

# Pre-Meeting Things to Do at the 2011 Global E3/AE3 Annual Meeting

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Spring has sprung in Clemson – the Cherry and Bradford Pear Trees and Forsythia shrubs are all in full bloom – a hope that our strange winter is now a memory.....



Our GE3/AE3 conference coincides with a number of spring activities at Clemson University. We are “crossing our fingers” for excellent weather. The average temperature range in April is highs of 73°F/23°C and lows of 48°F/9°C, and a monthly rainfall total of 3 inches/8cm. And, there has been no snow at Clemson in April in recorded history!

For those arriving early, we’d be pleased to point you toward regional holiday and sightseeing options. But, there is plenty to do right here on campus. Here are some of the events going on:

1. It’s **Solid Orange Weekend** in Clemson. This means lots of things to do and a good excuse to wear Orange! Notably, the “Orange and White” spring scrimmage football game gives you an opportunity to see Clemson’s football team play itself in the 85,000 seat “Death Valley” football stadium (4pm Saturday). Part of the fun is “people watching” as there will be thousands of rabid Tiger Football fans here for the game. And there are many other sporting events too, such as the Clemson versus the University of Maryland Baseball game (7pm on Saturday, and 1pm on Sunday). See <http://clemsontigers.cstv.com/genrel/021111aac.html> for these and other activities.



2. On Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon, the *Zac Brown Band* will have an outdoor concert and "Southern Ground Food" extravaganza. For more information: [www.cmt.com/news/news-in-brief/1658993/zac-brown-band-sets-its-first-southern-ground-music-and-food-festival.jhtml](http://www.cmt.com/news/news-in-brief/1658993/zac-brown-band-sets-its-first-southern-ground-music-and-food-festival.jhtml) or [www.clemson.edu/media-relations/3403/zac-brown-band-brings-first-southern-ground-music-and-food-festival-to-clemson-university/](http://www.clemson.edu/media-relations/3403/zac-brown-band-brings-first-southern-ground-music-and-food-festival-to-clemson-university/)
3. It's International Week at Clemson, and one of the highlights is the International Festival where you can sample some of the world's cuisines. This event will be held on Clemson's Bowman Field on Sunday, April 10.

Other options within short driving distance (30 minutes to 1.5 hours) include:

1. The Appalachian Mountains and Smoky Mountain National Park. ([www.nps.gov/grsm/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grsm/index.htm))
2. The Biltmore House in Asheville, North Carolina ([www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com))
3. Whitewater rafting on the Chattooga River ([www.wildwaterrafting.com/chattooga.php](http://www.wildwaterrafting.com/chattooga.php))
4. A "zipline tour" along the Chattooga River ([www.wildwaterrafting.com/chazip.php](http://www.wildwaterrafting.com/chazip.php))

And for those wanting coastal options (4 to 5 hours by car):

1. Historic Charleston, South Carolina
2. The beach resorts at Hilton Head, Kiawah, Seabrook and Pawley's Islands
3. Low Country getaways at Edisto, Fripp and Hunting Islands and Beaufort.
4. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Or, you can just "hang out" at the hotel and enjoy a nice view of the lake, a swim (if you like April's 17-18°C water temperature), a casual walk along the lakeshore or the university, or a round of golf at the adjacent golf course. Wireless Internet is available campus-wide for your convenience.



We are arranging some organized activities on **Sunday, April 10**, subject to demand. The following options are currently planned. There is a nominal cost for each option. Register at [www.clemson.edu/ces/globale3/](http://www.clemson.edu/ces/globale3/). Deadlines for Options 1 and 2 are April 2 and Option 4 is April 5 --

**Option 1** (12:00pm – 4:00pm):

- Tour of Historic Pendleton, SC, including visits to antebellum plantation homes Woodburn and Ashtabula ([www.pendletonhistoricfoundation.org/](http://www.pendletonhistoricfoundation.org/))
- Tour Clemson’s founders home of Fort Hill on the university campus (<http://www.clemson.edu/about/history/properties/fort-hill/>)
- Weather permitting, a stroll through the South Carolina Botanical Garden on the Clemson campus ([www.clemson.edu/public/scbg/](http://www.clemson.edu/public/scbg/))

**Option 2** (10:30am – 4:30pm): A driving tour through the foothills and mountains, including the towns of Highlands and Cashiers, North Carolina. ([www.highlandsinfo.com](http://www.highlandsinfo.com)) An option will include a moderate hike for those interested (weather permitting). Sites to be visited may include:

- Whitewater Falls - the highest waterfall in the eastern United States (<http://www.ncwaterfalls.com/white1.htm>)
- Stumphouse Tunnel & Isaqueena Falls ([www.oconecountry.com/stumphouse.html](http://www.oconecountry.com/stumphouse.html))

**Option 3** (12:00pm – 4:00pm): Clemson University International Festival – hosted by the Harvey & Lucinda Gantt Center for Student Life – Bowman Field on the Clemson Campus.

**Option 4** (1:30pm – 3:30pm): Golfing at Walker Golf Course, which is adjacent to the Martin Inn Hotel ([www.clemson.edu/centers-institutes/madren/golf/](http://www.clemson.edu/centers-institutes/madren/golf/) )

- Maximum of 8 people / \$56 per person + \$30 if renting clubs.
- We must know no later than Tuesday, April 5, if you would like to play.

**Option 5** Clemson University Athletic Events

- Men’s Tennis against Duke University – 12:00pm
- Baseball against the University of Maryland – 1:00pm