The State Personnel Department’s Training Division is teaming up again with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to offer training at the beautiful Lake Guntersville State Park this summer. Two days of training are slated to begin on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 through Thursday August 27, 2015.

To enroll for the classes, individuals should contact their Department’s training coordinator. If you need hotel reservations, they should be made directly with Lake Guntersville State Park. The telephone number for hotel reservations is 256-571-5440 and let them know you are a State employee attending training at the lodge.

We have provided the facility address so you can get directions from your location.

**Performance Appraisal for Supervisors – LAKE GUNTERSVILLE**  
**August 26, 2015 at Lake Guntersville State Park**

- **Registration for full day classes:** 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. with classes beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

- **Course Description:** The one-day appraisal course is recommended for supervisors and managers, who are or will be supervising personnel in state government. The program offers a comprehensive look at the procedures necessary to conduct employee evaluations with correct techniques and in a legally defensible manner. Participants will learn the supervisory responsibilities of Preappraisal, Midappraisal, and Final Appraisal periods and how to complete the three forms associated with this management process. In addition, writing responsibilities and results, evaluating the level of employee performance, and rating/scoring employee performance will be explained. Exercises will allow participants to use the new skills learned in the program.

**Progressive Discipline – LAKE GUNTERSVILLE**  
**August 27, 2015 at Lake Guntersville State Park**

- **Registration for full day classes:** 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. with classes beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

- **Course Description:** The discipline course is recommended for supervisors and managers, who are or will be supervising personnel in state government. The program offers a comprehensive look at the
procedures necessary to conduct employee discipline with correct techniques and in a legally defensible manner. A participant can learn the disciplinary procedures for the steps of warning, reprimand, suspension, and termination. Any updates in the process are emphasized. Skills taught include the ability to coach and counsel employees through feedback, intervention, documentation, and action plan, as well as the use of steps and due process when conducting a disciplinary action. State law and State Personnel Board Rules, as they refer to the discipline process, are discussed in detail. Case studies are conducted to allow participants to utilize the new skills learned in the program.

REGISTRATION PROCESS
Register your employees with The State Personnel Training Division via the email address at RegisterForTraining@personnel.alabama.gov. Registration will be conducted with the agency Personnel Manager or Training Coordinator only. The desired number of spaces or names of employees should be sent to the email address above for registration. Upon request from your agency, availability of classes will be examined and a response will be emailed to the training contact. The training contact must supply all names and the last four digits of the attendees’ social security numbers within two weeks of initial confirmation. Substitutions are to be made within your own agency should someone be unable to attend. The new information should be sent to the above email address. If the substitution occurs within two days of training date, the new attendee is to provide registration information day of training.

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS
If an employee needs an accommodation under The Americans with Disabilities Act, please call or email Norma Taylor at least one month in advance of training date. Include the type of accommodation that is necessary and examples of how your department may have provided accommodations in the past.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION
ADDITIONALLY, a “Participant Training Letter” is at the end of this email. Employee training evaluations from classes in past months indicated that a large number of the attendees did not receive the SPD Participant Letter or information regarding the actual start time and location of training. Since we have classes with varying schedules, please make sure you notify your employees the starting time and location of the specific training program for which they are registered.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO THE INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED WITH SPD
Dear Participant:

We want to welcome you to State Personnel Department Training 2015! We look forward to seeing you on your scheduled training date. Since you have been registered by your agency Personnel Manager or Training Coordinator, we want to share with you a few tips for the training date.

1. Please bring a sweater or wrap because room temperatures may fluctuate.

2. Unfortunately, state law does not allow the State Personnel Department to furnish food during the training breaks. Vending machines, however, are located near the training room area in each training location. Please bring appropriate change for vending food and drinks.

3. Lunch is on your own and is approximately one hour. There is a cafeteria in the Folsom Administrative Building in Montgomery, Alabama where the State Personnel Department is located. Information regarding the availability of cafeterias and restaurants at other training locations will be available at the training site.

4. Registration starts 30 minutes prior to actual class time. Please arrive in plenty of time to sign-in, receive nametag, and find seating.

5. Please bring writing utensils (pens/pencils) and writing pad. Handouts and manuals will be provided.

6. Participants must be present for the entire scheduled class time to receive certificate and credit for attendance. You cannot leave early or return late from lunch, arrive late due to other meetings, or depart early in the afternoon. Attendance of all class hours is mandatory for certification of class and verification of attendance within SPD records.

7. Cell phones should be turned off or muted.

8. Let your training contact know if you are unable to attend class because substitutes are to be sent in your place. We may have waiting lists for the class in which you are registered. If notified in time, we may be able to fill your vacancy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can be reached at (334) 242-3389 or by email at RegisterForTraining@personnel.alabama.gov. We look forward to seeing you at training.