

The South Carolina Association of Environmental Professionals invites you to attend!

Date: **Thursday, January 15, 2026**

Time: **6:30 pm (social) 7:00 pm (meeting start time)**

Where: **SC Power Team Office – 1201 Main Street, Suite 1710, Columbia, SC 29201 or Zoom** (*link below and must register to access*)

Cost: **No charge for paid members or first-time attendees**

Speaker: Brad Sale, Park Director, Santee Cooper, Old Santee Canal Park

Topic: **“Birding America’s First Canal”**

Discover the birds of Old Santee Canal Park, a historic swamp landscape that once served as America’s first canal. This presentation highlights common and notable bird species found at the park. Learn the historical significance of the park, as well as the feathered friends that call it home today. From wading birds to songbirds, Old Santee Canal Park provides critical habitat and scientific research for both resident and migratory species. By combining history and birding, this program shows how a centuries-old engineering project became a haven for birds.

Brad Sale is the Park Director of Old Santee Canal Park and has served in that role since 2007. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Marine Science and Biology from Coastal Carolina University and a master’s degree in Educating for Sustainability from Antioch University New England. A world traveler, naturalist, and photographer, he often blends all three to connect people with place.

Brad’s career has taken him to Georgia, Hawaii, Tennessee, and Vermont. He oversees daily operations of the 300-acre Old Santee Canal Park, owned by Santee Cooper, home to America’s first canal, the 180-year-old Stony Landing Plantation House, the site of the construction of the *Little David*, and Fort Fair Lawn, one of only two remaining Revolutionary War forts in South Carolina.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ASH7f36bSaqKoYv_qSYTYw



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- SCAEP was founded in 1992 as a non-profit organization with the following objectives in mind:
- Promote harmony, cooperation, and mutual understanding among environmental consultants, regulatory agencies, educational professionals, business professionals, etc.
- Allow members of the various disciplines represented, both public and private, the opportunity to interact at a social level
- Encourage the transfer of technical information
- Provide a vehicle for continuing technical education
- Foster the highest standards of Professional Ethics within the environmental field
- Combat unfair practices within the environmental field

❖ Why Join or Sponsor SCAEP?

- PE/PG Credit Hours!
- Networking with professionals
- Food and drinks (some “fortified”) at each meeting
- A forum to present new research and interesting topics (PGs get 2 credit hours for presenting!)
- Two memberships when you sponsor SCAEP
- We always have fun and the whole group is pretty much AWESOME 😊
- Membership fees are only \$35/calendar year and \$15 for students