

First a little background..



Since beginning in 1962, over 13,000 students have attended NRCW. ABAC in Tifton, GA became its permanent home in 1995.

Valuable Partners

- ExecutiveCommittee
- Instructors
- Advisors
- Volunteers















GEORGIA FORESTRY C O M M I S S I O N



Natural Resources Conservation Service





Experiential Learning

- Topics include rediscovering Georgia
 water resources, sustainable
 agriculture, wildlife management,
 soils and conservation planning,
 Georgia costal resources, fisheries
 management, forest protection, forest
 management, and mining
 conservation
- In addition to instruction and hands on opportunities students have the opportunity to discuss both educational opportunities and carer paths with multiple collgeg representatives and professionals who work in the field of Natural Resources









68 students from 44 different counties, representing 27 districts

Over 30 Valuable Partner Volunteers served as instructors, advisors, and volunteers

Over \$25,000 in Scholarships awarded

....and memories and experiences that will last a lifetime!!





And to the point...

Challenges and Successes

2019- Fresh Meat!



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What's New

EVERYTHING! The program, committee, location, awards, Scholarships, registration process...

Challenges

Successes

Racism, Minors on Campus, Crammed pack 4 day workshop, very little free time, student drop off and pick up

I SURVIVED! Sucesscully dealt with a racism complaint, handled my first program repremand of a vounteer, NO STUDENT INJURIES!

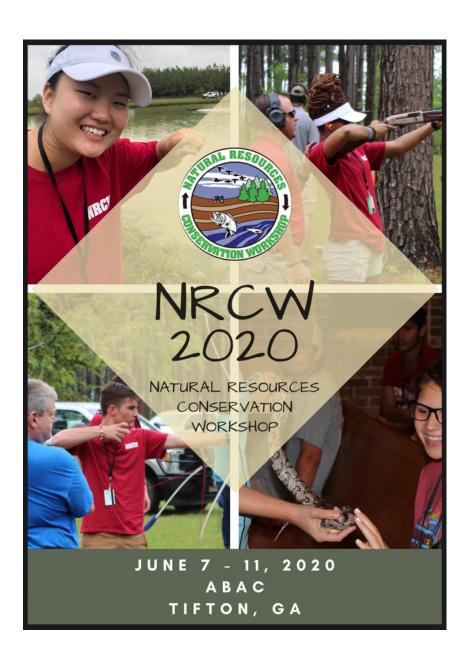
2019- Ready for year 2!!

What's New

online registration, addition of 5th day

Challenges

Successes



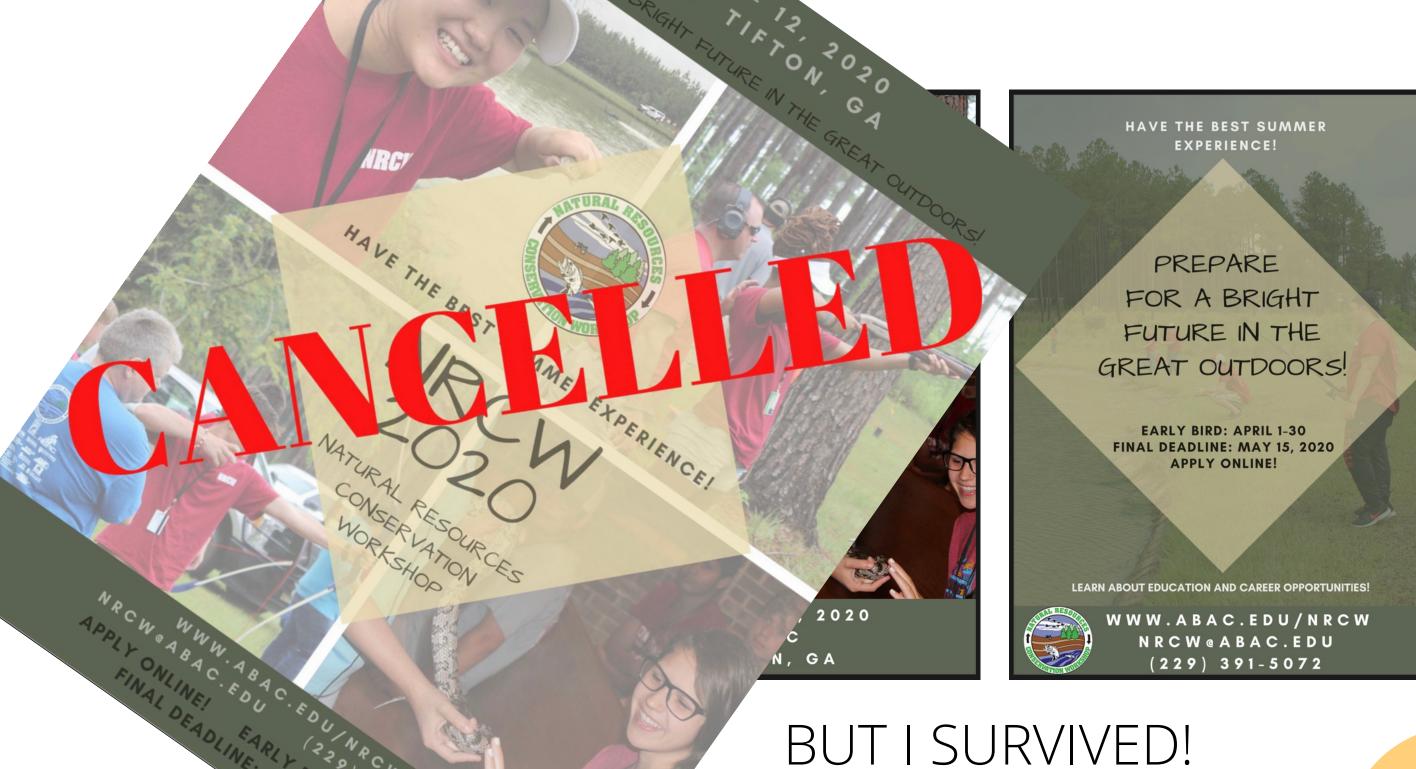


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2021- Celebrating 60 years!



What's New

Challenges

Successes

Implemented online registration, addition of 5th day, new College and Career Day

Low volunteer numbers for advisors, almost had to cancel! 2 students per district due to covid restrictions. My daughter went

Established new minority scholarship, how to handle gender diversity, 60th year banquet, awarded over 40K in Scholarships!

2022- Building off of successes

What's New

Handled registration and bus coordination. Added more field trip and hands on experiences

Challenges

Advisor numbers still low, student numbers lowest in history

Successes

Many return volunteers that established themselves as a reliable team.



2023- Its a Bouncing Baby Workshop!!



What's New

Voluntold my Manager to come participate Handed College and career day to GACD

Challenges

Unfortunate color choices
Numbers still low for advisors and students, advisor commitments, behavior issues!

Successes

Great group of returning advisors, bus coordination assigned to other GSWCC staff

Time to share!

Other burning questions..

How to ensure advisor volunteer numbers?

Do other youth program directors get paid some kind of compensation?

What suggestions to improve for continued growth and success?



