

Memo

To: All Mayors, County Commission Chairmen, City/County Managers/Administrators, Development Authorities, & Chambers of Commerce

From: Tonia Hendricks

Date: July 10, 2017

Re: 2018 Okefenokee Occasion

The date for the next Okefenokee Occasion has been set for **Wednesday, January 10, 2018**. The Okefenokee Occasion is a multi-county legislative reception held annually at the Depot in downtown Atlanta. The purpose of the event is to ensure that State Leaders are aware of the needs in this region and that they keep these needs in mind when making decisions that impact our communities. Over 500 influential state leaders attended this past January and the upcoming event is expected to be an even greater success.

This past year, the Occasion was hosted by the counties of Appling, Atkinson, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Pierce, Tift, Turner, Ware, and Wayne. However, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission Council has opened the event to all counties in the 18-county region and invites all to participate as hosts of the event. The cost for hosting/participating is \$1,500 per county and covers 10 hosts. This cost may be divided between the participating local governments, development authority, and/or chamber in your county in whatever percentage deemed appropriate.

If you would like to learn more about and/or participate in the 2018 Okefenokee Occasion, please make plans to attend the **Kick-off Meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017**, at the Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce, Waycross, Georgia, beginning at 12 noon. **Please RSVP to me at trhendricks@sgrc.us, by Monday, July 17th.**

Join with us in promoting Southern Georgia at the 2018 Okefenokee Occasion.



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