitor personnel may be purchased by April 24th at the advance rate of $95. After April 24th, you must register on-site at the full on-site rate of $105.

**EXHIBITOR ATTENDEES**
*(Clearly print the names of each attendee exactly as it should appear on the badge)*

| | Advance Exhibitor Badge Conference Registration | | Golf Tournament | Sporting Clay Tournament | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $95 | FREE | $95 | $95 | TOTAL |
| 1. | | | | | $ |
| 2. | | | | | $ |
| 3. | | | | | $ |
| 4. | | | | | $ |
| 5. | | | | | $ |

**Badge Registration Grand Total :** $ _____

**PAYMENT INFORMATION** -Applications will not be processed without payment in full.

Select One: ☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Visa

☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

I authorize NCRWA to charge $ _____ to the card below:

Name as it Appears on Card _____

Billing Address _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date (MM/YY) _____

3 or 4 Digit Security Code _____

Authorized Signature _____

Please submit your Badge Registration and Show Guide Listing Form, properly executed, by:

***E-mail:***
conference@ncrwa.org

***Fax:***
336.731.8589

***Mail:***
NCRWA Annual Conference
PO Box 540
Welcome, NC 27374

**Refund request for badge registrations must be submitted in writing by May 5th. After May 5th, no refunds will be made.**

## SAMMY BOYETTE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
8:00 am Shotgun Start
Tanglewood Golf Park
4201 Manor House Circle
Clemmons, NC 27012

**Format:**
Four-person Super Ball & Scramble. $95 per person for conference attendees. Cart and green fees are included in your registration fee.

**For Teams:**
If you would like to submit a team, complete the information on the Team Registration Form and return with payment. All participants must be listed at the time of submission. Team Registrations are due by April 10, 2026 and Individual Registrations are due April 24, 2026.

**Directions from Benton Convention Center:**
Get on US-421 N. Continue on US-421 . Take I-40 W to Harper Rd. in Clemmons. Take exit 182 from I-40 W. Take Tanglewood Park Rd. to Club House Circle

## NCRWA SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
8:00 am
Shane's Sporting Clays
6319 BUS 158
Summerfield, NC 27358

**Things to Bring:**
- **Shells (5 boxes of #7.5 or #8 field/target loads for your gun)**
- Shotgun
- Shooting glasses & ear protection
- Good walking shoes (this is an outdoor event)
- Bag to carry your items

**Special Notes:**
- Contact NCRWA if you need to rent a gun
- Shells can be purchased on site
- There will be a considerable amount of walking
- Transportation available for those with special needs

**Directions:** Take I-40 W to Exit 210 for NC Hwy 68 N toward High Point/Piedmont Triad International Airport. Follow Hwy 68 N for 11.6 miles, then turn right onto Hwy 158 E. Follow Hwy 158 E for 5 miles and look for Shane's Sporting Clays and NCRWA signs on the right. Turn down the entrance and continue to follow signs to Shane's.

Cost is $95 per shooter – includes 100 clays and instructions for first-timers. In the interest of safety, NO ALCOHOL will be allowed at this event.

Shooters will be placed in groups (no more than 5). If you would like to submit a team, complete the Team Registration Form and return with payment. If you cannot fill an entire team, other individuals may be assigned to your team. Team Registrations are due April 10, 2026 and Individual Registrations are due April 24, 2026

### Sporting Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Designed to fit virtually any budget, NCRWA offers a broad range of Sponsorship Opportunities, including Sponsorship for both the Sammy Boyette Memorial Golf Tournament and the Sporting Clay Shoot. See the page 7 of this brochure for details.

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# SPORTING EVENTS TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

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**UNLESS YOU ARE SUBMITTING AND PAYING FOR A WHOLE TEAM, PLEASE SIGN UP ON BADGE REGISTRATION FORM**

| SAMMY BOYETTE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT | $95/person |
|---|---|
| Team Name: | |
| | |
| Player 1: | Player 3: |
| Employer: | Employer: |
| Phone: ( ) | Phone: ( ) |
| | |
| Player 2: | Player 4: |
| Employer: | Employer: |
| Phone: ( ) | Phone: ( ) |

| NCRWA SPORTING CLAY SHOOT TOURNAMENT | $95/person |
|---|---|
| Shooter 1: | Shooter 3: |
| Employer: | Employer: |
| Phone: ( ) | Phone: ( ) |
| | |
| Shooter 2: | Shooter 4: |
| Employer: | Employer: |
| Phone: ( ) | Phone: ( ) |

**PAYMENT INFORMATION - Payment must accompany form.**

❑ Check Enclosed *Credit Card Payments:* ❑ Visa

❑ Master Card ❑ American Express ❑ Discover

❑ Charge card listed on Conference Exhibit Space and Sponsorship Form. (must be submitted together, signature required below)

Card Number Amount to be Charged

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Expiration Date 3 or 4 Digit Security Code

Print Name as it Appears on Card

Authorized Signature Date

## Team Registration Deadline:

# April 10, 2026

*Payment must accompany form to be processed.*
*Refund requests for Sporting Events must be received in writing prior to April 10, 2026.*
*No refunds will be made after April 10th.*

*Credit card registrations may be faxed to 336.731.8589*

*Make checks payable to: NCRWA*
*Mail to: PO Box 540, Welcome, NC 27374*

# Conference Award Nomination Details

## DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

**Mail (PO Box 540, Welcome, NC 27374), Fax (336-731-8589) or E-mail (conference@ncrwa.org)**

One of the highlights of our conference is recognizing those deserving individuals who have gone above and beyond in their jobs. If you know of an individual who fits this criteria, we invite you to complete the nomination form and send it back to us. The awards will be presented at the 2026 Annual Conference & Exhibition Awards banquet in Winston-Salem, NC on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Individual awards will be presented to water, wastewater and administrative personnel. One award will be given for the entire state in each category. All nominated systems and companies must be a member of NCRWA. Individual nominees must be employed by a member system.

**J.A. YOUNTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WATER**
This person should show a dedication to their job, their water system, and also to rural water. This person should set an example for others to follow by going beyond the call of duty to educate themselves and improve the water industry as a whole. The nomination can include system personnel as well as elected officials.

**AL DERATT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WASTEWATER**
This person should show a dedication to their job, their wastewater system, and also to rural water. This person should set an example for others to follow by going beyond the call of duty to educate themselves and improve the wastewater industry as a whole. This nomination can include system personnel as well as elected officials.

**AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE**
This person should have enhanced the performance of the operation of their water or wastewater system through innovative work practices, administrative leadership, and support for system operations.

**BUD PATE SERVICE AWARD**
This person has demonstrated an outstanding concern for their community through their actions to serve others in their community or the water/wastewater industry. Anyone can nominate any person associated, in any way, with their system or with any system in North Carolina.

**OPEN EVENING FOR PRIVATE VENDOR HOSPITALITY EVENTS**

If you are planning to wine and dine your customers while at the NCRWA Annual Conference and Exhibition, we ask that you make plans to do so the evening of Tuesday, May 12th after 6:30 pm. The NCRWA Banquet is a time for our industry to celebrate, network and fellowship with attendees and we would like to have as many in attendance as possible. **Please refrain from inviting attendees away from the Banquet on Wednesday evening.**

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**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**
Act now to secure your Sponsorship for the Banquet meal or entertainment. Banquet sponsorships range between $1500-$3000 and include room signage, table-top signage, acknowledgment from the podium at the banquet, and promotion on the NCRWA web site (www.ncrwa.org), the on-site Show Guide (if received by 4/3/26), the post-show issue of our magazine (The Tarheel Pipeline) and the post-show issue of our e-newsletter (The Connection). If confirmation is received before February 2, 2026 your sponsorship will also be included in pre-show attendee marketing.

_____ J.A. Younts Award _____ Al Deratt Award _____ Administrative Personnel Award

## DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

**Mail (PO Box 540, Welcome, NC 27374), Fax (336-731-8589) or E-mail (conference@ncrwa.org)**

**Please Print or Type Legibly**

Nominee's Name _____

Job Title _____

System Name _____

Person submitting nomination _____

Phone _____

How long has the nominee been employed with the system? _____

What are the responsibilities of the nominee in his/her current position? _____

_____

Has the nominee received specific training related to their current position? _____

If yes, indicate the type of training and from where training was received. _____

_____

Has the nominee been recognized for any outstanding achievements related to their current position? _____

If yes, list awards or certificates received and from where? _____

_____

What contributions has the nominee made to the improvement of the system? _____

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What is the primary reason(s) for nominating him/her for this award? _____

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Please feel free to attach any other certificates of achievement or awards for nominees, etc.

_____Bud Pate Service Award

## DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

**Mail (PO Box 540, Welcome, NC 27374), Fax (336-731-8589) or E-mail (conference@ncrwa.org)**

**Please Print or Type Legibly**

Nominee's Name_____

Person Submitting Nomination_____

Nominee's hometown or associated system _____

Phone number of person nominating _____

Phone number of nominee _____

Reason for nomination_____

Examples to support reason for nomination _____

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How is the nominee connected to the water/wastewater industry (for example: board member, operator, vendor, support staff, spouse of system staff, or board, etc.) _____

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Other reasons for nomination_____

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Please feel free to attach additional information if desired.

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4. Jeffrey Adams on Fourth
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