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GA TESOL 2010 Annual Conference

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1. **What does the conference cost?**

Full Conference Registration, Members: \$125

Full Conference Registration, Non-members: \$160

- Not sure if you are a current member? – see FAQ #3 below
- The registration fee includes attendance on Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9 as well as lunch on Saturday. The tentative schedule and info on speakers is on our home page.

2. **Can I register for Saturday only?**

For the SETESOL regional conference last year, you may have chosen the “Saturday only” option. This is not an option for state conferences.

3. **Am I a GA TESOL Member? Has my membership expired?**

If you are unsure of your status, go to <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=155582> and follow the instructions there. After joining or renewing, return to Acteva (see FAQ #5 below) to register for the conference as a member.

- If you have trouble on the member page of the website, contact our membership chair Julie Elmore at julie.elmore@barrow.k12.ga.us

4. **Why should I join GA TESOL?**

You can join for 1 year for \$25 and then pay \$125 (rather than \$160) to attend the conference. In other words, you can become a member AND attend the conference for less than just attending.

Other benefits include:

- The opportunity to apply for our growing number of grants and awards
- Access to our member directory
- Newsletters and other communications informing you of GATESOL news, awards, scholarships, local, regional and national conferences and workshops and other events related to our field
- TESOL In Action, the GATESOL journal
- Access to the Georgia TESOL yahoo group

5. **When can I see the program?**

We will have over 80 exciting sessions for you to choose from. Details on presenters and their session descriptions will be provided online once the program is finalized. For now, here is a sampling of the topics that will be covered at GATESOL:

Creative Uses of Technology
Corpus Based Instruction
SIOP: Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol
Project Based & Service Learning
Action Research
Parent Involvement
RTI: Response to Intervention
Successful Push-In Approaches
Meaningful Vocabulary Acquisition and Recall Strategies
Rubrics for the ESL Classroom
Working with Mainstream Teachers
Report on the ESOL State Advisory's Initial Year

6. **I'm ready to register- what do I do?**

Go to <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=203263> and pay there with a credit card.

Members pay \$125 for the full conference; non-members pay \$160. If you want to join or renew in order to take advantage of the discounted member price, then go first to <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=155582> and follow the instructions there. (see also FAQ#4 above)

7. I'm registering multiple people for my school system – what do I do?

Go to <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=203263> and follow the instructions.

Important notes when registering multiple people:

- Be sure to list the full names of all attendees so we can have a record of their payment at the registration desk.
- Membership status will be checked so please pay non-member price unless you are certain that the attendee is a current member in good standing.
- If paying with a PO number, you will need to include it in your registration.

8. How do I book a room at the hotel?

Attendees get the special rate of \$145/night single or double occupancy. The general public rate is currently over \$250/night, so take *advantage of our reduced rate and stay in a luxury hotel*. Go to the Hyatt's passkey site for our group at

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=2550428

9. I'm an exhibitor and I'd like to register – what do I do?

All of your needs as an exhibitor will be handled by our Exhibitor Liaison, Beth Wallace. She can be contacted at Elizabeth.Wallace@gpc.edu. Space is filling up quickly so contact her today!

10. I'd like to advertise in the program book – what do I do?

We anticipate approximately 500 attendees, so advertising in our program book is a great way to reach ESL teachers, coordinators, program directors, and teacher trainers from the entire state of Georgia. *The deadline for ad submissions is September 10, 2010*. Contact the program chair Dana Geller at geller.dana@gmail.com. Ad prices are

- 1/4 page: \$75
- 1/2 page: \$150
- full page: \$300

You should also consider sponsoring a portion of our conference in return for ad space (see FAQ #11 below).

11. I'd like to help GATESOL as a sponsor – what do I do?

There are many ways to sponsor the 2010 GATESOL Conference:

Bronze: \$150 to \$249 – Benefits include:

- Complementary 1/4 page ad in our program book (priced at \$75 for non-sponsors)
- The opportunity to have a direct link from our website (www.gatesol.org) to your company/product, from the time of donation until October 15
- Recognition as a bronze sponsor on our sponsorship page in the program book and at conference events as appropriate & as related to the item(s) and/or event(s) you decide to sponsor

Silver: \$250-\$449 – Benefits include

- Complementary 1/2 page ad in our program book (priced at \$150 for non-sponsors)
- The opportunity to have a few lines of text and a direct link from our website (www.gatesol.org) to your company/product, from the time of donation until October 15
- Recognition as a silver sponsor on our sponsorship page in the program book and at conference events as appropriate & as related to the item(s) and/or event(s) you decide to sponsor

Gold: \$450 & above – Benefits include

- Complementary full page ad in our program book (priced at \$300 for non-sponsors)
- The opportunity to have a paragraph of text and a direct link from our website (www.gatesol.org) to your company/product, from the time of donation until October 15
- Recognition as a gold sponsor on our sponsorship page in the program book and at conference events as appropriate & as related to the item(s) and/or event(s) you decide to sponsor

If interested in sponsorship, contact the conference chair at heatherboldt@yahoo.com or the program chair at geller.dana@gmail.com

12. I'm driving to the conference - where do I park?

\$16 overnight parking for guests (discounted from \$27/night for GATESOL attendees) is available at the Hyatt. There are also many paid parking lots and covered garages in the area. More information on this will be added here shortly.

13. Can I take MARTA to the conference?

The Hyatt Regency Atlanta is connected to Peachtree Center Train Station via Peachtree Center Mall. Take M.A.R.T.A. to the Peachtree Center Station and exit Northeast towards Peachtree Center Mall.