



Gulf of Mexico Alliance Education & Engagement Team

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Education and Engagement Team Winter Meeting

***Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
Tonsmeire Resource Center
Fairhope, Alabama
Tuesday-Wednesday, February 27-28, 2018***

Like many of the other Gulf of Mexico Alliance priority issue teams, the Education and Engagement Team is holding a mid-year meeting to work on actions related to the *Governors' Action Plan III*. The Steering Committee is asking members to join them to further specific projects started at 2017 All Hands Meeting.

The facility holds up to 60 people so registration will be on a first come first served basis. There is no fee to participate.

Register here:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eexyijt51d680f3&llr=thgzaleab>

Meeting Goals & Agenda Topics

- Review GOMA & EE Team Structure
- Review GOMA HQ & EE Projects Underway
- Engage new Industry Partners in a *Panel Discussion* on shared issues related to tourism.
- Work within the working groups on pre-determined actions
- Discuss potential All Hands agenda topics

Tuesday, February 27th 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm

GOMA Headquarters Updates
Education & Engagement Team Project Updates
Industry Engagement Panel Discussion
Evening Social

Wednesday, February 28th 8:30 am to 12:00 pm (3:00 pm optional)

Day One Recap
Working Group Breakout Activities
Report Outs and Team Next Actions

Accommodations

Dorms - The Weeks Bay Reserve has limited dorm space available for Team members. There are 22 spaces available in the dorm - each room sleeps four people and has a shared bathroom. Please bring

your own linens (sheets and towels), unless you are flying and cannot bring your linens. Contact the EE Team Chair, Angela Underwood (angela.underwood@dcnr.alabama.gov) to make a reservation.

Hotels – There are several hotels in the Fairhope, Alabama and Daphne, Alabama area. They are roughly 15 to 30 minutes driving distance from Weeks Bay.

Fairhope

Key West Inn 251-990-7373

<http://www.keywestinnfairhope.com/>

Holiday Inn Express 251-928- 9191

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/fairhope/fahal/hoteldetail>

Daphne

Hilton Garden Inn 251-625-0020

<http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/alabama/hilton-garden-inn-mobile-east-bay-daphne-MOBEHGI/index.html>

Hampton Inn Mobile-East Bay/Daphne 251-626-2220

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/alabama/hampton-inn-mobile-east-bay-daphne-MOBEHGX/index.html>

Meals

The Weeks Bay Volunteers are providing breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, February 28th. Lunch and dinner on Tuesday, February 27th are on your own. Snacks are also provided during the meeting. Be sure to note your preferences when you register.

Optional Field Trip

An optional Tuesday morning or Wednesday afternoon boat ride onto Weeks Bay may be offered pending demand. Be sure to indicate your preference when you register so this activity can be scheduled.

Travel

Airports Three possible airports include the Mobile Regional Airport and the Pensacola International Airport, both roughly an hour drive from Weeks Bay. The third is the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport that is nearly a two-hour drive from Weeks Bay.

Carpool Some EE Team members will be driving to the meeting. Contact EE Coordinator Lee Yokel (Lee.Yokel@gomxa.org) if you can offer a ride or need a ride.

Taxi/Uber There is taxi service in the Fairhope area as well as some Uber drivers. If you need help getting around town, to the meeting, or to and from the airport let us know. We will try to help work this out so expensive taxi or Uber is not necessary.

Stay Connected

EE Team Connections

Working Groups

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