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NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN TIFTON

ATHENS, GA., March 25, 2009 --- Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton will host this years Natural Resources Conservation Workshop (NRCW) June 7 -11, for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students, who have not graduated from high school, from all around Georgia with a week of fun with conservation.

The NRCW targets students with a desire to learn more about Georgia's natural resources and the opportunities and responsibilities they provide. More than \$16,000 in scholarships will be awarded from this workshop.

Experts from universities, local, state, and federal natural resource agencies will provide students with lecture and hands-on activities to enhance their understanding of Georgia's vital natural resources and the opportunities and responsibilities that they provide.

This workshop gives students a unique, one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn about Georgia's natural resources—soil, water, air, plants, minerals, and animals from the experts in the field utilizing classroom and field trip activities to help interested young people learn the basic principles and the responsible use of our natural resources.

Students attending the workshop will get a taste of college life while gaining valuable insight into careers through their counselors and instructors consisting of professional personnel from the Department of Natural Resources, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and many private industries and organizations.

"Some of our youth do not realize the importance of our natural resources that we all depend on daily. This camp utilizes classrooms and field trips to help educate our students on the basic principles to conserve our natural resources," stated Workshop Director, Dennis Brooks.

Scholarship sponsors include the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors, ABAC Foundation, Georgia Chapter of American Public Works Association, Georgia Mining Association, Workshop Scholarship Fund, Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District, University of Georgia, Fort Valley State University, the Heart of Georgia Technical College, Piedmont Pipe Product and the Blue Ridge Mountain SWCD/Young Harris College Scholarship.

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Tuition is \$150 per student and is usually provided to our students by local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, local businesses and individuals.

Application and information is available online at <http://www.abac.edu/psbo/nrcw/> or through county offices of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division or the Cooperative Extension Service and participating organizations. Application deadline is May 15, 2009.

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