



2026 AR SWANA Annual Conference & Meeting

August 5 - 7, 2026 - Chenal Event Venue & Aloft Little Rock West

Time	Location	Presentation Description and Presenter
Wednesday, August 5		
10:00	Chenal Event Venue	Vendor/Exhibitor Set-Up
Noon		Registration Begins
12:30		Capital Tour and Meeting with Representatives - Randy Thurman, Government Solutions - Box Lunch If Ordered
12:30		AGFF Shooting Sports Complex - Box Lunch If Ordered
3:00		Hotel Check-In at Aloft Hotel
6:00		Dinner by Pickett Industries - Exhibit Hall Open
7:30		Meet & Greet - Music by Avery Waltz - Shuttle Bus from Aloft Hotel to Chenal Event Venue Provided - Exhibit Hall Open

Thursday, August 6		
7:00	Chenal Event Venue	Breakfast by Rx Catering at Chenal Event Venue - Exhibit Hall Open
7:45		Welcome - AR SWANA President and Safety Briefing
7:50		Welcome - Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott
8:00		Anti-Trust Briefing - Walter Wright - Mitchell Williams Law Firm
8:15		A Solid Waste & Recycling Update - Walter Wright - Mitchell Williams Law Firm
8:45		Landfill Elevated Temperature Conditions - Mike Caldwell - WM
9:15		Data-Driven Safety in Landfill Gas Operations - Matt Taylor - LoCI
9:45		Morning Break & Exhibitor Hall Open
10:45		What is Going on in NWA? Panel Discussion
		George Wheatley, Moderator, SW Specialists
		Brian Pugh, City of Fayetteville
		Robyn Reed, Boston Mountain Solid Waste District
11:45		Charlotte Pitt, Recycling Partnership
		Jason Davis, City of Siloam Springs
12:45	Lunch by Rx Catering - Exhibit Hall Open	
1:15	Keynote Speaker - Amy Burke - SWANA Executive Director	
	Why Environmental Education Matters to Solid Waste Professionals - Sophia Stephenson - Arkansas Environmental Education Association	
	Landfill Fires - 2AM Isn't the Time to Make a Plan - Jeff Phillips & Todd Courtney - SCS Engineers	
2:15	Afternoon Break & Exhibitor Hall Open	
3:00	AI Data Into Action - Bryan Staley - Environmental Research & Education Foundation (EREF)	
3:30	Container Management - Panel Discussion	
	Joe Hopper, Moderator, City of Conway	
	Wes Glakas, Sierra Container	
	Andreas Gruson, Fleet Genius	
5:00 to 8:00	Duane McDonald, City of Fort Smith	
	Dinner on Own or with Vendor	
5:00 to 8:00	ALOFT	Young Professionals Event/Dinner (35 Years and Younger) - Top Golf Little Rock
8:30 to 10:00		Reception & Entertainment - Jonathan Erlandson Magic

Friday, August 7		
7:00	Chenal Event Venue	Breakfast by Rx Catering at Chenal Event Venue - Exhibit Hall Open
7:45		Safety Briefing
8:00		Statewide Solid Waste Plan Update - DEQ - Colbie Jones
8:20		SEEK Update - DEQ - Colby Ungerank
8:40		Compliance Update & Environmental Officer Program - DEQ - Ryan Hayden
9:10		Morning Break & Exhibitor Hall Open & Hotel Checkout
10:15		AR SWANA Chapter Goals - Review & Input from Members/Attendees
10:45		AR SWANA Chapter - Annual Meeting
12:00 - 1:00		Cantina Elvaco De Mayo