



# SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES



## Annual Conference and Institute of Government Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms



**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
August 1-3, 2023

**INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT**  
July 31-August 1, 2023



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**#StatewideStrength**



## Registration Information

SCAC will host its Annual Conference and Institute of Government courses at the Wild Dunes Resort on the Isle of Palms, July 31-August 3, 2023. Please note the new conference schedule.

**In order to maximize the room block for registered county officials, SCAC must receive a completed registration before the Wild Dunes Resort reservation link will be sent (within two business days).** Institute of Government registrants will receive the reservation link via email within two business days. Anyone registering for the Annual Conference ONLY will receive the Wild Dunes Resort reservation information the first week in April or within two business days if the registration is received April 3 and after.

**\*Please see details about included food and beverages and name badge requirements on this brochure's agenda page.\***

**NEW in 2023!** This year, in lieu of the Wednesday evening banquet, SCAC will host a Closing Reception. During the reception, SCAC President Debbie Summers will speak, and there will be a short program. The registration fee includes food and drink for both the registrant and a **registered** guest for the evening. More details to follow.

**You must be a paid registrant to receive the discounted hotel rate.**

## Registration Process

There are three ways to register:

- 1. Online** at [www.SCCCounties.org](http://www.SCCCounties.org). You must log into the member portal to register.
- 2. Email** the completed registration form to [register@scac.sc](mailto:register@scac.sc) or
- 3. Mail** registration form and/or check to: SCAC, PO Box 8207, Columbia, SC 29202.

**Please note, registrants will receive the Wild Dunes Resort reservation link within two business days of SCAC receiving the completed registration form. SCAC recommends either registering online or via email.**

## Cancellation Policy

**To cancel an Annual Conference and/or Institute of Government registration, you must notify the SCAC office in writing.**

Registrations cancelled by 5 p.m. on July 21 will be assessed a \$10.00 service charge (Institute) and \$25.00 service charge (Annual Conference). After this date, no refunds will be made.

## Conference Attire

For the comfort of our delegates, casual attire is acceptable at all business sessions. Attire will be dressy casual for the President's/ Corporate Partners' Reception and dressy for the Closing Reception. Dressing in layers is recommended due to room temperature variations.

## Institute of Government

SCAC, in cooperation with the Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities, College of Charleston, will hold the Institute of Government for County Officials (Level I, Level II, and Advanced classes) Monday, July 31 and Tuesday, August 1. Credit for Level II courses will be given to county officials who have graduated from Level I or are within nine hours of graduating from Level I.

Each course is three credit hours. Credits for courses are valid for four years. To receive a certificate for Level I, 27 hours of instruction, including 18 hours of required and nine hours of elective topics, must be completed. To receive a certificate for Level II, 18 hours of instruction in Level II topics must be completed. Participants who graduate from Level I or Level II will be recognized during the General Session on Wednesday, August 2.

## SCAC's Annual Awards Competition

This year's annual awards competition will be held in Columbia on May 24. All entrants and winners will be recognized during the General Session on Wednesday, August 2. The competition and award announcements will be streamed live.

## Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms

A reservation link will be sent to **registered county officials only** within two BUSINESS DAYS of registering for either the Institute of Government or the Annual Conference. Institute of Government registrants will receive the link first. Those registering for the Annual Conference ONLY will receive the Wild Dunes Resort reservation link the first week in April or within two business days if registration is received April 3 and after. Please note that only individuals who are **REGISTERED** to attend will be able to book accommodations. One room per registrant. If more than one room is reserved for the same individual, it is subject to immediate cancellation.

**Cancellation:** Reservations cancelled less than seven days prior to arrival will be charged the one night's room deposit due at booking. The balance will be due at check-in.

**The room block at Wild Dunes will open to county officials after SCAC has received a registration for the Institute of Government and/or the Annual Conference.**

## Hotel Deadline: July 7, 2023

Discounted Rates:

- The Boardwalk Inn, The Sweetgrass Inn, The Residences at Sweetgrass Inn Guest Room (King/QQ): \$236.75++ per night
- The Residences at Sweetgrass Inn Suites:
  - 1-Bedroom Suite: \$379.00++ per night
  - 2-Bedroom Suite: \$455.00++ per night
  - 3-Bedroom Suite: \$579.00++ per night
- Resort Core Condo/Villa:
  - 2-Bedroom Condo/Villa: \$399.00++ per night
  - 3-Bedroom Condo/Villa: \$499.00++ per night

[View additional information regarding Wild Dunes Resort accommodations options](#)

For additional information on Wild Dunes Resort's accommodations, such as a house, villa or condo, not included in SCAC's room block, please contact (866) 359-5593, Option #5. Wild Dunes Resort is experiencing unprecedented call volume levels. If you are sent to voicemail, please expect a call back within 24 to 48 hours.

## Overflow Accommodations

Overflow accommodations for the SCAC Annual Conference include the Hyatt Place Mount Pleasant Towne Centre and Residence Inn Charleston Mount Pleasant. Shuttle transportation will be provided to and from Wild Dunes Resort. Both properties are located approximately seven miles from Wild Dunes Resort.

## Hyatt Place Mount Pleasant Towne Centre

[Book online here](#)

Call 1-888 HYATT HP (888-492-8847) reference group code:

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**Hotel Deadline: July 7, 2023**

**\*\*Discounted Rate:** \$139.00++ per night

Saturday Rate: \$169.00++

\* Cancellation: 24 hours prior or one night fee; credit card required.

## Residence Inn Charleston Mt. Pleasant

[Book online here](#)

Call 843-881-1599 (direct)

**Hotel Deadline: July 7, 2023**

**Discounted Rate:** \$194.00++ per night single king suite.

\$264.00++ per night two-bedroom, two bath suite. Both include breakfast. Discounted rates are available two days pre/post based on availability.

\* Cancellation: 48 hours prior or one night fee; credit card required.

**Registration**  
**SCAC's Annual Conference & Institute of Government**  
**IMPORTANT: Payment must be received at the SCAC Office within 48 hours.**

SCAC Email: [register@scac.sc](mailto:register@scac.sc)

Online Registration:  
[www.SCCounties.org](http://www.SCCounties.org)

County/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Registrant \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address to Receive Hotel Info \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Completing Form \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse First/Last Name (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

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| Annual Conference       | Early Bird (Postmarked by 7/21) | Onsite (After 7/21)            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Delegate Registration   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$440  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$465 |
| Non-Member Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> \$605  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$630 |

**Institute of Government**      **All classes are \$90 each (postmarked by 7/21) or \$100 each after.**

| Monday – July 31   | Tuesday – August 1  |
|--|---|
| 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Level I: Strategic Planning [E]<br><input type="checkbox"/> Level II: Current Issues: Emergency Management Trends: Weathering the Next Crisis<br><br>2:00 – 5:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Level I: Ethical Leadership and Public Service [R]*<br><input type="checkbox"/> Level I: Building Effective Intergovernmental Relations [E]<br><input type="checkbox"/> Advanced: Leveraging Your County's Economic Development Toolkit | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Level I: Legal Issues in County Government [R]<br><input type="checkbox"/> Level II: Decision Making in a Political Environment<br><br>[R] – Required course<br>[E] – Elective course<br>* Approved for three hours of continuing education credit for planning/zoning officials and employees |

Conference Registration Total \_\_\_\_\_

Institute of Government Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT AND ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

You may register and pay with a credit card online at [www.SCCounties.org](http://www.SCCounties.org). A "bill me" option is available for those needing to pay by check (payable to SCAC). If you prefer to mail your registration with payment, please complete and mail the registration information with your check to SCAC.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Registrants, guests, corporate partners, and other attendees may be photographed during SCAC events. These photos are for SCAC use only and may appear in brochures, newsletters, on the SCAC website or in other print and digital materials. A person's attendance constitutes permission for this photography and subsequent usage.

If you prefer your photograph to NOT be used, please check this box.





**SOUTH CAROLINA  
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WILD DUNES RESORT, ISLE OF PALMS**

**MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  | Registration   |
| 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Institute of Government Classes (concurrent classes) |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  | Boxed Lunches (Institute Registrants Only)           |
| 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | Institute of Government Classes (concurrent classes) |

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023**

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| 8:00 a.m.              | Worship Service  |
| 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  | Registration   |
| 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  | Exhibit Area Open  |
| 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Probate Judges   |
| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Institute of Government Classes                                |
| 9:00 a.m.              | Constitution, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee                 |
| 9:30 a.m.              | Nominating Committee   |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  | Caucus Meetings  |
| 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | Councils of Governments Executive Directors Meeting            |
| 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | Clerks to Council Meeting                                      |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  | County Managers, Administrators & Supervisors Business Meeting |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | SC Coalition of Black County Officials                         |
| 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | President's/Corporate Partners' Reception                      |

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023**

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  | Exhibit Area Open                  |
| 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.   | Registration                       |
| 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  | Legislative Power Hour & Breakfast |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | General Session                    |
| 1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.   | Workshops                          |
| 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  | Closing Reception                  |

**\*A Note About Included Food and Beverages**

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The registration fee for the **Annual Conference** covers the cost of coffee/beverage breaks in the Exhibit Hall (Tuesday afternoon/Wednesday morning and afternoon), President's/Corporate Partners' Reception, breakfast (Wednesday), and the 2023 Closing Reception for delegates and their registered guest. **All guests must be pre-registered in order to attend.**

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