

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Utility managers and commissioners are charged with the responsibility of overseeing a system's financial and operational well-being. TAUD's Leadership Conference is designed to assist with those challenges. Sessions are heavily focused on how to be an effective leader. Topics emphasize organizational, operational, and ethical responsibilities as a leader of a utility.

WHERE YA GONNA GO?

HOTEL INFO

Comfort Suites Gatlinburg Downtown

321 Reagan Drive - Gatlinburg, TN
865.246.1916

Room Rate: \$124-\$219 • Call to Book

Embassy Suites by Hilton

604 Airport Road - Gatlinburg, TN
865.436.2095

Room Rate: \$219 • Group Code: TAD

Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown

611 Airport Road - Gatlinburg, TN
865.436.4935 • Book by 9/27

Room Rate: \$169-\$179 • Group Code: ATO

Holiday Inn Express Downtown

322 Airport Road - Gatlinburg, TN
865.868.6200

Room Rate: \$162 • Group Code: TAU



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OCTOBER 28-30

Gatlinburg Convention Center | 234 Historic Nature Trail | Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Utility/Company: _____

Registrant 1: _____

Registrant 2: _____

Registrant 3: _____

Registrant 4: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business E-mail: _____

Business Phone: (____) _____ - _____

REGISTRATION FEES

	before Oct. 16:	after Oct. 16:
TAUD Member	\$450	\$500
One Day Only	\$275	\$375
Non-Member	\$750	\$850
One Day Only	\$375	\$475

PAYMENT OPTIONS

MAIL: Please make checks payable to TAUD.

We **cannot** accept credit card information via mail or e-mail, including attachments.

ONLINE: If preferred, you may use a Master Card, Visa, American Express, Discover card, or an E-Check payment.

Please visit our [website](https://taud.org/conferences/utility-leadership-conference/) for registration and payment.

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!
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and check to:

TAUD

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EARLY REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
OCT. 16

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Twelve (12) hours of TAP, Commissioner, & UMO
Training available. Session schedule subject to change.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

11:00AM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

12:30PM Coffee & Snack Bar

1:00PM Legislative Update
[Don Scholes, TAUD]

2:00PM Personnel: The Core Strength of Utilities
[Bruce Giles, First UD of Knox Co.]

3:00PM Grants, Loans, & Funding Opportunities Available to Utilities
[Justin Holland & Christie Hesse, Jacobs Engineering;
Staci Willoughby, SE TN Development District]

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

7:00AM BREAKFAST

8:30AM Utility Capital Planning & Rate Financing
[Bruce Giles & Kena Hyers, First UD of Knox Co.; Julianne Graham,
Oakdale Municipal Advisors; Sarah Chandler, Jackson Thornton]

11:30AM LUNCH

12:30PM Why Asset Management Systems Matter
[Dudley Orr, OHM Advisors]

1:30PM PFAS Treatment at Savannah Valley Utility District
[Ryan Fields & Andy Brower, Hawkins, Inc.; Seth Rye, Rye Engineering;
Woody Miller, Savannah Valley UD]

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

7:00AM BREAKFAST

8:30AM Mock Board Meetings: Defining the Do's and Don'ts
[Don Scholes, TAUD & Utility Management Panel]

10:30AM TBOUR Update
[Don Scholes, TAUD]