



Georgia Recreation & Park Association
2026 Maintenance Management School – Year 1
 UGA Griffin Campus – Stuckey Auditorium



Monday, March 9

Speaker

10:00	Registration & Welcome UGA Campus	Jordan Wood & GRPA
11:00	Playground Safety & Design	Bliss
Noon	Lunch – Bliss	



All below at Tyus Park

1:30-4:30	Infield Game Preparation & Maintenance	Kyle Patterson- President, GA-SFMA
	Playground Inspections	Bliss
	Nuisance Wildlife	Allison Melcher, Georgia DNR

Tuesday, March 10

Speaker

8:00	Fundamentals of Turfgrass management	Dr. Clint Waltz, UGA
9:00	Fundamentals of Turfgrass Weeds	Dr. Ben Pritchard, UGA
10:00	Break	
10:15	Fundamentals of Turfgrass Insects	Dr. Bethany Harris, UGA
11:00	Fundamentals of Turfgrass Diseases	Dr. Phillip Vines, UGA
Noon	Lunch – Jerry Pate	



Jerry Pate
Turf & Irrigation

All below UGA Griffin Campus

1:30-4:30	Pesticide Storage and Handling	Taylor Johnson, Ga. Dept of Ag.
	Landscape Robotics	Kress- Steve Uljua
	Equipment Management/Maintenance	Jerry Pate

Wednesday, March 11

Speaker

8:00	Computerized Maintenance Programs	TJ Imberger
9:00	Parks & Sports Lighting	Rob Staples, Musco Lighting
10:00	Break	
10:15	Pesticide Safety	Mrs. Brooklyne Wassel & Victoria Hull, Pike & Spalding Co. ANR
11:15	Lake & Pond Management 101	Daniel Thomas – Applied Aquatics
Noon	Lunch – MUSCO	



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1:30-4:30	Irrigation Troubleshooting	Rolando Orellana, UGA
	Tree Planting and Staking	Nicholas Brezel, Georgia Forestry Commission
	Trailer Safety and Techniques	Jordan Wood

Thursday, March 12

Speaker

8:00	Workplace Safety	Rolando Orellana, UGA
9:00	Weather 101	Pam Knox, UGA
10:00	Break	
10:15	Social Media Do's and Don'ts	Miles Neville, Spalding Co. HR Director
11:45	Test, Evaluation & Certificates	Greg Stansell