



## ***Spring into Action With GCB!***

Georgia Council of the Blind

Improving the lives of Georgians with vision loss for 61 Years and counting!

2017 GCB Convention & Conference, held on April 29, 2017 in beautiful Gainesville, Georgia. Make your plans and join us!

There will be a tour to the Northeast Georgia History Center on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 and Tandem Biking on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2017.

On Friday evening there will be a Welcome Reception held at the hotel, beginning at 7 PM and ending at 9 PM. The Guest Speaker this year will be Matt Simpson, a Silver Medalist winner at the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro. The Welcome Reception will include finger foods and beverages for all to enjoy. On Friday evening to close the Welcome Reception, there will be a Live Auction of Theme-filled baskets and items donated by Chapters and At-Large members. Auction items and their starting bids can be viewed on the GCB website.

Beginning on Saturday morning, there will be informative programming throughout the day. There will be a luncheon filled with great food and fun! GCB Board Members and Guests will wrap-up with a business meeting.

Make your reservations now before the April 8th, 2017 deadline at the Ramada Inn Lanier Centre - the room rate is \$90.00 per night plus tax. The Ramada Inn Lanier Centre is located at 400 EE Butler Parkway, Gainesville, GA 30501, the phone number is 770.531.0907. **When you call to book your rooms be sure to say that you are with the Georgia Council of the Blind.**

If you have any questions please contact Judy Presley at 706-878-2962, or via email at [hoyal@windstream.net](mailto:hoyal@windstream.net) or Marsha Farrow at 706-859-2624, or via email at [marshafarrow@windstream.net](mailto:marshafarrow@windstream.net).

## **2017 GCB Convention-Conference Schedule**

**Friday, April 28th, 2017**

**1:00 – 3:00pm:**

**Northeast Georgia History Center Tour**

**Cost: \$6.00**

**3:00 – 5:00pm:**

**Check In**

**4:00 – 6:00pm:**

**Georgia Guide Dog Users Meeting**

**5:00 – 7:00pm:**

**Registration**

**Cost: Advanced \$20.00, At Door \$25.00**

**6:00 – 9:00pm:**

**Chair Massage**

**\$10.00 Advance**

**7:00 – 9:00pm:**

**Welcome Reception/Live Auction**

**Cost: \$10.00 Advance, \$15.00 Door (Public)**

**9:00 – 11:00pm:**

**Game time (led by Tommy Woodyard)**

**Saturday, April 29th, 2017**

**6:00 – 8:45am:**

**Breakfast Included with Room**

**8:00 – 8:45am:**

**Registration**

**Cost: \$5 per Person, \$10 Family**

**Note: Day Pass does not include meal.**

**9:00 – 10:15am:**

**GVS (Georgia Vocational Services) Panel**

**10:15am – 12:00pm:**

**Business Meeting**

**11:00am – 12:00pm:**

**Exhibit Hall**

**12:00 – 1:30pm:**

**Luncheon**

**Cost: \$11 Advance**

**1:30 – 4:30pm:**

**Tandem Biking Event**

**\$5.00**

**2:00 – 4:00pm:**

**Seminars (Audrey Demmitt, Mike Wofford)**

**4:30 – 5:30pm:**

**Board Meeting**

**Schedule and prices as determined by Convention Committee and are subject to change.**

**Hotel restaurant open to public for breakfast and dinner only.**

**Hours: 6:00 am-9:00 am, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm.**

**Advance registration deadline: April 14, 2017**

***We look forward to seeing you in Gainesville!***