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July 5, 2017

Welcome to the 2018 Regional Leadership Institute! We look forward to meeting you at the RLI orientation event on September 13.

What should you expect at this year’s RLI? Interconnections. Naturalist and author, John Muir, once wrote, “When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.”

His words remind us of the interconnectivity of the world. While Muir’s words prompt us to think about the natural world, this year’s RLI will examine how the challenges we face at a regional level and the strategies we may explore are often interconnected and at times intersectional.

Seeing issues as interconnected requires us to reframe how we understand our challenges and our existing assets. This also might mean that you may find there are regional collaborators to your work in unlikely spaces.

We are excited to help you further identify existing regional networks and partnerships to plug into as well as underscore how leaders and communities are seeking innovative and collaborative approaches to propel our region forward.

We have included information below on upcoming important dates, payment/invoice, FAQs and a link to a survey.

**Invoice**

Please find the attached invoice for your RLI registration.

**Registration**

Please complete your RLI registration very soon at the link below. It is your official registration for the program.

* **RLI Eventbrite Registration:** <https://2018rli.eventbrite.com>

**Payment**

The registration link will provide you with several different payment options. If you choose to mail in a check, scroll down to the bottom of the Eventbrite payment page and click under “**Other Payment Options**.” Click the hyperlink “Show”.

If you choose to pay by check, please email us to let us know.

**Program Registration and Payment**

**7/23/18** Deadline to confirm program participation (You may reply by email)

**7/27/18** Deadline to request a payment plan

**8/1/18** Last day for tuition reimbursements for cancellations

**8/15/18** Complete survey questions and upload your bio

**9/1/18** Deadline to complete all payments

**Program Dates:**

RLI program participants are expected to attend ***all*** program events.

**RLI Program Orientation**

Thursday, September 13, 2018, 5 -7 pm (in metro Atlanta)

**RLI Week**

Sunday, September 30, 2 pm- Friday, October 5, 11am (in Savannah)

**RLI Follow-up Event**

Thursday, January 17, 2019, 5 -7 pm (in metro Atlanta)

**FAQs**

**Can I leave at any-time during the week-long program?** Barring any emergencies, participants are expected to stay all five days of the program.

**Is the Orientation event on Thursday, September 13, 2018, 5 -7 PM (in metro Atlanta) optional?** All participants are expected to attend the Orientation event. This is the first time you will meet your class members, and this event will set the stage for our time in Savannah.

**Are there pre-assignments?** Yes. We recognize that we have a short amount of time together in Savannah. To optimize what we can cover and accomplish during the week, you will be provided with a few pre-assignments including a leadership assessment.

**How should I come to Savannah**? Arrive curious, open to exploration and ready to engage in substantial, challenging and exciting topics.

Want to share more about RLI and learn about your other classmates? Click on the story below and share it!

*ARC Accepts 56 Leaders for 2018 Regional Leadership Institute*

<https://atlantaregional.org/news/leadership-engagement/arc-selects-56-leaders-for-2018-regional-leadership-institute/>

If you have questions after reviewing this letter, please feel free to reach out to me.

Warmly,

Sade

Include email and direct phone # here