

2026 Professional Development Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

Time	Track 1 Room ABC	Track 2 Room D	Track 3 Room 106
8-9am	Introduction to Wells and Submersible Pumps Paul Shuford, DAB Pumps	Pumping System Installation Safety Bob Lilland, Franklin Electric	Finding Growth Through Financing Hayden Nielsen, Regions Bank
9:15-10:15am	Biological Related Fouling and Tracking in Your Well Michael Schnieders, Water Systems Engineering, Inc.	Practical Cyber Security & Resiliency for Small Businesses - Part 1 John Kilpatrick and Darold Froemming, Trulight LLC	Hydrogeology of the Piedmont and Blue Ridge Provinces of South Carolina Lee Mitchell, HydroFinders, LLC
10:30-11:30am	Critical Components of Compliance for Commercial Vehicle Drivers, Company Owners and Management Troy Smith, DOT Compliance Consultants, LLC	Continue Practical Cyber Security & Resiliency for Small Businesses - Part 2 John Kilpatrick and Darold Froemming, Trulight LLC	2026 Geothermal Industry for Water Well Drillers and the Importance of being Involved Brock Yordy, The Driller

Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm - ON YOUR OWN

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12:45-1:45PM	Cretaceous to Miocene Aquifers of the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plains: Diverse Richard Spruill, Hydrogeologist, Groundwater Management Associates, Inc.	Taste and Odor Issues: Causes Identification and Treatment Mike Heatwole, AOSmith North American Water Treatment	Tanks Beyond the Basics Daniel Featherstone, Pentair Flow Technologies
2-3pm	Electrical Basics and Tips Tom Stephan, Goulds Water Technology	Simple Connections That Make the Drive More Than Constant Pressure Daniel Featherstone, Pentair Flow Technologies	PFAS Regulations, Testing & Treatment Marianne Metzger, Resintech, Inc.
3:15-4:15PM	Chlorine: The Most Misunderstood Chemical in the Ground Water Industry Mike Whittaker, Cotey Chemical Corporation	Portland Type 1L: Not What It's Cracked Up To Be Mark Whittle, Baroid IDP	Are You Giving Your Customer Enough Info. Ray Roerick, WellVu

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9-10 AM	Submersible Pump Basics Ainsley Darby, Grundfos	Drilling Reactive Clay and Shale Jim Hutmacher, Wyo-Ben, Inc.	2026 State of the U.S. Water Well Industry Report Margaret Martens, Water Systems Council
10:15-11:15 AM	Powering the Cloud Without Draining the Aquifer R. Jeffrey Davis, Integral Consulting Inc.	Basic Meters and Troubleshooting Pumping System David Bumbalough, Franklin Electric	Update on Mandatory Connection and Other Hot Issues in the South Atlantic Jesse Richardson, Water Systems Council

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12:30-2PM	Who Wants To Be A Driller Brock Yordy, The Driller