



2026 SE NACD Meeting Registration

We are excited to welcome everyone to the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, August 9-12, 2026. As everyone knows, this area was greatly affected by Hurricane Helene in 2024, but recovery efforts have been going strong and the folks here welcome tourists. Below is the registration, tour and hotel information for completing your registration.

Early Bird Registration: \$380—Price includes Sunday NC Welcome reception; Monday Breakfast and Hall of Fame Luncheon; Tuesday Breakfast, Tour Lunch and Banquet. (Early Bird registration ends July 7. After July 7, price is \$440)

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://ncswctraining.org/allevents/2026-senacd/>

Tours

Biltmore Estate, Garden and Winery—\$150—Price includes transportation, entrance and tour of the Biltmore House and Gardens, entrance to the winery and lunch. Here you will see the largest privately owned home in the US and learn about the more than 8000 acre farming operation. You will also learn of how forestry education got its start here.

Great Smoky Mountain Railroad—\$140— Price includes transportation, lunch and tickets for the 4 hour journey. The train will travel the old rail along farms and the land of the Cherokee. Much of the land in the area is working lands and is protected for production purposes.

Biochar and Stream Restoration—\$100— Price includes transportation, lunch and stops at the biochar production site, stream projects done through partnerships and areas where biochar will help remediate soils damaged from Hurricane Helene.

Hotel—Harrah's Cherokee Resort and Convention, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC

Booking Link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/soilwater> or by calling 1-828-497-7777 using the code S08SOIL

Deadline for Booking is Tuesday, July 8, 2026