



**CULTURAL**  
**CROSSROADS**  
**GACVB ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Gas South Convention Center  
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth GA 30097**

**Sunday, February 2**

5:00 pm **Board of Directors Tour and Dinner**

**Monday, February 3**

9:00 – 1:00 pm **GA Sports, Inc. Annual Meeting** (Concurrent GACVB Pre-Conf Event)  
We are excited to welcome industry partners from GA Sports as they host their annual meeting in conjunction with GACVB Annual Conference. Georgia Sports is a membership-based marketing and tourism initiative comprised of Georgia's CVBs, sports councils and alliances representing sports-friendly destinations, each offering a full menu of management services to the event owner.

8:30 – 10 am **Pre-Conference Leadership Development Session (LEC Course)**

*Sponsored by: Pick Ellijay (Gilmer Chamber & Welcome Center)*

Presented by: The Leadership Institute at Columbus State University

9 am – 5 pm **Conference Registration Open**

9 am – 1 pm **Sponsor & Exhibitor Setup**

9:00 – 10:30 am **GACVB Board of Directors Meeting**

10 – 10:30 am **Leadership Sessions Break**

10:30 – 11:45 **Pre-Conference Leadership Development Session (LEC Course)**

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12:00 pm **Lunch on your own**  
[Enjoy unique dining in Gwinnett](#)

1:30 – 2:45 pm **Welcome & Opening General Session**

2:45 **Afternoon Break**

**Auction Opens**

3:15 – 4:30 pm **Breakout Sessions (3) Three**

**Breakout I**

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**Breakout II**

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**Breakout III**

6:00 pm **Evening Transportation Departure from Westin Atlanta Gwinnett**

**Dine Around on your own.**

Following the opening reception at Good Word Brewing & Public House, enjoy one of Downtown Duluth's delicious dining options, from cozy cafes and upscale eateries to international cuisines. Whether you're in the mood for Southern comfort food, Asian fusion, or fresh seafood, the area has something to satisfy every palate.

- Bus transportation on a 30-minute rotating loop returning to Westin Atlanta Gwinnett. The Downtown Duluth pick-up location is **outside Good Word Brewing & Public House**.

8:30-10:30 pm **Opening Reception at Good Word Brewing & Public House**  
**C.A.R.D.S. Band: Exclusive GACVB House Band!**

Get ready for an unforgettable night with the **C.A.R.D.S. Band**, featuring talented **C.A.R.D.S. Band** featuring **Jonathan Dorsey** (Carrollton), **Jay Markwalter** (Augusta), **Andy Williams** (Roswell), **Sam McDuffie** (Dahlonega), and **Justin Samples** (Statesboro)! This one-night-only performance will bring you incredible music, a lively atmosphere, and an unforgettable experience.

 **Come for the Fun, Stay for the Great Music!**

 **Merchandise Available for Purchase!**

*Sponsored by: Accent Creative Group*

## Tuesday, February 4

- 7 – 8:15 am **Breakfast / Networking**
- 8 am **Registration Open**
- 8:30 - 9:30 am **General Session**  
**Careers & Coffee (or Cocktails!)**  
**Tourism-Economic Development Executives**  
This annual CEOs panel series interviews destination leaders / DMO executives to share their career paths of successes and obstacles as well as tackling current issues in Georgia's tourism industry.  
  
*Session Partners: Atlanta Magazine Custom Media*
- 10:00 – 12:30 pm **Immersion Excursions**
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm **Leadership Luncheon**
- Leadership Excellence Certification (LEC) Graduation
  - Special Membership Presentation
  - *Travelblazers* Recognition
- 2:00 – 3:15 pm **General Session**
- 3:15 – 3:45 pm **Afternoon Break**
- 3:45 – 4:30 pm **General Session**
- 5:45 – 9:00 pm **Evening Reception & Georgia Tourism Awards**  
Reception: Convention Center Courtyard 5:45 – 6:45 pm  
Georgia Tourism Awards Program: Westin Atlanta Gwinnett 7:15

## Wednesday, February 5

- 7 – 8:15 am **Breakfast / Networking**
- 8:30 - 9:15 am **GACVB General Membership Report & Annual Business Meeting**
- 9:15 - 10:00 am **An Explore Georgia Update: GDEcD Tourism Division**
- 10:00 – 10:30 am **Morning Break**
- 10:30 am **Auction Closes**
- 10:30 – 11:30 am **Breakout Sessions (3) Three**  
  
**Breakout I**

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## Breakout II

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## Breakout III

11:30 – 12:30 pm **Closing General Session**

12:30 pm **Closing Remarks & Adjournment**  
(Auction check out)

**Lunch** - Continue to enjoy Gwinnett!  
Extend your stay with friends and dine around on you own. Travel safely!

