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News Release

Applications Due June 4, 2010

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

ATHENS, GA., (February 18, 2010) --- Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton will host this year's 49th Annual Natural Resources Conservation Workshop (NRCW) June 13 -17, for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students from all around Georgia. Applications are due June 4, 2010.

The NRCW targets students with a desire to learn more about Georgia's natural resources and the opportunities and responsibilities they provide. More than \$17,000 in scholarships will be awarded during this workshop.

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. Experts in each respected field will utilize 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 career opportunities through their advisors and instructors who consist of professional personnel from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and other 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. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain access to one of the valuable scholarships to further advance their education," said James E. Tillman, Sr. Tillman is the State Conservationist, for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, one of the sponsoring agencies for the workshop.

Scholarship sponsors include the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors, ABAC Foundation, Georgia Chapter of American Public Works Association, Georgia Mining Association, Pope and Dunaway Families, NRCW, Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District, University of Georgia Warnell Alumni Association, Fort Valley State University, Heart of Georgia Technical College, Piedmont Pipe Products, and the Blue Ridge Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)/Young Harris College.

The 2010 workshop tuition is \$150 per student and is usually provided to our students by local SWCD, local businesses, and individuals.

Application and information is available online at <http://www.abac.edu/psbo/nrcw/> or visit us through our new FACEBOOK site at www.facebook.com/nrcw. You can contact your county offices of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Georgia Forestry Commission, Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, UGA Cooperative Extension Service and participating organizations.

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