

# 2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 9-12, 2024 | Embassy Suites St. Augustine, Florida Event Code: 13500 | ac.gscpa.org





# GSCPA Annual Convention

Sunday, June 9 - Wednesday, June 12 Embassy Suites St. Augustine, Florida Event Code: 13500 | ac.gscpa.org

Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Augustine Beach
Oceanfront Resort is steps from the sand of
St. Augustine Beach and minutes away from the
heart of the First City located in Historic Downtown
St. Augustine. Take in the Florida sunshine and
historic sites during GSCPA Annual Convention.

As a full-time attendee, you can expect to receive breakfast on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and dinner and drinks at the Opening Reception and Dinner and the Chair's Reception and Dinner. Additionally, we host Hospitality Suites in the evenings. Breakfast will be hosted in the hotel's lobby restaurant with a made-to-order breakfast.

leadership development and cutting-edge technology. Tuesday features GSCPA's Annual Business Meeting where you'll hear about the this year's accomplishments and participate in GSCPA's Board and Council elections. We'll wrap the night up by honoring our Chair Carlton Hodges at the evening's Chair Dinner.

Network with each other, explore the area and make special memories. The Embassy Suites on St. Augustine Beach and nearby downtown St. Augustine offer numerous activities and sightseeing for people of all ages. Whether you tour our Nation's oldest city, enjoy the sun and sand of the beach, or participate in an adventurous activity, this area offers a unique experience.

Join us Tuesday morning at either the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park for a self-guided tour or St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum for a group tour. These optional group activities will have an additional fee, and pre-registration is required. We encourage you to get out and enjoy the area as much as possible!

Attendees are encouraged to take advantage of the approximately 12 hours of CPE offered in on-demand and in-person formats this year. This schedule will allow you to complete CPE hours in-person and at your convenience. Topics include professional issues,



#### Hotel Details

#### **Embassy Suites St. Augustine Beach Oceanfront Resort**

The oceanfront hotel is steps from the sand, with balcony views of St. Augustine Beach. Downtown attractions like Castillo de San Marcos are 10 minutes away. The resort offers water sports and family-friendly activities, plus cabanas and a bar for poolside sipping.

#### Reservations

#### Group Rate: \$269++ with a \$22 resort fee

To secure your reservation, please visit the resort website: www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/2024gscpaannualconvention

This link will only work for select room types and the actual dates of our event - Sunday check-in and Wednesday check-out. You may need to adjust the dates at the top of the booking page. To modify your reservation to possibly include more nights, please contact Callie Hammond at chammond@gscpa.org with your confirmation number. Requests are not guaranteed and will only be made through email. As with all room blocks, space is limited.

#### Special Needs



If you have a specific need or dietary request, please contact Callie Hammond at least one week before the event. Callie Hammond, 404-504-2953 or chammond@gscpa.org

#### Attire Guidelines

Resort casual to all events, except the Chair's Reception and Banquet on Tuesday evening, which is resort attire.

Annual Convention Gold Sponsor



GSCPA Gold Annual Partner and Exhibitor



GSCPA Silver Annual Partners and Exhibitors





Annual Convention Exhibitor









# Program Schedule

#### Sunday, June 9

1 - 5 p.m. Registration 1 - 5 p.m. **Exhibits Open** Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour) 2 - 2:50 p.m. On-Demand 3 - 3:50 p.m. Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour) On-Demand Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour) 4 - 4:50 p.m. On-Demand 6 - 9 p.m. Opening Reception and Dinner **Hospitality Event** 9 - 10 p.m.

#### Monday, June 10

6 p.m.

7:30 - 9 a.m. Breakfast Buffet 7:30 - 9 a.m. Exhibits Open ALL DAY Open day to enjoy the beach and explore the area 2 - 2:50 p.m. Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour) On-Demand 3 - 3:50 p.m. Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour) On Demand 4 - 4:50 p.m. Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour) On Demand Past Presidents/Chairs Cocktail 6 p.m. Reception and Dinner (Invitation Only)

Dine on your own

#### Tuesday, June 11

7:30 - 9 a.m. Breakfast Buffet 7:30 - 9 a.m. **Exhibits Open** 10:30 a.m. Possible Optional Activities St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum or St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park 1 - 3:50 p.m. **Exhibits Open** 1 - 1:50 p.m. In-Person Annual Business Meeting 2 - 2:50 p.m. Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour) In-Person, Calvin Wong - Tech Update Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour) 3 - 3:50 p.m. In-Person, Boyd Search - Issues Update 6 - 9 p.m. Chair's Cocktail Reception and Dinner 9 - 10 p.m. Hospitality Event

#### Wednesday, June 12

7:30 - 9 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
7:30 - 9 a.m. Exhibits Open
9 - 9:50 a.m. Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour)
On Demand
10 - 10:50 a.m. Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour)
On Demand
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Speaker (50 mins/1 CPE hour)
On Demand

# Optional Activities for Tuesday, June 11

Pre-registration is required for these activities. Please register through the registration form. Transportation is on your own. Activities are rain or shine. Space is limited.



# St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park

#### Park open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Self-guided experience Adults \$33; Children (11 and under) \$19 www.alligatorfarm.com

Despite its name, St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoologial Park does not farm alligators or any other animals; it functions as a modern zoo serving the public and the scientific community with educational shows and exhibits, research, and worldwide conservation efforts. This quintessential Florida attraction, which has been accredited by the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums since 1989, includes an alligator lagoon, crocodile crossing and a thrilling zip-line between them.



# St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum

# 10:30 a.m. | Space is limited Adults \$15; Children (11 and under) \$13 www.staugustinelighthouse.org

About an hour and half group tour; 45 minute guided tour with 45 more minutes to explore and climb the lighthouse. Height requirement for climbing the lighthouse is 44 inches. Climbing the lighthouse is an optional portion of the tour. If you choose not to climb the lighthouse, videos are available to watch for a virtual experience.

The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum aims to preserve local maritime history, keep alive the story of the nation's oldest port, and connect young people to marine sciences.

### St. Augustine History

Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the oldest continuously occupied settlement of European and African-American origin in the United States. Forty-two years before the English colonized Jamestown and fifty-five years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, the Spanish established at St. Augustine this nation's first enduring settlement. www.citystaug.com



Columbia Restaurant



Salt Life Food Shack

# Local Activities

www.floridashistoriccoast.com www.visitstaugustine.com

- · Beach and pool time with family and friends
- Water Tours, Boat Rides, Sunset Tours
- Miniature Golf
- Bike Rental
- Lightner Museum, St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure
   Museum, Old Jail Museum, and more
- Hop-On Hop-Off Trolley Tours
- Ghost Tours
- Visit Local Distilleries: City Gate Spirits Distillery or St. Augustine Distillery
- Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth
- Flagler College
- St. Augustine Wild Reserve
- Castillo de San Marcos National Monument
- City Gates
- Downtown St. Augustine

# **Local Dining**

- · Columbia Restaurant
- Harry's Seafood, Bar & Grille (Seafood, Cajun)
- The Floridian Restaurant
- Ice Plant Bar (American)
- Catch 27 (Seafood)
- Collage Restaurant
- · Prohibition Kitchen
- Cafe Alcazar
- St. Augustine Fish Camp
- Michael's (Contemporary Seafood)
- Salt Life Food Shack
- Casa Benedetto's Ristorante (Italian)
- Casa Reina Taqueria & Taquila (Mexican)
- Crave (American)
- The Blue Hen Cafe (Diner)
- Woodpeckers Backyard Barbeque



Pirate & Treasure Museum



Castillo de San Marcos National Monument

### 2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

June 9-12, 2024 | Embassy Suites St. Augustine, Florida | Event Code: 13500

| Is this the first time you have attended GSCPA Annual Convention?YesNo   |                  |                      |      |  |  |
|--|------------------|----------------------|------|--|--|
| What day do you plan on arriving?  |                  |                      |      |  |  |
| PRIMARY CONVENTION REGISTRANT INFORMATION:   |                  |                      |      |  |  |
| Name   |                  | Member ID #          |      |  |  |
| Address  |                  |                      |      |  |  |
| Phone  | Email            |                      |      |  |  |
| Company  |                  |                      |      |  |  |
|  |                  |                      |      |  |  |
| ADDITIONAL CON   | NVENTION REGISTS | RANT(S) INFORMATION: |      |  |  |
| Spouse/Guest   |                  | Spouse/Guest         |      |  |  |
| Child 1:   | Age:             | Child 2:             | Age: |  |  |
| Child 3:   | Age:             | Child 4:             | Age: |  |  |
| ADULT FULL REGISTRATION Includes three breakfasts, Opening Reception and Dinner, Chair's Dinner and CPE for member and nonmember registration. |                  |                      |      |  |  |
|  | EARLY (BY MAY 6) | LATE (AFTER MAY 6)   |      |  |  |
| Member   | □ \$799 X        | □\$949 X             |      |  |  |
| Nonmember  | □ \$849 X        | □\$999 X             |      |  |  |
| Spouse/Guest   | □ \$525 X        | □ \$625 X            |      |  |  |
|  |                  |                      |      |  |  |
| CHILDREN FULL REGISTRATION Includes three breakfasts, Opening Reception and Dinner or Chair's Dinner.  |                  |                      |      |  |  |
|  | EARLY (BY MAY 6) | LATE (AFTER MAY 6)   |      |  |  |
| Children (2-11)  | □ \$125 X        | □ \$125 X            |      |  |  |
| Children (under 2)   | □\$0 X           | □ \$0 X              |      |  |  |

#### **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The activities below are optional and not included in the full registration fees.

| ALLIGATOR FARM ZOOL                  | OGICAL PARK - TUESDA                 | Y, JUNE 11 (\$33 ADULT;              | \$19 CHILD 11 AND UNDER)  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Participant 1:                       | □ Adult □ Child                      | Participant 2:                       | □ Adult □ Child   |
| Participant 3:                       | □ Adult □ Child                      | Participant 4:                       | □ Adult □ Child   |
| LIGHTHOUSE & MARITIM                 | E MUSEUM - TUESDAY, .                | JUNE 11 (\$15 ADULT; \$13            | 3 CHILD 11 AND UNDER)   |
| Participant 1:                       | □ Adult □ Child                      | Participant 2:                       | □ Adult □ Child   |
| Participant 3:                       | □ Adult □ Child                      | Participant 4:                       | □ Adult □ Child   |
| PAYMENT INFORMA                      | TION                                 |                                      |   |
| Total Amount Due:                    |                                      | a check made payable to              | The Georgia Society of CPAs   |
| ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa                  | ☐ AmEx ☐ Discove                     | er                                   |   |
| Card number:                         |                                      | Exp. Date:                           |   |
| Name on card:                        |                                      | Signature:                           |   |
| • ,                                  | 100 administration fee for members   | s, \$150 administration fee for nonm | e. Cancellations/transfers made on or<br>nembers. Cancellations/no-shows on<br>e date of the event. |
| Early Registration Fee: Applicable v | rhen registration is received by GSC | CPA by the early registration deadl  | ine of May 16.  |
| DECISTED                             | TODAY                                |                                      |   |
| REGISTER                             |                                      |                                      |   |
| <b>EMAIL</b> a completed regist      | ration form with credit card         | l information to chammond            | d@gscpa.org.  |
| <b>CALL</b> Callie Hammond at        | 404-504-2953 or 800-330              | -8889, ext. 2953.                    |   |
| MAIL your completed reg              | stration form with credit ca         | ard information or a check           | made payable to   |

The Georgia Society of CPAs

6 Concourse Parkway, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30328