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## MEETING DATES

The districts of NCPSMA meet twice yearly.

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January, July

### District 2

January, July

Pres. Ronald Moore  
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### District 3

February, August

Pres. Greg Woodard  
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### District 4

February, October

Pres. Donna Fields  
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### District 5

March, September

Pres. Justin Dyson  
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### District 6

April, October

Pres. Chris Adkins  
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### District 7

May, November

Pres. Jeff Adams  
Phone: 336.551.1109

### District 8

March, November

V. Pres. Jason Kelly  
Phone: 828.456.2402

### Meeting Dates & Locations

Should be sent to The Maintenance Beacon two months in advance for publication.

### Deadlines

Publication deadline for articles and advertisements is first day of the month prior to month of publication.

## 15th Annual NCPSMA Western Convention

The North Carolina Public School Maintenance Association's (NCPSMA) 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Convention was held May 23-25, 2023, at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina. This year we were blessed with beautiful sunshiny days for the entire conference. The theme for this year's conference was "Working Together Makes Us Stronger." We were astounded by the fantastic turnout of attendees and vendors alike as this was the most attended conference to date, with 290 individuals



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## NCPSMA Welcomes New Advertiser



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## Meetings and Events

### DISTRICT THREE MEETING

**August 3, 2023 at 4:00 pm**

Facility Services Building, 601-A West Market St., Smithfield, NC  
For more info please contact D3 Secretary/Treasurer Sue Farmer at 252.399.7823 or sue.farmer@wilsonschoools.net

### 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NCPSMA EASTERN CONVENTION/WORKSHOP

**September 26-29, 2023** DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach

For more info please contact Krisite Payne at 828.565.0115 or office@ncpsma.org

### JAY PALMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

**September 27, 2023 at 1 pm**

Brandywine Bay Golf Club, 177 Brandywine Blvd., Morehead City, NC  
For more info please contact Tournament Director James Palmer III at 336.746.5000 or 336.239.1315 mobile

### DISTRICT SEVEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

**October 13, 2023 • Lunch at 12 pm • Tee Off 1 pm**

Brushy Mtn Golf Course - 300 Golf Course Ln, Taylorsville, NC  
For more info please contact Robert Hoyle or Kristie Gilbert with Catawba County Schools at 828.464.3562

### DISTRICT THREE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**October 27, 2023 • Lunch at 12 pm • Shotgun start at 1 pm**

Wedgewood Golf Course, 3201 Old Stantonsburg Rd., Wilson, NC  
For more info contact Sue Farmer at 252.399.7823 or sue.farmer@wilsonschoools.net

### DISTRICT EIGHT FALL MEETING

**November 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm**

Nesbitt Discovery Academy, 175 Bingham Rd. Unit 10, Asheville, NC  
For more info please contact Krisite Payne at 828.565.0115 or office@ncpsma.org

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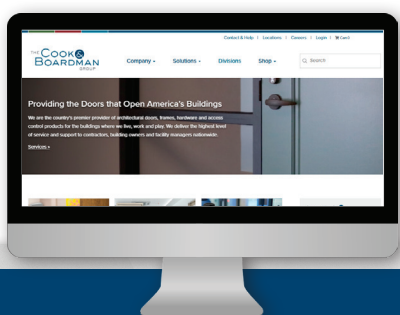
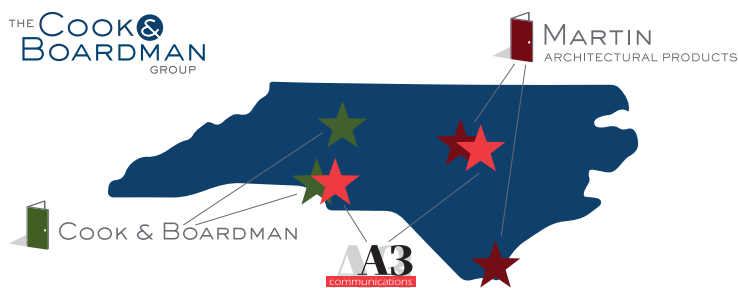
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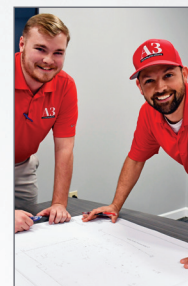
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# Watauga County Schools Hosts District Seven Meeting

The North Carolina Public School Maintenance Association – District Seven met at Watauga High School on May 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Eric Bolick, NCPSMA District 7 Vice President and Director of Facilities for Watauga County Schools, welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. David Martin, NCPSMA State President and Director of Maintenance for Mooresville Graded School District, gave the invocation. The Watauga County School Nutrition Department served a delicious meal of salad, teriyaki chicken, seasoned green beans, vegetable medley, red skin mashed potatoes, and a roll followed by your choice of hot fudge cake or strawberry shortcake. Monica Bolick and the WCS Nutrition Staff did an amazing job catering and decorating for this event.

Following the meal, Mr. Bolick introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Watauga High School Principal, Dr. Chris Blanton. Dr. Blanton praised the maintenance department speaking to the fact they only have fourteen employees in the department, yet they manage to excellently maintain nine schools - which covers over 845,000 square feet of building space, as well as 225 acres which require additional maintenance. He then addressed that most people do not realize the long hours and dedication from maintenance employees, often working when all other school staff are off due to school being closed, including during holidays; they do so to ensure problems or issues are corrected and so that schools can operate on normal schedules. Dr. Blanton recalled one time when the maintenance staff had to come to work in the kitchen on Christmas Day. The maintenance staff didn't complain about the fact it was Christmas day, they just come in and got the job done.

District President Jeff Adams called the meeting to order. Robert Hoyle, District 7 Secretary/Treasurer, had a previous engagement and was unable to attend; luckily Kristie Gilbert and Kyle Lane were happy to step in to help. They called the roll and asked if there were any questions about the previous meeting minutes and financial reports which had been provided for attendees. NCPSMA Executive Director Kristie Payne explained the financial report and answered questions. The reports were approved as read.

Vice President Bolick recognized special guests in attendance including Veterans, Retired Members, Directors, Supervisors, and Superintendents. He then turned the meeting over to Wilkes County Schools Maintenance Director Bergie Speaks to recognize the NCPSMA State Officers. Mr. Speaks thanked everyone for coming and taking the time to attend the District 7 meeting and then he recognized all grandfathers in attendance speaking to the importance of their roles. Mr. Speaks took a moment to remind everyone it is not too late to register for the Western Convention being held at Ridgecrest Conference Center next week. He then recognized NCPSMA State Officers in attendance.

State President David Martin commended the WCS Nutrition Department for the delicious meal; he also thanked Eric Bolick for so graciously hosting, as well as all those who organized and helped in hosting the meeting. President Martin thanked everyone for supporting him this year as State President expressing what a pleasure it has been to work with all the other state officers. He then turned his attention back to Bergie's comments recognizing all grandfathers in attendance sharing great news of his own – he has a brand-new granddaughter! Martin expressed how he realizes now why all the other grandparents can't stop talking about their grandchild stating, "You love your children, but when a grandchild enters your life, it is entirely new love that is so deep you can't explain."

State Liaison Officer Chris Campbell told everyone how much he has enjoyed being a state officer and working with the other state officers this past year. He then gave details for the the District 7 Golf Tournament which is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2023, at Brushy Mountain Golf Course in Taylorsville. Registration/Check-In and lunch at 12:00 pm, with the tournament starting at 1:00 p.m.

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50/50 Winner Camryn Norris



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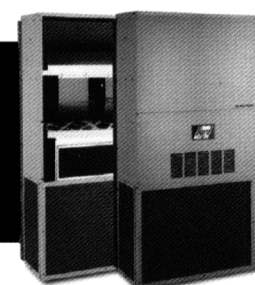
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# Press Release

Monday, June 19, 2023

Education leaders in over 30 school districts are speaking out to oppose the extreme North Carolina General Assembly legislation that would decimate public schools and calling on legislators to invest in public education.

“Republican legislators want to take taxpayer dollars away from public schools and give it to millionaires to send their kids to private school,” said Governor Roy Cooper. “Education and business leaders from rural and urban areas are continuing to urge legislators to make real investments in public education.”

A growing number of school boards, from both rural and urban counties, have recently passed resolutions including

- Asheville City Schools
- Cabarrus County Schools
- Cumberland County Schools
- Guilford County Schools
- Scotland County Schools
- Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools

Several additional school boards, including Durham Public Schools, are considering similar resolutions.

In addition, more education and business leaders are joining local school boards in speaking out against the bills to expand the private school voucher program that would cause public schools to lose millions of dollars.

Last week, the State Board of Education Chairman sent a letter to legislators outlining the board’s concerns with the proposed expansion of private school vouchers and the bills being considered by the General Assembly that would erode the State Board’s constitutional authority to oversee the state’s public education system. The Guilford County Commissioners passed a resolution on the need to invest in public education. Mike Hawkins, a former Transylvania County Commissioner and business owner, published an op-ed focused on the negative impact the proposed expansion of private school vouchers would have on local public school funding in Transylvania County.

The above school boards and education leaders join the growing group of education leaders from across the state who are calling on the General Assembly to prioritize public education in the state budget. Ten school boards have already passed resolutions calling on the NC General Assembly to invest in public education, including:

- Buncombe County Schools
- Burke County Schools
- Camden County Schools
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Chatham County Schools
- Gates County Schools
- Madison County Schools
- Mooresville Graded School District
- Stanly County Schools
- Washington County Schools

In addition, nineteen superintendents in the northeast region sent a letter to legislators expressing their concerns with the proposed voucher expansion and highlighting the harm the expansion would have on the school districts in their region. The nineteen superintendents oversee:

- Gates County Schools
- Perquimans County Schools
- Bertie County Schools
- Beaufort County Schools
- Camden County Schools
- Currituck County Schools
- Dare County Schools
- Edenton-Chowan Schools
- Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Schools
- Halifax County Schools
- Hertford County Schools
- Hyde County Schools
- Martin County Schools
- Northampton County Schools
- Pitt County Schools
- Roanoke Rapids Graded School District
- Tyrrell County Schools
- Washington County Schools
- Weldon City Schools




## July 4th is Free Fishing Day




... and a perfect day to take the whole family fishing! A fishing license will not be required for anyone fishing on July 4, 12 a.m.-11:59 p.m., regardless of age. This applies to both residents and visitors. Anglers must follow North Carolina fishing regulations, including length and daily possession limits and bait and tackle restrictions. Need equipment? Check out the Tackle Loaner Program.


North Carolina’s annual free fishing day was authorized by the NC General Assembly in 1994 and sponsored by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. It always falls on July Fourth holiday. It was created to promote the sport of fishing and is a great opportunity for families to try a new outdoor activity.




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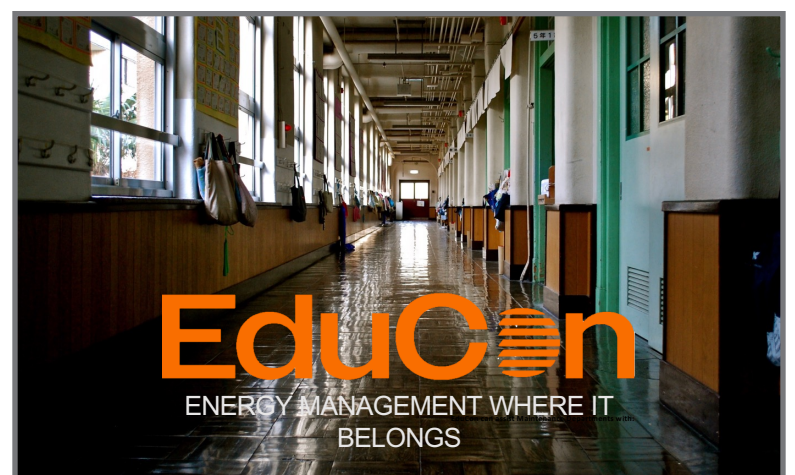


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# 15th Annual NCPSMA Western Convention

inattendance (not including guests and/or presenters).

## Local Education Agencies (LEAs) Attendee

There were 147 attendees represented by 29 different LEAs, included the following:

Alexander County Schools	Asheville City Schools	Buncombe County Schools
Caldwell County Schools	Catawba County Schools	Clinton City Schools
Davie County Schools	Duplin County Schools	Gaston County Schools
Guilford County Schools	Harnett County Schools	Haywood County Schools
Hickory City Schools	Hoke County Schools	Hyde County Schools
Lenoir County Schools	Moore County Schools	Mooresville Graded School District
Public Schools of Robeson County	Sampson County Schools	Surry County Schools
Swain County Schools	Transylvania County Schools	Watauga County Schools
Weldon City Schools	Wilkes County Schools	Wilson County Schools
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County	Yadkin County Schools	

## Exhibitors

This year there were 143 exhibitors registered, occupying a total of 71 display spaces; this was an increase of 24 exhibitors from the previous 47 display spaces in 2022. Exhibitors demonstrated new products, educated members on services offered, and shared a wealth of knowledge which attendees could take back to share with their LEAs. Exhibitors included are as follows:

Aerie Engineering/AerieHub	Airnetik	All South Flooring Allegion
American Coatings & Insulation	ASSA ABLOY	BELFOR Property Restoration
BIRS, Inc.	Bliss Products & Services, Inc.	Builders Services Inc. of NC
Carrier	Champion Supply	Cook and Boardman Group, LLC
Davidson Sash & Door, Inc.	DH Bruch Marketing, Inc.	dormakaba, USA
Duke Energy	Duro-Last	EduCon, Inc.
Essential Industries,	FMX	GeoSurfaces
GOJO / Purell	Great Southern Recreation	Haywood Builders Supply Co., Inc.
Heat Transfer Sales	Hoffman Mechanical Solutions	Honeywell
IDN-Armstrong's, Inc.	Interstate Solutions	JMP Equipment Company
John Q. Bullard Associates	Lewis Boiler Service & Supply	Loman Garrett
Luxout Products, Inc.	Malish Corporation	Mannington
Med-Express, Inc.	Mitsubishi Electric Trane HVAC	Mobile Modular
Musco Lighting	NetZero USANext Level Recreation	OperationsHERO
Performance Services	Pinnacle Dryer Corporation	Playground Guardian
Precision Safe Sidewalks	Premier Drapery Cleaning	Pyle Solutions, LLC
RepSouth, Inc.	Saffelle, Inc.	Sasser Restoration
SealMaster	Seating Safety Solutions, Inc.	SESCO Lighting, Inc.
Seven Oaks Doors & Hardware	Seven Oaks Supply Company	Sykes Industrial Supply
Terracon Consultants	TMS South, Inc.	Trane
TRI Solutions, Inc.	Triad Cleaning Crew, LLC	Utility Management Services
Veritiv	Voss Lighting	Watson Electrical
Wesco Distribution	Wolf Trail Engineering	

## Tuesday, May 23, 2023

The first day started with Early Registration in the afternoon as some overnight attendees began to arrive.

## Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Our first full day started with an early morning Registration for attendees checking in before heading to class with a Coffee Break and Refreshments sponsored by **NCPSMA District Three**.

## Morning Classes

The morning classes consisted of the following:

- "Electrical Updates Using the 2020 Code – Session 1: NEC 210.8 GFI protection for other than dwelling units", presented by Josh West, **Cabarrus County Building Inspector**.
- "NC Locksmith License Renewal – Session 1: What Needs to be Addressed Before Considering Access Control", presented by Phillip Floyd, Co-Owner/Vice President and Director of Sales with **Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware**
- "STIHL Small Engine Repair", presented by Will Parker, Technical Sales Specialist with **Mid-Atlantic STIHL**.
- "Ornamental and Turf Pest Control – Session 1", presented by Steve D. Pettis, Commercial and Consumer Horticulture Agent with **NC State Cooperative Extension**.
- "Hydronic Systems Maintenance", presented by Jeff Miller, After-Sales Support Manager with **JMP Equipment Company**.

## Opening Session and Vendor Introductions

Open Session began at 10:00 am with NCPSMA State President David Martin welcoming everyone to this year's event. President Martin recognized and thanked all those present for their support and willingness to attend the convention. The \$50 pre-registration drawing was won by **Gary Burdiss** of **Wilkes County Schools**. Vendors were given an opportunity to introduce themselves to attendees and invited participants to visit them at their display spaces following the opening session.

## Visitation with Exhibitors

Visitation with the Exhibitors immediately followed the Opening Session. We would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to all our exhibitors for their continued support, friendship, advice, donations and so much

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*President David Martin and Pre Registration Winner Gary Burdiss*



*President David Martin*



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# 15th Annual NCPSMA Western Convention

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more! When obtaining bids and making purchase for your school system, please keep in mind all our vendors who support our association throughout the year at our conventions and meetings. Remember the companies who presented the workshops, those who were exhibitors, and those who sponsored events. We greatly appreciate the continued support of ALL our amazing vendors for they help make our association successful.

### Door Prizes

Many exhibitors sponsored door prizes. The following is a list of door prize winners (based on those reported to the Registration Desk):

- Jason Huffman, Wilkes County Schools, won a \$50 Gift Card from **Essential Industries**
- Amanda Maude, Buncombe County Schools, won at \$50 Gift Card from **Essential Industries**
- Jason Merrill, Transylvania County Schools, won Wireless Headphones from **Wesco**
- Gary Locklear, Hoke County Schools, won a water bottle from **Triad Floor Restoration**
- Clark Wyatt, Buncombe County Schools, won a water bottle from **Triad Floor Restoration**
- Rick Blevins, Wilkes County Schools, won a water bottle from **Triad Floor Restoration**
- Ronald Moore, Duplin County Schools, won a water bottle from **Triad Floor Restoration**
- Travis Murphy, Duplin County Schools, won a water bottle from **Triad Floor Restoration**
- Jason Merrill, Transylvania County Schools, won a water bottle from **Triad Floor Restoration**
- Donnie Tart, Harnett County Schools, won a Tractor Supply Gift Card from **Trane Carolinas**
- Richard Shephard, Wilkes County Schools, won a Tractor Supply Gift Card from **Trane Carolinas**
- Tony Cox, Hickory Public Schools, won a Cooler from **Trane Carolinas**
- Joseph Melvin, Duplin County Schools, won a Rechargeable Headlamp from **Terracon Consultants**
- Rick Blevins, Wilkes County Schools, won a Rechargeable Headlamp from **Terracon Consultants**
- Eric DeVern, Buncombe County Schools, won a Backpack and Hat from **Sykes Industrial Supply**
- Emory Moore, Clinton City Schools, won a Yeti Cooler from **SESCO Lighting**
- Steve Soots, Caldwell County Schools, won a \$20 Gift Card from **Seating Safety Solutions**
- Clark Wyatt, Caldwell County Schools, won a \$20 Gift Card from **Seating Safety Solutions**
- Bergie Speaks, Wilkes County Schools, won a \$20 Gift Card from **Seating Safety Solutions**
- David Martin, Mooresville Graded School District, won a \$20 Gift Card from **Seating Safety Solutions**
- Mark Wheeler, Caldwell County Schools, won a \$25 Walmart Gift Card from **Saffelle, Inc.**
- Chip Elliott, Buncombe County Schools, won a \$25 Walmart Gift Card from **Saffelle, Inc.**
- Greg Woodard, Wilson County Schools, won a \$25 Walmart Gift Card from **Saffelle, Inc.**
- Jason Norris, Watauga County Schools, won a \$25 Walmart Gift Card from **Saffelle, Inc.**
- Eric DeVern, Buncombe County Schools, won a Milwaukee Combo Drill Set from **Heat Transfer Sales**
- Mandy Freel, Buncombe County Schools, won a \$50 Home Depot Gift Card from **EduCon**
- Ron Griffin, Buncombe County Schools, won a \$50 Home Depot Gift Card from **EduCon**
- Aaron Williams, Buncombe County Schools, won a Portable Weber Grill complete with Accessories from **dormakaba**

## Press Release

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Dr. Kim Morrison, Superintendent of Mt. Airy City Schools, published an op-ed highlighting the great things public schools in Mt. Airy and across the state provide to students and their communities. She also pointed out the danger that the proposed expansion of private school vouchers poses to public schools in her community.

The North Carolina Caucus of Black School Board Members passed a resolution urging community members to contact legislators and ask them to oppose Senate Bill 406 and House Bill 823.

The Republicans' extreme proposals would dismantle public education by causing public schools to lose hundreds of millions of dollars through the expansion of private school vouchers, exacerbating the state's teacher shortage and providing no substantive funding for early childhood education and child care.

Expanding voucher eligibility to any K-12 student will force public schools, especially those in rural and poorer counties, to make steep cuts, leaving schools without the resources to hire enough teachers and support students.

In FY 2026-27 alone, public schools across the state would be projected to see a decline in state funding of more than \$203 million. That number is expected to increase as the proposed voucher expansion ramps up in later years. The proposed expansion would impact counties across the state differently. In FY 2026-27, 31 counties would see a 3% or greater decline in total state funding with an average of \$2.9 million loss in state funding.

Governor Cooper has traveled across the state to visit public schools and highlight the series of sweeping legislation pushed by Republican legislators that would choke the life out of public education. The Governor has visited schools in New Hanover, Greene, Buncombe, Wake, Mecklenburg and Alamance Counties.

In a special address, he called on North Carolinians to visit [governor.nc.gov](http://governor.nc.gov) to learn more and contact their legislators to ask them to protect public schools.

Save the Date

NCPSMA invites you to participate in the  
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# Watauga County Schools Hosts District Seven Meeting

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President Adams stated that District 7 has had a very good financial year due in large part to the support of vendors and other sponsors, as well as their membership. The scholarship golf tournament that took place in October (2022) was very successful, bringing in net proceeds greater than \$5,000.00. As a result, this year they are able to fund each scholarship recipient for 2023-2024 academic year at \$750.00. The recipients of the 2023-2024 are as follows:

- Nathan Eli Austin, son of Nathan and Rebecca Austin, will be attending Lees-McCrae College and studying business.
- Armissa Bowles, daughter of Raymond and Angela Bowles, will be attending Appalachian State and studying mathematics and secondary education.
- Chris Campbell, Maintenance Director for Alexander County Schools, and married to Carolyn Campbell, will be attending UNC Pembroke, working towards a master's degree in public administration.
- Camryn Norris, daughter of Jason and Dorian Norris, will be attending Caldwell Community College and studying to be a Speech and Language Pathology Assistant.
- Henry Porter, son of Jody Porter and Maria Hoyt, will be attending Carolina University and studying education.
- Charity Speaks, daughter of Bergie and Sharon Speaks, will be attending UNC Greensboro and studying nursing.
- Regan Tulloch, daughter of David and Dianna Tulloch, will be attending Appalachian State and studying Family and Consumer Science Education.

Congratulations to all of these students and good luck to them in their upcoming academic year.

Mr. Adams adjourned the business portion of the meeting.

Mr. Bolick thanked the vendors for their continued support and let each vendor in attendance introduce themselves, after which the vendors in turn helped Mr. Bolick and Mr. Adams with the door prize drawings. There was an abundance of door prizes as everyone received at least one door prize, with some lucky members receiving two prizes. Raffle prizes were also awarded for the evening including a \$250 Lowe's gift card, fishing pole, toolbox, and a flowerpot with \$100 worth of raffle tickets inside as its flowers.

A big thank you to all our vendors for their generous support!

Kristie Payne



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Door Prizes



Jeff Adams and Bergie Speaks accepting for Scholarship Winner Charity Speaks



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Raffle Winners



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# Fireworks Injuries & Deaths

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### Fireworks Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- ★ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips: [cpsc.gov/fireworks](https://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

### How & When Injuries Occurred

2021 Injuries by Firework Type

1500

Firecrackers

1100

Sparklers

74%

of injuries occurred in the weeks before & after the July 4th holiday

### Spike in Fireworks Injuries over the Last 15 Years

25%

Increase in fireworks injuries between 2008 & 2021

Deaths

from Fireworks

2018	6
2019	20
2020 (During pandemic lockdown)	26
2021	9

### Most Injured Body Parts

32%

of the injuries were burns

14%	EYES
21%	HEAD, FACE, & EARS
31%	HANDS & FINGERS
34%	OTHER (Legs, Trunk, Arms)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2021 Fireworks Annual Report

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- Chip Irby, Gaston County Schools, won a Weber Grill with a Smores Kit and some ASSA ABLOY Swag from **ASSA ABLOY**
- Chad Allen, Buncombe County Schools won a Ryobi Lithium Fan from **Aerie Engineering / AerieHub**



## Traditional Southern Buffet Luncheon

A delicious traditional southern buffet luncheon of pulled pork sliders, buttermilk fried chicken, three-cheese mac-n-cheese, green beans, fried okra, southern slaw, southern-style biscuits, and fruit cobbler was provided. The luncheon was sponsored by **Cook and Boardman Group, LLC, Performance Service and Wolf Trail Engineering.**



## Afternoon Classes

Following the Luncheon, classes resumed at 2:30 pm and consisted of the following:

- “Electrical Updates Using the 2020 Code – Session 2 NEC 110.14, 22 and 31.16 temperature limitations, identification of disconnecting means and wiring methods”, presented by Josh West, **Cabarrus County Building Inspector.**
- “NC Locksmith License Renewal – Session 2 - Interior Doors and Hardware Applications”, presented by Phillip Floyd, Co-Owner/Vice President and Director of Sales with **Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware**
- “Playground Safety”, presented by Jamie Perritt, Jr., **Next Level Recreation of the Carolinas.**
- “Ornamental and Turf Pest Control – Session 2”, presented by Steve D. Pettis, Commercial and Consumer Horticulture Agent, **NC State Cooperative Extension.**
- “Cost Management Strategies for Irrigation Systems”, presented by Andrew LaRowe, **EduCon,** and Michael Spillman, **Davie County Schools.**



## Cornhole Tournament

The Annual Cornhole Tournament was held at the conclusion of the afternoon classes. This year's tournament was sponsored by **American Coatings and Insulation Systems, Inc., Cook & Boardman Group, LLC, FMX, Heat Transfer Sales, OperationsHERO, SealMaster, Wesco and Wolf Trail Engineering.** There were 24 talented and rather competitive participants with the tournament lasting over 4 hours. The afternoon was filled with friendly ribbing, laughter and great fun. The winners were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jeremy Whitaker (Davie County Schools) and Michael Spillman (Davie County Schools) awarded \$100 each.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Darin Porter (FMX) and David Martin (Mooresville Graded School District) awarded \$75 each.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Buddy Hall (Wolf Trail Engineering) and



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Pat Buchanan (OperationsHERO) awarded \$50 each.

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

Thursday morning started with a Coffee Session sponsored in part by **NCPSSMA District Three** with classes beginning at 8:00 am.

### Morning Classes

The morning classes consisted of the following:

- “Electrical Updates Using the 2020 Code – Session 3: NEC 225.30B Common Supply Equipment in Outdoor Branch Circuits and Feeders”, presented by Josh West, **Cabarrus County Building Inspector**.
- “NC Locksmith License Renewal – Session 3”- How to Set Up a Key System”, presented by Tammy Griffin, End User Specialist, and Scott Shipton, End User Specialist, with **ASSA ABLOY**.
- “Plumbing Fundamentals”, presented by Tom Holt and Donnie Johnson with **Total Maintenance Solutions**.
- “Pesticide Structural – Session 1” presented by Josiah Ritchey and Regan Daniels with **NC State University**.
- “Shelter in Place Lockdown Solutions”, presented Barry Phillips, Regional Sales Director with **Wesco**.
- “Care, Maintenance, and Fire Code Compliance for Your Stage Curtains”
- “Spectator Seating: Code Compliance and Preventative Maintenance”

After a short break, morning classes continued as followed:

- “Electrical Updates Using the 2020 Code – Session 4 230.71B two to six service disconnecting means, location, grouping, and barriers”, presented by Josh West, **Cabarrus County Building Inspector**.
- “NC Locksmith License Renewal – Session 4 - Troubleshooting and Maintenance of Doors and Hardware”, presented by Tammy Griffin, End User Specialist, and Scott Shipton, End User Specialist, with **ASSA ABLOY**.
- “Water and Fire Loss Restoration”, presented by Patrick Brown, Business Development and Commercial Project Management with **Belfor Restoration**.
- “Pesticide Structural – Session 2”, presented by Josiah Ritchey and Regan Daniels with **NC State University**.

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# Deadly Mistakes

## Fatal Event on April 14, 2021

By Judyth Forte, State Plan Coordinator

**Fatal Event:** On April 14, 2021, a 50-year-old man died from electrocution when he and two other employees were trying to erect a 33-foot aluminum flagpole in front of an agricultural products and services company when it contacted a power line approximately 26 feet above the ground.

**Investigative Findings:** The company owned four parcels of land covering nearly five acres. The main parcel of land held the business office and main warehouse and was at the front of the acreage on a main road. The front of the office led out to a grassy area where the company sign and truck scale were located. Company management decided that they would like to erect a flagpole in front of the building and ordered and received a 33-foot aluminum flagpole, which was being stored in the warehouse. On the day of the accident, they requested three employees bring the flagpole, post hole diggers and concrete mix to the area in front of the office and erect the flagpole.

Four management and office staff determined where the flagpole should be located and stood outside and watched the process. One employee dug a hole with a post digger and then helped the other two laborers lift the pole into the hole. The employee at the front was crouching and trying to guide the bottom of the pole into the hole while the other two employees were lifting the pole on their shoulders and pushing it up with their hands. When the flagpole reached approximately a 62-degree angle, it contacted the 26-foot, 3-inch-high power line. A circuit was completed allowing 13.2 kilovolts (kV) of electricity to flow from the power line through all three men, phase to ground. It flowed through their hands and bodies and exited through their feet. All three men fell to the ground and were knocked unconscious. Two of the employees recovered with burns to their bodies and one died due to electrocution.

A person passing the business in their truck, at the time of the incident, said he stopped because he observed three people trying to put up a flagpole and then saw them fall to the ground and heard a scream. He stopped his truck near the road and got out but was scared to touch anyone because he saw smoke coming from the hole where the flagpole was and heard sizzling in the power line.

**Discussion:** When the management staff, who were observing the work being done, were asked how this happened, the comment was made that “no one looked up, we were just focusing on what was going on, on the ground.”

This incident illustrates the importance of conducting a hazard assessment of the work area before employees start a work assignment, especially a non-typical one, as well as having a proficient safety program in place. If an assessment of the project scope and work environment had been conducted, the presence and proximity of the power line could easily have been discovered. Further investigation into applicable regulations could have identified steps to prevent an accident, such as maintaining a distance of at least 10 feet from a power line with voltages up to 50kV, or de-energizing or insulating the line.

Sources of electrical energy are so commonplace in everyday life that they may be overlooked, leaving employees vulnerable to dangers they do not recognize. A 2015 paper from the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers found that only about one-third of the workers who were fatally electrocuted by overhead power lines over a 12-year period were actually working on the construction or maintenance of those lines—while more than two-thirds made incidental contact with the high-voltage lines while doing other work. Most electrocutions involving overhead power lines are caused by a failure to maintain a safe working distance, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

**Recommendations:** Power line-related injuries and deaths are entirely preventable. Working with or near power lines can expose workers to electrical hazards, but these dangers can be avoided through safe work practices.

- Conduct a hazard assessment before starting any kind of work to identify potential dangers. For someone installing a flagpole, choosing the right place to put it is the first step

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- “Kitchen Equipment”, presented by Darrin Bisson, Regional Operations Manager with **Hobart Service**.
- “Pump Maintenance”, presented by Jeff Miller, After-Sales Support Manager with **JMP Equipment Company**.



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### Classic Picnic Buffet Luncheon

After classes finished at noon, attendees enjoyed a classic picnic buffet luncheon with a menu of grilled burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, macaroni salad, baked beans, southern slaw, and assorted cookies and brownies for dessert. The luncheon was sponsored in part by **Cook and Boardman Group, LLC, Performance Service, and Wolf Trail Engineering**.

### Closing Session


Closing session got underway immediately following lunch. State Vice President Mark Letchworth thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone safe travels home. State Vice President Letchworth and State Liaison Officer Chris Campbell presided over the raffle prize and 50/50 drawing. The raffle brought in \$580.00. Following is a list of prizes with their sponsors and winners:

- 50/50 Drawing (\$146) - Kent Barker, Wilkes County Schools
- \$100 Walmart Gift Card - Trevis Sawyers, Surry County Schools, donated by **Saffelle, Inc.**
- \$10 McDonald's Gift Card - Jason Huffman, Wilkes County Schools, donated by **NCPSMA**.
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At the conclusion of the door prize drawings our wonderful week came to an end. So, until next spring when the mountains start calling you to come back to Black Mountain for our Western Conference, be safe and enjoy life to the fullest.

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- to avoiding hazards. Select a location that is well away from overhead power lines, at least a distance of the pole height plus 10 feet. This helps prevent inadvertent contact with electrical lines when raising or lowering the pole for initial installation or servicing.
- Electricity can flash over a gap, so any equipment or person must maintain a safe distance from the power line. For voltages under 50 kV, the minimum distance is normally 10 feet. If you are raising equipment, remember to look above the ground for dangers up to and even above the maximum height the equipment will go. If safe distances cannot be maintained at all times, ask the power company to de-energize and ground power lines or provide protective coverings to prevent accidental contact.
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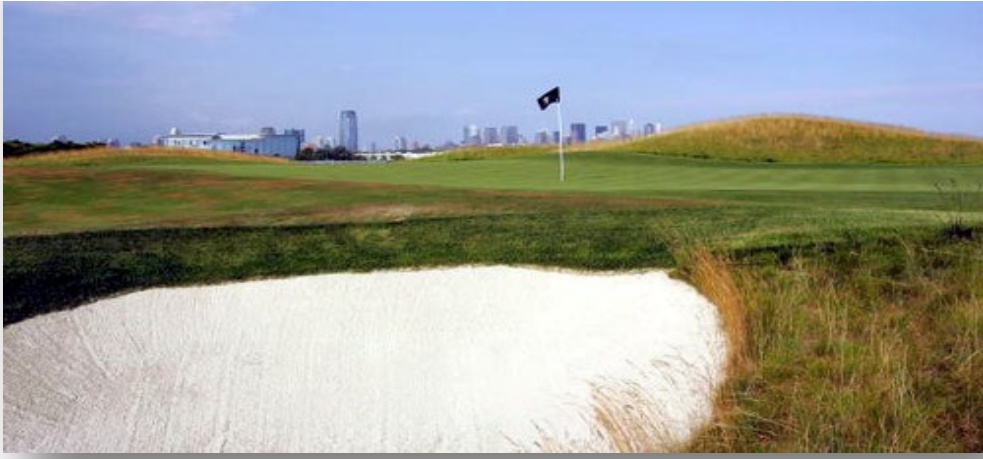
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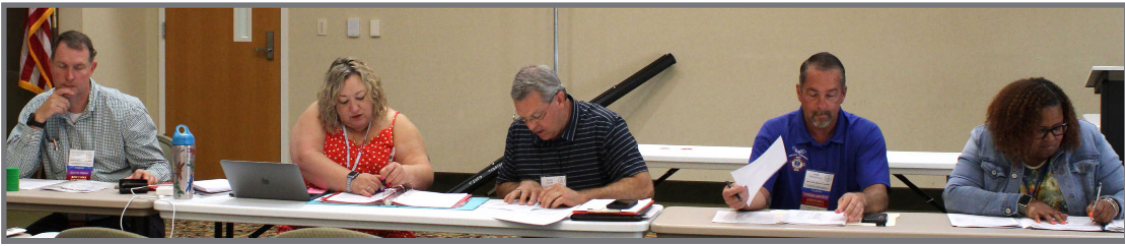
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BURNERS & ACCESSORIES	PIPE FITTINGS

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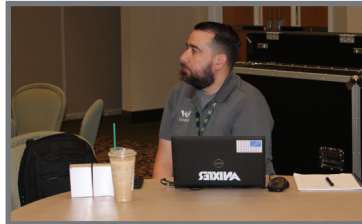
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*Cesar Montavio - Wesco*



*Jason Kelly*



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*Jim Hall*



*John West - Cabarrus County Building Inspector*



*Michael Spillman*



*Tom Holt - Total Maintenance Solutions*



*Hobart Service*



*Josiah Ritchey & Regan Daniels - NC State University*



*Patrick Brown - Belfor Restoration*



*Will Parker - Mid Atlantic Stihl*



*Phillip Floyd - Seven Oaks Doors & Hardware*



*Scott Shipton - ASSA ABLOY*



*State Secretary Jodene Abney*



*Steve McKee - Premier Drapery Cleaning*



*Steve Pettis - NC State Cooperative Extension*



*Tony Cox & Carl Jobe*



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*Jeremy Whitaker*

*Trish Brown & Michael Spillman*



*Brandon McGaha*

*Carson Campbell*

*Trish Brown & Kristie Payne*

*Kristie Payne*

*Late night Shenanigans with Buddy Hall, Chris Campbell & David Martin*



*Cornhole Tournament 1st Place Winners L-R  
Jeremy Whitaker, Chris Campbell, & Michael Spillman*



*Marcus Edwards & Bergie Speaks*



*Buddy & Carson*



*Darin & Michael*



*Cornhole Tournament 2nd Place Winners L-R  
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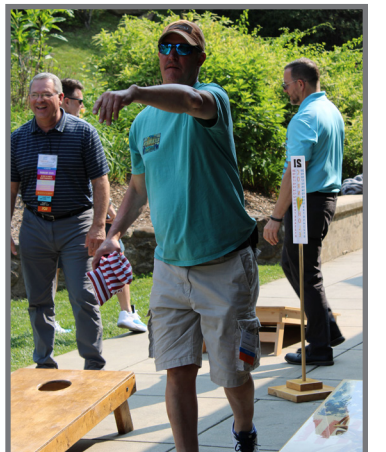
*Cornhole Tournament  
3rd Place Winners L-R  
Buddy Hall,  
Chris Campbell  
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*Jeremy & David*



*Chris*



*Kent Barker*



*Rick Benton*



*Scott Carpenter*



*Gergie Speaks*



*L-R Ronald Moore, Kristie Payne & Emory Moore*



*Rick Benton & Gary Burdiss*

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Pat Buchanan & Jeff Sigmon



Darin Porter & Amanda Freel



Brantley & Carl Jobe



L-R Gary Burdiss, Kent Barker & Richard Shephard



Raffle and 50-50



Mark & McDonalds Gift Card Winner Jason Huffman



Mark & Frattelis Gift Card Winner Jeff Adams



VP Mark Letchworth & 50-50 Winner Kent Barker



Mark & Solo Stove Winner Gary Burdiss



Mark & Pit Boss Smoker Winner Bergie Speaks



Mark & Walmart Gift Card Winner



Mark & Handmade Jewelry Winner Kristie Payne



# 51st Annual NCPSMA Eastern Convention

Multiple Registration Form for Regular or Retired Regular Members

September 26-29, 2023 | Double Tree by Hilton | Atlantic Beach, North Carolina

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NAME					
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Conference Fees: Please circle/check all fees and items that apply and fill in blanks where appropriate.

ALL MEAL ITEMS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

NAME	PRE-REGISTRATION Before 9/5/23	REGISTRATION After 9/5/23	MEMBERSHIP	WEDNESDAY (9/27/23) BOXED LUNCH	THURSDAY (9/28/23) BOXED LUNCH	BANQUET TICKET	TOTAL
	\$75	\$85	\$20	\$17 ___ Roast Beef ___ Ham & Swiss ___ Chicken Salad ___ Caprese Wrap	\$17 ___ Roast Beef ___ Ham & Swiss ___ Chicken Salad ___ Caprese Wrap	\$10	
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### Payment Information

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## NCPSMA DISTRICT 7 GOLF TOURNAMENT

## SAVE THE DATE

### OCTOBER 13, 2023

Lunch at 12:00 pm - Golf at 1:00 pm

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### Brushy Mountain Golf Course

300 Golf Course Lane  
Taylorsville, NC

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For more information contact  
Robert Hoyle or Kristie Gilbert with  
Catawba County Schools at (828) 464-3562

# Of the Year Awards

## NCPSMA "Of the Year" Award Nominations

We need your help to honor some of the outstanding individuals in our profession. Is there someone in your District who goes above and beyond to promote our association and help others?

Here are a few qualities that made good "Of the Year" Award nominees:

- good leader
- set a good example for others
- value other people
- realize other people can help them and allow those people to help
- risk-takers who are willing to try new things
- have great strengths in decision making
- good at overcoming challenges and don't let little things get them down
- have a positive attitude
- flexible and adaptable
- learn from their mistakes

This list could go on and on but there is just one question you need to think about. When you think .... who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of North Carolina Public Schools Maintenance .... Who do you think of? We all know that one person that is so deserving.

So now is the time to nominate that person for the 2023 NCPSMA Maintenance Superintendent of the Year, Maintenance Director of the Year or Maintenance Employee of the Year.

These awards are sponsored annually by Saffelle, Inc. In 1987, Milt Saffelle with Saffelle, Inc. established the Maintenance Director of the Year Award and the Maintenance Employee of the Year Award. In 1996, the Superintendent of the Year Award was added.

### "OF THE YEAR" AWARD GUIDELINES

Should you wish to nominate a candidate, please supply the information outlined below and return to the Milt Saffelle, Chairman of the NCPSMA Awards Committee by **Thursday, August 10, 2023.**

#### Superintendent of the Year Qualifications

- 1) Candidates may be superintendents, associate/assistant superintendents, who have the responsibilities for maintenance. They must be current members of NCPSMA.
- 2) Nominations must be made by an active member of NCPSMA. There should be a letter of nomination signed by the active member. Only one nominee, per category, may be submitted from each LEA. If more than one nominee, per category, from an individual LEA is submitted, same category nominations from said LEA will be **disqualified**. This decision was passed by the NCPSMA Advisory Council, May 2016.
- 3) Nominees must be from the NCPSMA **District** making the nomination.
- 4) The following data must be supplied for each candidate:
  - a) A photograph of the nominee must be included and placed on a separate sheet of paper.
  - b) A biographical sketch, preferably in narrative form and no more than two pages in length, including the nominee's achievements that have contributed to success in NCPSMA and other professional involvement.
  - c) No other information on nominee will be accepted.

#### Maintenance Director of the Year Qualifications

- 1) Maintenance Directors are defined as those who serve as **direct head** of the maintenance department.
- 2) Nominees for Supervisor of the Year awards must be currently employed as a maintenance person in an educational system in the state of North Carolina.
- 3) The nominee must have been an active member of the NCPSMA for the last five (5) **consecutive** years.
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The "Of the Year" Awards Committee is comprised of the NCPSMA One-Year Advisory Council Members and Milt Saffelle, Chairman. The Chairman serves in an ex officio capacity and does not have voting privileges. In case of a tie the current State Vice President will have voting privileges. All nominations must be submitted no later than **Thursday, August 10, 2023** to: Milton Saffelle, Chairman, NCPSMA Awards Committee, PO Box 1499, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
PRE-REGISTRATION Before September 5, 2023	\$75.00	
REGISTRATION After September 5, 2023	\$85.00	
Membership Dues	\$20.00	
Wednesday (9/27/23) Boxed Lunch	\$17.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Ham & Swiss <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Caprese Wrap		
Thursday (9/28/23) Boxed Lunch	\$17.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Ham & Swiss <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Caprese Wrap		
BANQUET TICKET	Quantity _____ x \$10.00	
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# DISTRICT SEVEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament*

*Friday, October 13, 2023*

*Brushy Mountain Golf Course, Taylorsville, NC*

**\*\*Please register by September 23, 2023 if possible**

REGISTRATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (All are welcome) Maintenance personnel and directors, vendors, and the public are invited!

North Carolina Public School Maintenance Association District VII (consisting of 13 northeastern counties) is hosting their 22nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament! We encourage participation from each county to support this excellent educational opportunity for our well-deserving students!

**Tournament Format:**

- Limited to 25 Teams
- Captian's Choice: Four players per team
  - Players may make their own pairings.
- \$60 entry fee per player
  - Covers: green fees, carts, prizes, catered lunch, and two mulligans (one on the front and one on the back).
  - An additional two mulligans can be purchased for \$10.
- Lunch and Registration starts at 12 PM. Tee-off is at 1 PM!

**Prizes & Information:**

- Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place and for closet to the pin and the longest drive.
- Snacks and soft drinks will be available throughout the tournament.

**Hole Sponsorship & Donations:**

- Hole sponsorship cost is \$100
  - Furnishes a sign on your hole with your company name and number if requested
- Tent Sponsorship cost is \$200
- Team Sponsorship cost is \$240
- Vendor donations needed for prizes and are greatly appreciated!

Please contact Robert Hoyle at 828.464.3562 with questions.!

*We look forward to seeing everyone and having a great time of fun, fellowship, and golf!*

*Respectfully yours,*

*Jeff Adams, President, NCPSMA District VII*

# DISTRICT SEVEN GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

VENDOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we would like to help sponsor the District seven golf tournament by:

Hole Sponsorship \$100: \_\_\_\_\_

Tent Sponsorship \$200: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Sponsorship \$240: \_\_\_\_\_

Monetary Donations (Amount): \_\_\_\_\_

Door Prizes: \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle Item: \_\_\_\_\_

All sponsors will be recognized during the tournament and in the Maintenance Beacon by District Seven.

**\*\*Your help, dedications, and support are greatly appreciated!**

**THANK YOU!!!**

Accepted forms of payment are cash or check made payable to NCPSMA. Please mail, fax or email sponsorship form to:

Robert Hoyle  
 PO Box 1010  
 Newton, NC 28658  
 Robert\_hoyle@catawbасhools.net  
 Phone: 828.464.3562 (office)

# DISTRICT SEVEN GOLF TOURNAMENT TEAM SIGN UP FORM

PLAYER ONE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER TWO NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER THREE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER FOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CAPTIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK No. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Requesting pre-registration by September 23, 2023\*\*\***

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# Eastern Convention Tentative Agenda

51st ANNUAL NCPSMA EASTERN CONVENTION/WORKSHOP

DoubleTree by Hilton / Atlantic Beach, NC

September 26-29, 2023

Tentative Agenda

**TO OBTAIN CREDIT FOR CREDIT HOUR CLASSES YOU MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES**

**\*\* REMINDER\*\* CLASSES ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE - NOT JUST INDIVIDUALS NEEDING THEIR CEU'S**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

<b>2:00-7:00</b> Foyer	<b>Early Registration</b>
<b>3:30-5:30</b> Pamlico	<b>2024 Western Convention Planning Meeting (Planning Committee Members)</b>
<b>5:30-6:00</b> Prime	<b>Planning Committee and Advisory Council Members Dinner</b>
<b>6:00-7:30</b> Pamlico	<b>Advisory Council Meeting</b>

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

<b>6:00-5:00</b> Foyer	<b>Registration</b>
<b>6:30-9:00</b> Foyer	<b>Coffee Break and Biscuits</b>
<b>7:00-9:00</b> Pamlico/ Hatteras	<b>Electrical (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Josh West, Cabarrus County Building Inspector</i>
Cape Fear/ Cape Lookout	<b>Locksmith License Renewal (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Tammy Griffin and Scott Shipton, End User Specialist, ASSA ABLOY</i>
Onslow	<b>Dual Water (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Randall Jarrell, Wastewater Biologist/ Consultant/Contract Operator, Wastewater Management, LLC, Instructor for the NC DENR Operator's Certification Commissions</i>
Bogue Sound	<b>Ornamental &amp; Turf Pest Control (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Tom Glasgow, County Extension Director/ Horticulture Agent, NC State University / NC Cooperative Extension - Craven County Center</i>
Atlantic	<b>OSHA and OSHA Record Keeping</b> <i>Presented by Randy Cranfill, Surry Insurance</i>
<b>9:00-10:00</b> Atlantic	<b>Opening Session and Business Session</b>
<b>10:00-12:00</b> Pamlico/ Hatteras	<b>Electrical (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Josh West, Cabarrus County Building Inspector</i>
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Atlantic	<b>Google Workspace</b> <i>Presented by Cumberland County Schools</i>
<b>12:00-1:30</b>	<b>Lunch on Your Own or Boxed Lunch (MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE)</b>
<b>1:00</b> Brandywine Bay Golf Club	<b>Annual Jay Palmer Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament</b> <i>Sponsored by Premier Supply, Inc.</i>
<b>1:30-3:30</b> Pamlico/ Hatteras	<b>Electrical (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by William "Al" Parris, Continuing Education, Examination and Enforcement Manager, NC Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors</i>
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Bogue Sound	<b>Beyond Certified PD: How Should We Train Our Facilities Departments?</b> <i>Presented by Anthony J. Cox, PE, Hickory Public Schools</i>
<b>1:30-2:30</b> Atlantic	<b>Floor Care Basics</b> <i>Presented by Edward Zgrabik, Vice President of North American Sales, Essential Industries</i>

<b>2:30-3:30</b> Atlantic	<b>Building Enclosure Survey and Maintenance: What Owners Can Do to Maximize Their Facility Performance</b> <i>Presented by Mike Phifer, Senior Architect, Terracon</i>
<b>3:30-5:30</b> Pamlico/ Hatteras	<b>Electrical (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by William "Al" Parris, Continuing Education, Examination and Enforcement Manager, NC Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors</i>
Cape Fear/ Cape Lookout	<b>Locksmith License Renewal (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Tammy Griffin and Scott Shipton, End User Specialist, ASSA ABLOY</i>
Onslow	<b>Press Fittings in the School System</b> <i>Presented by Andreas Adrian, Regional Technical Manager, Viega</i>
Bogue Sound	<b>Developing Hand/Surface Hygiene Programs in the K-12 Market</b> <i>Presented by Joe Hoff, Southeastern Public Section &amp; K-12 Manager, GOJO and Mike Conley, State of NC Manager, GOJO</i>
Atlantic	<b>Cost Management Strategies for Irrigation Systems</b> <i>Presented by Andrew LaRowe, President, EduCon</i>

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

<b>7:00-5:00</b> Foyer	<b>Registration</b>
<b>7:00-10:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>8:00-9:00</b> Onslow	<b>Spectator Seating: Code Compliance and Preventative Maintenance</b> <i>Presented by Stephen Bishop, President and Owner, Seating Safety Solutions, Inc. and Jacob Lovings, Safety Specialist, Seating Safety Solutions, Inc.</i>
<b>8:00-10:00</b> Bogue Sound	<b>Structural Pest (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Regan Daniels, NC State University</i>
<b>9:00-10:00</b> Onslow	<b>Care, Maintenance and Fire Code Compliance for Your Stage Curtains</b> <i>Presented by Steve McKee, President, Premier Drapery Cleaning</i>
<b>9:00-9:30</b> Atlantic	<b>Exhibitor Display Selection</b>
<b>9:30-11:00</b> Atlantic	<b>Exhibitor Display Setup</b>
<b>10:00-12:00</b> Bogue Sound	<b>Structural Pest (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Regan Daniels, NC State University</i>
<b>10:00-11:00</b> Onslow	<b>Director's Round Table Meeting</b>
<b>11:00-12:00</b> Atlantic	<b>Superintendents &amp; Directors Visit with Exhibitors</b>
<b>12:00-1:00</b>	<b>Lunch on Your Own or Boxed Lunch (MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE)</b>
<b>12:00-1:00</b> Prime	<b>State Officers, Superintendents &amp; Directors Luncheon</b>
<b>1:00-5:00</b> Atlantic	<b>Visit with Exhibitors</b>

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

<b>8:00-4:00</b> Foyer	<b>Registration</b>
<b>8:00-10:00</b> Atlantic	<b>Breakfast and Visit with Exhibitors</b>
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Vendor Break-Out Session (for all Vendors participating in the conference)</b>
<b>10:30-12:00</b> Atlantic	<b>Exhibitor Display Breakdown</b>
<b>10:00-12:00</b> Onslow	<b>Condensing vs. Non-Condensing Boilers - Making the Right Choice</b> <i>Presented by James P. "Jim" Farrell, Richard K. Hunter</i>
Bogue Sound	<b>Irrigation and Landscaping (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Site One</i>
<b>12:00-2:30</b>	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>
<b>12:00-2:30</b> Courtyard	<b>Cornhole Tournament</b> <i>Contestants will need to "Sign Up" at the Registration Desk with a \$5 Entry Fee - Includes a Boxed Lunch</i>
<b>2:30-3:30</b> Bogue Sound	<b>Irrigation and Landscaping (2 CEU's)</b> <i>Presented by Site One</i>
Onslow	<b>Shelter in Place Lockdown Solutions</b> <i>Presented by Barry Phillips, Regional Sales Director, Wesco</i>
Cape Fear/ Cape Lookout	<b>Are Your Custodians One of the Most Important People In Your District?</b> <i>Presented by Bob Bittner, Wakes County Schools (Retired), OperationsHERO</i>
<b>6:00-Until</b> Atlantic	<b>Awards Banquet</b>