

Mississippi Rural Water Association, Inc. 2025 Annual Management & Technical Conference & Exhibition



May 27-30, 2025
MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
2350 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi, MS 39531

SYSTEM REGISTRATION PACKET

Where To Stay

MsRWA has a block of rooms at the following Hotels.

MsRWA Conference Begins May 27 @ 11am & will conclude on May 30, 2025 @ Noon!

Centennial Plaza - 200 East Beach Blvd., Gulfport, MS 39507

Call 228.206.7880 or Reserve online at www.centennialplazams.com .

Room Block closes **April 25, 2025** | Group Code: **MSRWA25**

Room rates for May 26 – 30, 2025

Oasis Resort Rates: Double Queen - \$189

Grand Centennial Rates: (Courtyard/Fountain View) King-\$149 / Double Queen- \$169

In addition to rates, you will be charged a Resort fee per night: \$19.99

Shrimp Boil/Fish Fry

Wednesday

May 28th @ 5:00 pm

Hard Rock Casino - 777 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

Call 877.877.6256 or Reserve online at <https://www.hrhcbiloxi.com/> .

Room Block closes **April 25, 2025** | Group Code is **MSWATER25 (ALL CAPS)**

Rates May 26-May 30: \$109-139 Standard King/Double Queen

In addition to rates, you will be charged a Resort fee per night: \$21.28

IP Resort Biloxi - 850 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530

Call 888.946.2847 #1 or Reserve online at www.ipbiloxi.com/groups .

Room Block closes **May 14, 2025** | Group Code is **MRWE25C (ALL CAPS)**

Rates May 26-May 30: \$95.99 Standard King/Double Queen

In addition to rates, you will be charged a Resort fee per night: \$15.00

Margaritaville Resort Biloxi - 195 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

To reserve you **Must Call** 228-271-6377 ext 3006/3007 or Raven 228-271-6338/Kay 228-271-6348

Room Block closes **April 26, 2025** |

Rates May 26-May 30: \$229.99 - Double Queen | \$209.99 – King Balcony

In addition to rates, you will be charged a Resort fee per night: \$19.99

Quality Inn Hotel – 2414 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531

May 26-30, 2025

Group: MsRWA/Ms Rural Water Assn.

Call to reserve 228.388.1000

Double, Queen, King - \$90.00 Per night

South Beach Hotel & Suites - 1735 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531

Call to reserve 228.388.2627

Group Name: MSRWA 2025

Rates: \$180.00 - \$300.00- Room block closes **April 25, 2025**

Check them out at: www.sbbiloxihotel.com

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SYSTEM REGISTRATION

Each attendee is required to complete an individual form, ensuring all fields are accurate.
Certified Operators are requested to use their legal names as they appear on their water or wastewater licenses.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Water Cert#: _____ Exp Date: _____ Wastewater Cert#: _____ Exp Date: _____

Water System/Company Name: _____ Member #: _____

Please provide the mailing address where you would like to receive your CEU/CEC certificate.

Mailing Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____ / _____ / _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Registered Spouse's Name for Badge _____

Full Registration – Includes CEU & CEC Hours, Exhibit Hall Pass, Lunches (Thursday & Friday), 2-Shrimp Boil/Fish Fry Armbands (Wednesday Only)		
Registration Type *Please be aware that registering on-site will incur additional fees.	Price	Total
MsRWA Member System Registration	\$250.00 each*	
Non-Member System Registration	\$500.00 each*	
Attendee Spouse Registration	\$200.00 each*	
One Day Registration – Includes CEU & CEC Hours, Exhibit Hall Pass & Lunches (If attending, Thursday/Friday), 2-Shrimp Boil/Fish Fry Armbands (Wednesday Only)		
MsRWA Member System Registration Check Day(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Tues <input type="checkbox"/> Wed <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs <input type="checkbox"/> Fri	\$150.00 each*	
Non-Member System Registration Check Day(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Tues <input type="checkbox"/> Wed <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs <input type="checkbox"/> Fri	\$300.00 each*	
One Day Exhibit Hall Pass - THURSDAY, May 29, 2025 ONLY – NO CEU/CEC Hours. Includes Exhibit Hall Pass & Lunch.		
MsRWA Member System Registration Check Day(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs <input type="checkbox"/> Fri	\$100.00 each	
Non-Member System Registration Check Day(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs <input type="checkbox"/> Fri	\$200.00 each	
MsRWA SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENTS		
Golf Tournament Total– Must Fill out Golf Form, too! *Golf Player must be a Full Conference Attendee!		
Cornhole Tournament – Must Fill out Cornhole Form, too!		
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Extras/Sponsorships		
MsRWA RWEAC Donation (Rural Water Emergency Assistance Cooperative)		
MsRWA Scholarship Donation		
Extra Lunch Ticket(s) - Thursday	\$35.00 each Qty: _____	
Extra Lunch Ticket(s) - Friday	\$35.00 each Qty: _____	
Shrimp Boil/Fish Fry Tickets: _____ Yes, I need 2 Free Armbands _____ No, I will not attend Along with the 2 free ones above, I need a few more Shrimp Boil armbands see below. _____ Adults _____ Children over 5 _____ Children under 5 Your family is encouraged to join us for an exciting Shrimp Boil/Fish Fry! To ensure a fantastic experience, everyone attending needs an armband. Children under 5 eat free. Anyone over 5 can enjoy delicious food for just \$10 per armband.		Total # of Armbands ____@ \$10 each=
Please be sure your 2025 Membership Dues have been paid or pay the Non-Member rate.		Grand Total: \$

Recv'd Date _____
Ck# _____
Ck Amt _____
Dep Date _____
Codes _____
BC Date _____

Make Check Payable to MsRWA
Mail to MsRWA 172 Country Place Parkway, Pearl, MS 39208-6675
To pay with a credit card www.msrrwa.org
Need more info, call 601.857.2433
No cancellations will be accepted after May 16, 2025.
All cancellations are subject to a \$100.00 processing fee.

AGENDA TO FOLLOW

APPROVED FOR 12 R & 12 NR Water CEUs & 15 Sponsored & 9 Non Sponsored MDEQ Hours

2025 Annual Conference - Mississippi Rural Water Association, Inc

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

11:00AM – 4:00PM REGISTRATION

DUAL HOURS TODAY

1:00-3:00 PM	Emergency Preparedness & Emergency Response Plan Chad Ponder, Retired Emergency Preparedness Coordinator 2 Reg Water CEUs & 1 DEQ Sponsored and 1 Non-Sponsored
3:00-3:15 PM	BREAK
3:15-5:00 PM	System's Cybersecurity Checklists & Cybersecurity Threats/Mitigation Greg Mallette, US DHS-CISA& Shane Adams with Applied Technology Group 2 Reg Water CEUs & 1 DEQ Sponsored and 1 Non-Sponsored

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

DUAL HOURS FROM 8:00 – 9:00 AM

8:00-9:00 AM	21 st Century Coating Systems – Steve Kotler, Sherwin Williams 1 Non-Reg Water CEU & 1 DEQ Sponsored
9:00 AM	Golf Tournament - The Oaks Golf Club
9:00-9:15 AM	BREAK

WATER ROOM

WASTEWATER ROOM

9:15-10:00 AM	Getting Rid of THMs Tracy Fearnly, USG Water 1 Non-Reg Water	9:15-10:00	Operator Responsibilities in Electrical Controls Mike LeBlanc, Instrument Control 1 DEQ Non-Sponsored
10:00 – 10:15 AM	BREAK		
10:15 – 11:00 AM	Disinfection By-Product Rule MSDH Staff - 1 Reg Water	10:15-Noon	Aeration & Lagoon Jerry Bidleman, Reliant Technology 1 DEQ Sponsored & 1 Non-Sponsored
11:00 AM-Noon	Groundwater Rule MSDH Staff - 1 Reg Water		

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00-2:00 PM	Sampling Requirements MSDH Staff 1 Reg Water	1:00-2:45 PM	Micro Biome & Troubleshooting Johnnie Wilson, SFC Contract Services 1 DEQ Sponsored & 1 Non-Sponsored
2:00-2:45 PM	Public Notice & Violations MSDH Staff 1 Reg Water		
2:45-3:00 PM	BREAK		
3:00-4:00 PM	MSDH Operator Certification MSDH Staff 1 Reg Water	3:00-5:00 PM	MDEQ Updates & Round Table Discussions Matt Carr & Payden Donahoe-MDEQ 2 DEQ Sponsored
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Responsibilities of Operators MSDH Staff 1 Reg Water		

5:00 PM

MsRWA Cornhole Tournament proceeds to benefit MsRWA Scholarship @ Point Cadet Pavilion

6:00 PM

SHRIMP BOIL & FISH FRY @ POINT CADET PAVILION

2025 Annual Conference - Mississippi Rural Water Association, Inc

Thursday, May 29, 2025

DUAL HOURS-ALL DAY

7:30 -8:00 AM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Jeopardy-Water/Wastewater Style – You <u>MUST</u> Scan In & Out for Hours To Participate Fill Out Registration Form & Turn into the Registration Desk Before Time Limited Spots available & Individual Prizes awarded \$300 - \$25 Prizes Will take place in the Exhibit Hall 1 Reg Water & 1 DEQ Sponsored
8:30 – 8:45 AM	BREAK
8:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Opening Session Welcome – Josh Caldwell, MsRWA Board President Diamond & Platinum MsRWA Members Awards Rural Water Future & Focus – David Peterson – NRWA Executive Board VP-Kentucky, Motivational Speaker - Sarah Thomas, NFL Referee Legislative Updates for Systems – Kirby Mayfield, CEO MsRWA Scholarship Awards – MsRWA Scholarship Committee 3 Non-Reg Water CEUs & 1 DEQ Sponsored and 2 Non-Sponsored
11:45 AM -1:00 PM	LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL
1:00-2:00 PM	State Revolving Fund, MDEQ & USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Programs Harry Gong, MSDH, MDEQ Staff & Edgar Grayer, USDA 1 Reg Water CEUs & 1 DEQ Sponsored
2:00-3:00 PM	Jeopardy-Water/Wastewater Style – You <u>MUST</u> Scan In & Out for Hours To Participate Fill Out Registration Form & Turn into the Registration Desk Before Time Limited Spots available & Individual Prizes awarded \$300 - \$25 Prizes Will take place in the Exhibit Hall 1 Non-Reg Water CEU & 1 DEQ Sponsored
3:00-3:45 PM	In Place Lining for Water Line & Force Mains Tracy Fearnley-USG Water 1 Non-Reg Water CEU & 1 DEQ Sponsored
3:45 – 4:00 PM	BREAK
4:00-4:45 PM	Water & Wastewater Quality Testing and Analytical Instruments - Tyler Carter, HACH 1 Non-Reg Water CEU & 1 DEQ Sponsored
4:45 – 5:00 PM	BREAK
5:00 PM	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – DRAWING FOR \$500.00 GIFT CARD

Friday, May 30, 2025

7:30 AM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
DUAL HOURS TODAY	
8:00-9:45 AM	EXHIBIT HALL - BOOTH TRAINING MUST Sign-in at Booths to receive hours. 1 Reg and 1 Non-Reg Water CEUs & 1 DEQ Sponsored and 1 Non-Sponsored
9:45-10:00 AM	BREAK
10:00 AM-Noon	Asset Management & What and How Much to Insure Kim Cockrell & Jack Brister, The Policy Center 2 Non-Reg Water CEUs & 1 DEQ Sponsored and 1 Non-Sponsored
12:00 PM	LUNCH & DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS
APPROVED: 12R & 12NR WATER HOURS APPROVED: 15S & 9NS WASTEWATER HOURS	

The Mississippi Rural Water Association, Inc. is looking for the best water in the state for a nationwide competition sponsored by the National Rural Water Association every February in Washington, DC.



IT'S ALL ABOUT Good Tasting Water

Do you have the best water in Mississippi? Prove it!

Are you curious about how your community's water compares to others in Mississippi and across the country? Here's an exciting opportunity for your water system! On May 28, 2025, the Mississippi Rural Water Association, Inc. will hold a friendly water contest in Biloxi during our Annual Conference and Exhibition.

In this contest, water will be judged on three simple things: how it looks, how it smells, and how it tastes. The most important part is recognizing the great quality of water you provide to your customers every day. Not only will you receive "Quality on Tap" recognition, but there are also prizes for the top three winners: \$25 for third place, \$50 for second place, and \$100 for first place. The winning water can even compete at the national level in Washington, DC, where it will go up against the best tap water from 49 other states at the NRWA Rally in February.

Last year's winners were: City of Hernando in first place, Toccopola Water Association in second, and Town of Mize in third. Congratulations to them!

This contest is a fun way for small and rural water utilities to gain recognition for the quality of their work. We believe Mississippi's water is top-notch, and we take pride in it!

Water Contest Registration Form, I will bring water to enter the water contest on May 28, 2025, at the MsRWA Annual Conference Shrimp Boil/Fish Fry. **MUST HAVE A PWS ID# to participate.**

System: _____ PWS ID#: _____

Representative Attending _____

Address: _____

City|ST|Zip: _____ | _____ | _____

IMPORTANT: PLEASE BRING YOUR WATER TO THE SHRIMP BOIL ON WEDNESDAY EVENING TO BE JUDGED. KEEP IT WITH YOU UNTIL THAT TIME.



WEDNESDAY
MAY 28TH
 AT POINT CADET IN BILOXI
 BAGS WILL START FLYING @ 5PM

\$30 PER PERSON

All proceeds to benefit MsRWA Scholarship Fund.

MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN OF ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

BECOME A CORNHOLE SPONSOR

\$100

☐ Yes, I would like to become a Cornhole Sponsor!

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES ONE CORNHOLE PLAYER ALONG WITH
 YARD SIGN WITH COMPANY NAME AND LOGO ON A CORNHOLE LANE.

TO REGISTER FILL OUT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & PAY.
 THEN, FILL OUT BELOW & FAX/EMAIL/MAIL BACK AS WELL:

SYSTEM/COMPANY NAME: _____

(Email address needs to be participant's email as a link will be sent once we receive registration)

Type	Participant(s) Name	Email Address	Cell Phone	Amount
Sponsor				\$100
Individual				\$30
Individual				\$30
Individual				\$30
Individual				\$30
All proceeds to Benefit the MsRWA Scholarship Fund!				Total Amount Due



TROPHIES & CASH PRIZES
 1ST PLACE - \$100
 2ND PLACE - \$75
 3RD PLACE - \$50
 PLUS BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR A YEAR!

RULES:

- INDIVIDUAL SIGN UP
- EACH PARTICIPANT WILL HAVE A DIFFERENT PARTNER PER ROUND.
- STANDARD CORNHOLE RULES APPLY UNTIL TEAM REACHES 21 PTS.
- DEPENDING ON # OF PLAYERS A TIME LIMIT MAY BE ENFORCED ON GAMES.
- PLAYERS WILL QUALIFY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS AND PAIRED WITH A PLAYER FOR A SINGLE ELIMINATION BRACKET TO DETERMINE CHAMPIONS.

COME JOIN US IN JEOPARDY WATER & WASTEWATER VERSION

To register fill out the form in your packet and turn in with your registration form.

Game will take place in

Exhibit Hall

on 5/29/2025

11:00am-Noon

2:00pm - 3:00pm

CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3	CATEGORY 4	CATEGORY 5	CATEGORY 6
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

You **MUST** scan
in & out to
receive water &
wastewater
hours during
this time!

PRIZES

1ST - \$500

2ND - \$300

3RD - \$200

**2025 MsRWA Scholarship
Golf Tournament
Honoring Edward A. May
& Pete Boone**

Prizes:

1st Team - \$500.00
2nd Team - \$400.00
3rd Team - \$300.00
4th Team - \$200.00
Closest to the Pin
\$75.00 - One Only
Longest Drive
\$75.00 - One Only
All awards will be given
in pro shop gift
certificates.

**Wednesday
May 28, 2025
9:00 AM Tee Time**



**The Oaks Golf Club
24384 Clubhouse Drive, Pass Christian**

Sponsor A Hole

\$275.00

**Includes 1 Golfer,
Cart, Lunch & Prizes**

(Free with Diamond Membership Only)

OR

Four Man Select

\$150.00 Per Golfer

Includes Cart, Lunch & Prizes

**Each team will have 2 carts, if extra
are needed, they will be \$20 each.**

Don't Forget the Mulligans \$20.00/EACH

(Mulligans include a free throw, a free red tee box & a chance to win 4 rounds of golf.)

Please fill out & return with conference registration.

Prizes are contingent on the # of participants.

Player Name: _____ Handicap: _____

Company _____

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Company _____

Player Name: _____ Handicap: _____

Company _____

Player Name: _____ Handicap: _____

Company _____



MsRWA

MISSISSIPPI RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

SAVE THE DATE

**FALL
TRAINING**

OCT 21-23, 2025

**CADENCE BANK ARENA
TUPELO, MS**

**Watch our website for updated
information at msrwa.org/fall-training/**