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NDA Convention

Mark your calendar for this year's Annual Convention September 25-27, 2019 at Hyatt Regency Dulles in Herndon, Virginia.



Sponsorship, Exhibitor Tables & Registration is Now Open!

REGISTER NOW FOR EXHIBITOR AND ATTENDEE EARLY BIRD PRICING!
More details below

NEW this year- Exhibitors are able to choose their table location!

Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, September 26

8:30 AM - Annual Joe Scribellito Jr. Memorial Golf Outing

Location and Cost to be announced

Anyone not attending the Golf Outing can participate in our day excursion. More details coming soon

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Cocktails & Visit with Exhibitors

6:30 PM - President's Dinner

8:00 PM - Award Presentations, Entertainment

Friday, September 27

7:00 AM to 4:30 PM - Presentations and Visit with Exhibitors

Presentations to be announced

4:30 PM - Convention Recap/All Chapter Meeting

Sponsorship

\$165 - Golf Outing Tee Sponsor

~~\$300 - Lanyard Sponsor~~ SOLD

~~\$660 - AM Break Sponsor~~ SOLD

\$660 - PM Break Sponsor

~~\$1800 - Cocktail Sponsor~~ SOLD

~~\$1800 - Appetizer Sponsor~~ SOLD

\$1800 - Breakfast Sponsor

\$1800 - Entertainment Sponsor

\$2350 - Lunch Sponsor

Promo Item Sponsor - Contact the NDA office

Golf Item Donations - Contact the NDA office

[CLICK HERE for more details and to reserve your sponsorship](#)

Exhibitor Table

- **NEW THIS YEAR** - Choose your table location!
- Convention registration for one person working at the exhibitor table
- Option to display a rig during the Convention (*extra fee*)
- Your company logo with link on the NDA website
- Listing in Convention promotional materials
- Logo in the Convention Program Guide and PowerPoint
- List of Convention attendees
- Acknowledgement in Drill Bits magazine

\$550 for NDA members / \$770 for Non-members

REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 28TH AND RECEIVE 10% OFF YOUR TABLE FEE

One Additional Attendee (*working at the exhibitor table*)

\$200 for NDA members / \$300 for Non-members

Rig Display: \$100

[CLICK HERE for details and to register for your exhibitor table](#)

Attendee Registration

Full Convention - EARLY BIRD

Includes: Cocktails, President's Dinner, Breakfast, Presentations, Outdoor Rig Displays, Lunch and Breaks

\$275 for members (\$375 after August 1st) / \$450 for non-members (\$500 after August 1st)

Spouse: \$75

Includes: Cocktails, President's Dinner

Employee Day Pass - FRIDAY ONLY

For each FULL CONVENTION ATTENDEE registered from your company, you can purchase Day Passes for up to five (5) employees from your company i.e. Field Employees, Drillers, etc. MUST be purchased by Friday, September 20 at 5:00 pm EST. *Includes: Breakfast, Presentations, Outdoor Rig Displays, Lunch and Breaks on Friday*

\$50 for members / \$175 for non-members

[CLICK HERE to register as an attendee](#)

Safety Award Program

As a leading drilling industry advocate for safe mineral exploration, geotechnical and environmental drilling operations, the National Drilling Association has instituted a Safety Award Program to recognize its drilling contractor members' outstanding safety performance. The program allows drilling contractors of similar size to compete for an award based on their incident rates. Safety Award recipients will be honored, each year, at the NDA Annual Convention.

[Click here to download a PDF of Award Requirements and Application](#)

Drill Bits Magazine Submissions

It's time to submit your job stories, press releases and feature articles for the spring issue of Drill Bits. We also welcome photos with captions, as well as articles about awards your company has won, charitable activities you participate in, or other events your company has been involved with.

Your advertising support is also important and very much appreciated as that is how we are able to send Drill Bits to nearly 9,000 readers at no cost to them. [Click here to download the 2019 Media Kit](#).

The deadline for stories and ads for the spring issue is March 20. Please send your submissions to becky@nda4u.com





Tailgate Safety Tips Video Contest



The challenge is simple, choose a TST and film the talk with your cell phone. Send the video to NDA following the instructions below and if it is accepted, you will receive a gift card for \$25!

You can be creative and even add humor if you like, but make sure you cover the content of each TST. We are looking for videos from Owners, Managers Drill Foreman and Drill Hands.

Try to keep each video under 3 minutes and have the participant's names included in the video if possible.

Feel free to add background music, pop up text or other animation.

The safety committee will view the videos and publish them on YouTube. Once submitted, each video will become the property of the National Drilling Association and will be used to promote safety and professionalism throughout the Industry.

Go to YouTube.com and search National Drilling Association to view the Drill Site Awareness video produced by Sam Connelly that will give you an idea of what we are looking for.

Videos should be submitted to sheri@nda4u.com via DropBox or GoogleDrive. If you do not currently use either of these program, DropBox information can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/help/account/create-account> and GoogleDrive information can be found at <https://www.google.com/drive/using-drive/>

If you have any questions, call the NDA office at 877-632-4748

We look forward to receiving your videos!

Chapter News

BUCKEYE

www.nda4u.com/chapters/buckeye

Buckeye is holding their next meeting on March 14 at Smokehouse Brewery in Columbus, Ohio. Rick Hutchings from CME will be presenting Quality Sampling. There is no cost to attend this meeting but attendees must register in advance. Thank you to meeting sponsors: CME, Geoprobe, Mobile Drill Intl, and Inco-Labs.

[Click here for details](#)

LONE STAR

www.nda4u.com/chapters/lone-star-chapter/

Lone Star Chapter Spring Training Day will be March 22 at the Holiday Inn DFW West in Bedford, Texas. Four Texas CE credits have been applied for. The schedule for the day is:

7:30 am – 8:00 am – Registration and Light Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am – Damage Prevention and Public Safety – Know What's Below/Call Before You Dig – Underground Utility Laws and Best Practices, presented by Tina Sanders, Texas 811

9:05 am – 10:05 am – Texas Rules & Regulations, presented by Adam Foster, TDLR

10:10 am – 11:10 am – Chilean Miners Rescue, presented by Jeff Hart, Layne Christensen Read More

11:15 am – 12:15 pm – Drill Rig Safety & Maintenance, presented by Rob Caho, Geoprobe

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm Raffle Drawing

Cost to attend is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Vendor tables are available for \$100 plus a door prize donation and sponsorships are available for \$300. Please register before March 18.

[Click here to register](#)

MID-ATLANTIC

www.nda4u.com/chapters/mid-atlantic

Save the date for the Maryland Spring Training Day which will be Friday, May 3. More details coming soon.

Virginia Spring Training Day is scheduled for Friday, April 5 at Rivershore Marine and Ram Jack Foundation Solutions in Stafford, Virginia. Hard hats, boots and safety glasses are mandatory.

Agenda:

- 7:30 am - 8:00 am: Registration
- 8:00 am - 8:45 am: Classroom - Drilling Safety, Bob Stevens and Brian Siwinski
- 9:00 am - 9:45 am: Classroom - Specialty Samplers, Matt Vass, Acker Drill
- 9:45 am - 10:15 am: Drilling Over Water, Kenny Thorsted, Sam Connelly
- 10:15 am - 11:00 am: Deep Foundation Design, using Ram Jack, Kenny Thorsted and Justin Presley
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Lunch
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Field Demonstration - Drilling Over Water
- 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Classroom - Round Table Session (This is the opportunity for all of us to get together and discuss safety in our industry, be prepared to share your stories about accidents, utility strikes, near misses and what you have learned.)

Registration Fee:

- Mid-Atlantic NDA Chapter Members: \$40.00 prepaid / \$50.00 at the door
- Non-Members: \$60.00 prepaid / \$70.00 at the door
- Door Prizes, provided by our manufacturer and supplier chapter members and sponsors.

If you are interested in sponsoring this training day for \$350.00, please select the sponsor option when you register to attend. Your sponsorship purchase will also include a half page ad in the program book for the training day.

[Click here to register](#)

NORTH EAST

www.nda4u.com/chapters/new-england

The North East Chapter held a breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 9 in Marlborough, Massachusetts. This will coincide with the final day of the New England Water Well Expo.

Save the date for the North East Chapter Spring Training Day on Saturday, April 29th!

NDA on the Road



Thank you to everyone who stopped by the NDA table at the Kentucky Groundwater Association Trade Expo February 28 - March 1 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Picture to left: NDA Board Meeting held during the show.

Next stop for NDA is JUBILEE in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina July 27-29. Hope to see you there!

Certification Training

NEW – Bulk Discounts for Online Exams!

Purchase 5 exams, receive 5% off / Purchase 10 exams, receive 10% off / Purchase 20 exams, receive 20% off
Exams MUST be purchased all at once to receive discount. To purchase exams at discounted rate, please call the NDA office at 877-632-4748.

Basic Geotechnical Procedures Qualification 101 – This exam uses the NDA Driller’s Manual and the ASTM, AASHTO specifications mentioned in the manual as a reference. The NDA Driller’s Manual will be provided to the candidate in both PDF and hard copy upon registration for the exam. Four Credit Hours will be awarded upon successful completion of the 57-question exam.

Drilling Safety Certification - The NDA Drilling Safety Guide is used as the training reference for this exam. The publication will be provided to the candidate in both PDF and hard copy upon registration for the exam. Three Credit Hours will be awarded upon successful completion of the 75-question exam.

Groundwater Knowledge Certification - The NDA Driller’s Manual is used as the training reference for this exam. The publication will be provided to the candidate in both PDF and hard copy upon registration for the exam which includes geology questions related to groundwater parameters. Four Credit Hours will be awarded upon successful completion of the 46-question exam.

Monitor Well Construction Certification - The NDA Driller's Manual is used as the training reference for this exam. The publication will be provided to the candidate in both PDF and hard copy upon registration for the exam which follows proper monitor well construction standards. Six Credit Hours will be awarded upon successful completion of the 74-question exam.

On-line training and certification is pre-approved for Credit Hours in many states. Visit the Training Center for more details.

[Click here to go to the NDA On-Line Training Center](#)

Best Benefits Club

As an NDA member you are also a member of Best Benefits Club, a perks program which allows you to receive excellent discounts on a wide variety of quality products and services across the United States.



How do you get the discounts? Best Benefits Club is primarily web-based. Just go to www.bbcmember.com and click on LOGIN. Your first time visiting you will need to create a user account. The activation code you will need to enter for that is **NDA8420**.

Quick Links

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