



2026 Annual Conference

April 21 – April 24, 2026
Hyatt Regency Savannah
2 W Bay Street
Savannah, GA 31401

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Start	End	Item/Topic
8:00	4:30	ISA Utility Arborist Workshop

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Start	End	Item/Topic
12:30	1:00	ISA Test Sign in
1:00	5:00	ISA Testing
3:00	6:00	Registration Open/Vendor Set-up
5:00	10:00	Hospitality Suite Open

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Start	End	Item/Topic	Speaker
7:00	8:00	Buffet Breakfast	
7:45	8:00	Welcome and President's Remarks	Craig Faulk, President, GVMA
8:00	9:00	How Federal and State Changes will Affect Georgia Herbicide Applicators	Willie Chance, Training by Willie Chance LLC
9:00	10:00	Aquatic Vegetation Management - In, On, or Out of the Water!	Chris Blodget, Nutrien Solutions
10:00	10:15	Break with Exhibitors	



Thursday, April 23, 2026 (Continued)

10:15	11:15	Southern Pine Beetle and Other Forest Pests	Paul McDaniel, Georgia Forestry Commission
11:15	12:00	Established and Potential Invasive Species Impacting Woody Plants in Georgia	Dr. David Coyle, Clemson University
12:00	1:00	Buffet Lunch	
1:00	2:00	Electric Hazard Awareness Program/Safety with Storms	Kym Stephens, Georgia Power Company
2:00	3:00	Safety Differently	Tim Walsh, The Townsend Company LLC
3:00	3:15	Break with Exhibitors	
3:15	3:30	Door Prizes/Vendor Updates	
3:30	4:30	Tree Line USA	Seth Hawkins, Georgia Forestry Commission
4:30	5:30	Improving Efficacy of Herbicides	Dr. Ben Pritchard, University of Georgia
8:00	10:00	Social Event	

Friday, April 24, 2026

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7:00	8:00	Buffet Breakfast	
8:00	9:00	EPD Requirements & Violations for Large Scale Tree Care and Vegetation Management Operations	Dr. Gary Hawkins, University of Georgia
9:00	9:45	Updates on Invasive Plant Management Tactics: Lessons Learned from Research	Dr. David Coyle, Clemson University
9:45	10:00	Break	
10:00	11:00	ANSI A300 Tree Care Standards Update	Bill Haws, Georgia Power Company
11:00	12:00	Beyond Inspections: The Critical Role of Wood Utility Preservatives	Blake Clanton, Osmose Utilities Services
12:00	12:15	Door Prizes & Final Remarks	