

2010 GMA Annual Convention

General Information

Registration Schedule

Registration will be held in the Lobby of the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center during the following hours:

Friday, June 25:	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 26:	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 27:	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, June 28:	7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 29:	7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Only fully registered attendees will receive door prize tickets and delegate gifts.

Registration Fee

The on-site registration fee is \$325 for city officials, \$395 for Friends of Georgia's Cities, and \$125 for spouses of delegates, \$65 for each child of a delegate and \$425 for non-members. Tickets are required for admittance to convention meals, social events and entertainment.

Function Tickets

Each person, including spouses and children, who is officially registered will receive tickets for the Monday Taste of Savannah and door prize drawings. Individual tickets for the Monday evening event will be sold, but please ask other attendees if they have any that will not be used or stop by the registration desk at the Trade Center lobby to see if any have been turned in before purchasing them. Door prize tickets may not be purchased. Badges must be worn at all events. If you will not be using your ticket for a particular event, please offer it to a friend or return it to the registration desk at the Trade Center Lobby so that someone else may use it.

Delegate Gifts

All persons registered for the entire convention should have a Delegate Gift ticket in their packet of tickets. To receive your gift, please bring the ticket to the Delegate Gift counter located in the registration area.

Badges

Please wear your name badge to all business and social functions. Badges for non-registered guests may be purchased at the registration desk for \$15. Please drop your badge holder in the recycle bin at the registration desk when you leave Savannah.

Ribbons

Ribbons for Certified Cities of Ethics may be picked up at the GMA booth in the Exhibit Hall on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Cyber Cafe

Visit the Cyber Cafe, just off the concourse lobby, to use the computers to check your emails, update your GMA information, or just to surf the net. You may also review meeting handouts and daily updates.

Special thanks to *Sophicity* for their support.

Dress

Dress for all events during the convention is casual. Meeting rooms are cool, so dress appropriately.

Refund Policy

Full refunds were given for cancellations received before April 16. Cancellations submitted between April 16 and before May 28 were assessed a \$50.00 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations made after May 28.

Exhibit Hall

With more than 170 exhibitors participating, the Exhibit Hall provides a great opportunity to learn more about a wide range of products and services available to your city. The Exhibit Hall will be open during the following hours:

Saturday, June 26:	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 27:	9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

On Sunday morning, informational roundtables will be hosted by exhibitors from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in three 20-minute discussions during this one-hour period.

Please remember that this is a place for business. All children must be accompanied by an adult while in the Exhibit Hall.

A concession stand will also be open during Exhibit Hall hours, which will sell soft drinks, snacks and light meals.

Earn an Extra GMA Door Prize Ticket

Visit exhibitors and earn an extra door prize ticket for a “GRAND” door prize. Each company will be given seven envelopes and asked to only give the envelopes to member attendees that express interest in and take the time to learn about their product/service. The envelope will include a numbered door prize ticket. The drawing will be held on Sunday at 1:15 p.m. and you must be present to win.

Exhibitor Door Prizes

Some exhibitors will be giving away door prizes. Instead of announcing the winners, exhibitors will place a form on the Message Board located in the front of the exhibit hall. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitors to post the winners’ names and the responsibility of the attendees to check the Message Board. All winners will be posted on the Message Board by 1:00 p.m. on

Sunday. Door prizes **must be picked up** prior to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. **Vendors will not be mailing door prizes.** Remember to visit the Exhibit Hall and thank our exhibitors for being with us as their exhibit fees help keep the registration fee down for our attendees.

Healthy Lifestyle Exhibit

Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS) is hosting a Healthy Lifestyle exhibit during the convention to highlight the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Come by the LGRMS booth in the Exhibit Hall for your free massage and to learn about important health and safety issues.

Door Prizes

Door prizes have been donated through the cooperation of city officials and local businesses. Only registered officials, spouses and children will receive door prize tickets. These tickets will be marked with the time and date of the drawing for which they are to be used. Door prize tickets cannot be purchased. You must be present to win.

Door prize drawings will be held at the Trade Center at the following times and locations:

Saturday, June 26 5:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall
Sunday, June 27 9:30 a.m. Exhibit Hall
Monday, June 28 8:45 a.m. Chatham Ballroom

The correct door prize ticket must be placed in the box at the entrance to the ballroom or the box in the Exhibit Hall. No tickets will be accepted after the drawings have started.

Mayors' Motorcade Silent Auction

In an effort to raise funds for the Mayors' Motorcade, a silent auction will be held from Saturday at 3:00 p.m. to Monday at 12:00 p.m. next to the registration area in the Trade and Convention Center lobby. Take a minute and stop by to place your bid(s) on a number of nice items that will be available.

For those not familiar with the Mayors' Motorcade, it is an annual program now in its 52nd year where cities pull together to collect gifts and raise funds to ensure that the clients at Georgia's mental hospitals are not forgotten at Christmas time.

Dollhouse Raffle to Benefit Mayors' Motorcade

A 20-year old peach color house with brick chimney and foundation, four rooms, heart pine flooring and wall papered can be yours for as little as \$5.00. Sound too good to be true? Not if you're the winner of this beautiful two-story dollhouse built by GMA Executive Director Jim Higdon.

Purchase your raffle ticket at the GMA registration desk in the lobby of the Trade Center.

The drawing for the dollhouse will be on Monday evening during the Taste of Savannah. You do not have to be present to win. Proceeds from ticket sales go to benefit the Mayors' Motorcade.

Shuttle Transportation

The Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau has made special transportation arrangements to accommodate you. Please consult the schedule board at your hotel or pick up a schedule at the registration desk at the Trade and Convention Center.

Parking

The Savannah International Trade and Convention Center has 1500 parking spaces. Parking is free to GMA guests.