



2026 Schedule of Events

as of 1.8.2026

*Schedule is subject to change



Time	Event	Venue
Wednesday, February 4, 2026		
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibitor & Volunteer Move In	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Exhibitor & Volunteer Registration	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Exhibitor & Volunteer Express Badge Registration	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	DSC Georgia Chapter Banquet	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, C202-204
Thursday, February 5, 2026		
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibitor & Volunteer Registration & Move In	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibitor & Volunteer Express Badge Registration & Move In	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Conservation Kickoff - Cocktail Reception	Signia by Hilton Hotel - Level 2 - Triumph Ballroom Prefunction
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Conservation Kickoff Banquet & Auction <i>Attire: Boots & Buckles</i> <i>Speaker: Shane Mahoney, Conservation Visions</i> <i>Awards: Dixie Yeatts Award of Excellence, DSC Conservation Trailblazer Award</i>	Signia by Hilton Hotel - Level 2 - Triumph Ballroom
Friday, February 6, 2026		
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Exhibitor Breakfast - RSVP Required <i>*Sponsored by Sports Afield</i>	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, Georgia Ballroom, Level 3
7:00 am - 10:00 am	Life Member Appreciation Breakfast <i>*Sponsored by Global Rescue</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i> <i>Speaker: Robbie Kroger, The Origins Foundation</i>	Signia by Hilton Hotel - Level 2 - Triumph Ballroom
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	On Site & Express Badge Registration Open	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
9:00 am - 5:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
9:00 am - 5:30 pm	Silent Auction & Raffles	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, on Show Floor
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Askari Lounge - Invitation Only	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, on Show Floor
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Seminars (See separate schedule for details) <i>*Sponsored by Glacier Guides Inc.</i>	Georgia World Congress Center - Seminar Rooms on Show Floor
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Big Bull Lounge - Open for all Exhibitors - RSVP Required <i>*Sponsored by Capt. Peacock Yachts & Expeditions</i>	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, C202-204
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	DSC x Gather Grills Live Fire Dinner Experience	Westside Motor Lounge - Atlanta, GA
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Friday Evening Banquet - Cocktail Reception <i>Entertainment: Jake Matthew Band</i>	Signia by Hilton Hotel - Level 2 - Triumph Ballroom Prefunction
6:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Friday Evening Banquet & Auction - "Education Night" <i>Attire: Business Casual</i> <i>Speaker: Ivan Carter, Conservationist & Professional Hunter</i> <i>Awards: Colin Caruthers Young Hunter Award, DSC Foundation Education Award</i>	Signia by Hilton Hotel - Level 2 - Triumph Ballroom
Saturday, February 7, 2026		
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Exhibitor Breakfast - RSVP Required <i>*Sponsored by Sports Afield</i>	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, Georgia Ballroom, Level 3
7:00 am - 9:00 am	DSC Chapter Breakfast	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, Room C105-106
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	On Site & Express Badge Registration Open	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
9:00 am - 5:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
9:00 am - 5:30 pm	Silent Auction & Raffles	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, on Show Floor
10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Seminars (See separate schedule for details) <i>*Sponsored by Glacier Guides Inc.</i>	Georgia World Congress Center - Seminar Rooms on Show Floor
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Askari Lounge - Invitation Only	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, on Show Floor
10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Ladies' Luncheon & Auction - "Field to Fabulous" <i>Attire: Polished Sporting Style with a Touch of Glamour</i> <i>Speaker: Kate MacGregor, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior</i> <i>Entertainment: The Tams</i>	Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park - North Tower - M2 - International Ballroom
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation - Invitation Only	Signia by Hilton Hotel - Level 2 - Triumph Ballroom I
4:00 pm	Silent Auction Close (Select Items - Group 1) & Winner Pick Up	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C on Show Floor
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	DSC PAC Reception	Signia by Hilton Hotel - Level 2 - Triumph Ballroom I
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Big Bull Lounge - Open for all Exhibitors - RSVP Required <i>*Sponsored by Capt. Peacock Yachts & Expeditions</i>	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, C202-204
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	DSC x Gather Grills Live Fire Dinner Experience	Westside Motor Lounge - Atlanta, GA
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Saturday Evening Banquet - Cocktail Reception	Signia by Hilton Hotel - Level 2 - Triumph Ballroom Prefunction
6:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Saturday Evening Banquet & Auction - "Advocacy Night" <i>Attire: Black Tie Optional</i> <i>Speaker: Governor Kelly Armstrong of North Dakota</i> <i>Awards: Peter Hathaway Capstick Hunting Heritage Award, Dr. Bob Speegle Outstanding Hunting Achievement Award (OHAA)</i>	Signia by Hilton Hotel - Level 2 - Triumph Ballroom
Sunday, February 8, 2026		
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Exhibitor Breakfast - RSVP Required <i>*Sponsored by Sports Afield</i>	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, Georgia Ballroom, Level 3
8:30 am - 2:30 pm	On Site & Express Badge Registration Open	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Silent Auction & Raffles	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, on Show Floor
10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Seminars (See separate schedule for details) <i>*Sponsored by Glacier Guides Inc.</i>	Georgia World Congress Center - Seminar Rooms on Show Floor
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Askari Lounge - Invitation Only	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C, on Show Floor
12:00 pm	Silent Auction Close (Group 2) & Winner Pick-Up	Georgia World Congress Center - Silent Auction, Building C
1:00 pm	Raffle Drawing & Winner Pick-Up	Georgia World Congress Center - Raffle Counter, Building C
3:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Exhibitor Move Out	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C
Monday, February 9, 2026		
7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Exhibitor Move Out	Georgia World Congress Center - Building C



2026 DSC Convention and Sporting Expo Seminar Schedule - by Day and Time

Seminar Stage located on the Show Floor

Time	Speaker	Topic	Description
FRIDAY			
11:30am - 12:30pm	Wayne van Zwoll	Writing Up the Hunt for Publication	Hunting stories abound; few are published. Here Dr. van Zwoll tells how write for on-line or "hard-copy" magazines like DSC's Game Trails. He has written 15 books and 3,000 magazine articles on hunting, firearms and history, published thousands of photographs and taught writing at Utah State University. Whether you want to publish for fun or profit, this conversational question-and-answer seminar tells how to pitch queries that catch an editor's eye and follow with compelling text. You'll get targeted advice on writing about hunting and hunting gear, also tips on photography with any camera. Writing is story-telling; crisp, clever writing, with images to match, gets stories published!
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Peyton Merideth	Booking Your First Safari: A Step-by-Step Process to Ensure You Enjoy Your First African Adventure	Booking your first safari can be overwhelming, with many logistics to consider, such as choosing the right hunting location, selecting a safari company that meets your expectations, deciding on species, avoiding hidden costs, understanding tipping etiquette, and arranging trophy transportation. In our seminar, we will address these common questions and more using photos and real-life examples, ensuring you feel confident and prepared for your first African adventure.
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Julius Fortuna & The Double Rifle Society	Beyond the Bead: The Red Dot Revolution for Dangerous Game Rifles	Dallas Safari Club has long stood at the forefront of education, safety, and ethical safari hunting. This seminar directly supports that mission by addressing the fastest-growing trend in dangerous-game riflecraft: the adoption of red-dot sights on double rifles and big-bores. What began quietly in safari camps has now become a global shift — driven by market share leading older hunters, ethical-shot expectations, and the need for faster, clearer target acquisition when split-second decisions determine survival. Backed by Trijicon, the seminar includes real field data, PH round table with testimonies, slow-motion analysis, and proven mounting methodologies that have already saved lives in the bush. Red dots are not a fad; they represent the next chapter in responsible dangerous-game hunting.
SATURDAY			
10:00am - 11:00am	Dan Adler	Glass Like a Pro--with 2nd BONUS seminar--Long Range Hunting & Ethics	Whether you are getting ready for your first, or fiftieth, Western big game or international mountain hunt, proper glassing techniques and hunting equipment is absolutely job #1! The DSC is proud to welcome back the owner of North America's largest outfitting and guide service, Dan Adler of Diamond Outfitters and Zero Outfitter Fees. Dan is an award winner, a published author and co-hosted of The Best of the West TV for over a decade. Today's modern glassing equipment and long range rifles and bows have revolutionized the way we scout and hunt. When done right, proper glassing fully triples the average hunter's success in the field, saves energy and increases hunter morale. When done ethically, today's rifles, muzzleloaders and archery equipment can increase your lethal accuracy by well over 50%. Dan's seminars are known for not only education, but also fun and lots of humor. Come learn from someone who describes himself as "A professional glasser, cleverly disguised in the guide business" who will share all the common errors, plus the tips and tactics to take your glassing and ethical lethality to the next level. A must see seminar for anyone that hunts in BIG, glassable country.
11:30am - 12:30pm	Hornady	Intro to Long Range	Step into the world of long-range shooting with Hornady's expert team. This seminar lays the groundwork by covering the fundamentals every shooter needs to know—starting with the basics of external ballistics and how to effectively use ballistic calculators. From there, we'll explore the role of precise handloading in accuracy, as well as practical skills like reading and compensating for wind. Whether you're a hunter looking to extend your effective range or a new precision shooter building a foundation, this session will provide the knowledge and tools to get you started with confidence
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Craig Boddington	Hunting African Buffalo	Africa's best hunt! Despite issues with other members of the Big Five, buffalo hunts remain available and relatively affordable in several countries. This seminar discusses the where, when, how and why of buffalo hunting today. Veteran outdoor writer and buffalo lover Craig Boddington covers: Countries open, types of African buffalo, hunting techniques, shooting and shot placement, trophy judging...and much more.
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Panel Discussion	Fireside Chat: Conservation and Hunting Heritage with Key DSC Influencers	For those who cherish the wild and the future of wild places, there is a deeper story behind hunting. A story of stewardship, sustainability, and our heritage of conserving what many take for granted. Join DSC's Influencers as they discuss how ethical hunting isn't just about the harvest. It's about giving back.
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Tom Claycomb	Knife Sharpening / Choosing the Proper Knife	All outdoorsmen use a knife and yet less than 5% can sharpen one. Come to this seminar and I'll teach you how to sharpen your knife. I will also cover how to choose the proper design. There are a lot of weird knife designs on the market. Really us outdoorsmen only need 5 different designs. Come to this seminar and I'll show you which designs you need to own and why. I get to test hundreds of knives each year and have helped design hunting knives.
SUNDAY			
10:00am - 11:00am	Caleb Causey	Hunter's Field Medicine	Join us for a discussion on how to develop emergency medical contingency planning, recommended medical skills and gear you'll need for your next adventure. No one cares more about your life than you, plan accordingly. Learn how to establish medical contingencies using local assets, identifying their capabilities, and their limitations. Calling for help isn't enough! You may have to provide immediate aid on the spot until help arrives. Having a solid foundation of applicable medical skills will be the difference between having a cool story to tell or a horrific one. Those skills will require the right medical gear to assist you in saving a life. Learn which medical gear you will need and gear you won't.
11:30am - 12:30pm	Anne Gaines Burril	Tips for Trips to Africa	Whether you are planning your first trip or your 21st trip, this is a seminar you should attend, as it is the single longest running seminar at DSC now in its 19th year. The speaker has a long history of experience: Anne Gaines Burril launched Air 2000 Hunters Support company in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1989 to provide incoming hunters with services ranging from Meet and Greet to prearranged firearm permits to charter services. This speaker has "been there and done that" and wants to share it with you.
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Michael Coppersmith	Know Before You Go	This seminar will cover all the bases for preparing for an international hunt. We will cover what to do Before, During and After your hunt to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible. Everything from traveling with your firearms to the importation process to ensure that you get your trophies home safely.