

1-Hour Education Sessions Guide

Tuesday, September 29 - Block #1

Education Sessions • 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Reel-Time Recreation
Room 103AB

The Bystander Challenge
Room 103C

Essential Partners: Integrating Parks and Recreation Into Emergency Preparedness and Response
Room 105AB

The Power Of Parks and Recreation: NRPA's Data and Resources Support Your Professional Journey
Room 107AB

Embracing Your Authentic, Awkward, Awesome Self
Room 108AB

Beyond Boundaries: Building Area Land Manager Networks to Strengthen Natural Resource Stewardship
Room 109AB

A Resilient Vision: The Past, Present and Future of Historic FDR Park
Room 111AB

The Power Of Sisterhood in Leadership: Building Leadership Culture for Greater Impact
Room 113AB

Going for the Gold — Medal, That Is!
Room 113C

America's 250 to 2050: A Vision for Parks and Recreation's Future in the Age of AI
Room 114 (Michael A. Nutter Theatre)

Leadership Lessons From the River
Room 115AB

Future-Friendly Parks: Building Environmental Resilience Through Smarter Maintenance and Operations
Room 115C

From Teens to Trailblazers: How Teen Programs Build Leaders, Professionals and Purpose
Room 118AB

Game Changers: Practical Tools for Growing Girls' Participation
Room 118C

Programming for People Experiencing Homelessness
Room 119A

Nothing About Us Without Us: Designing Play With Voices From the Disability Community
Room 119B

Beyond the Basic Box: Redefining Performance Reviews for Peak Potential
Room 120AB

What Is CAPRA? An Overview of the CAPRA Accreditation Process
Room 120C

Wearing All the Hats: How Small Agencies Make It Work
Room 121AB

The Power Of Belonging in Aquatics
Room 121C

Facilities Management 101: The Future of the Field
Room 122AB

Budgeting Is a Team Sport: How to Play to Win!
Room 126AB

Great Leaders Get Fired: Planning for the Worst
Room 201AB

Customer Service in the Digital Age: Building Confidence in Every Customer Interaction
Room 204AB

Introducing the 2nd Edition of NRPA's Youth Mentoring Framework: Tools, Resources and Case Studies
Room 204C

Tuesday, September 29 - Block #2

Education Sessions • 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Listening to Tomorrow's Leaders: What Inspires and Motivates the Next Generation
Room 103AB

Welcome to the Frog Side: The Power Of Strategic Tree Hugging
Room 103C

Maximizing Food and Beverage Operations/Concessions: 39 Strategies in 60 Minutes
Room 105AB

Parks for Girls to Thrive: Applying Research to Design Guidelines
Room 107AB

Politics, People and Performance: Leading Teams With Competing Ambitions
Room 108AB

GreenIT Lancaster — 16 Years of Green Infrastructure in Parks and Beyond
Room 109AB

Disability Support in Recreation: No Budget? No Problem! Practical Strategies That Work
Room 111AB

The Power Of Sisterhood in Leadership: Turning Setbacks Into Stepping Stones
Room 113AB

From World Cup to Your Community — Growing the Game With MLS GO
Room 113C

Gloves and Ears: Leadership and Life Lessons From Rocky Balboa and Mickey Mouse
Room 114 (Michael A. Nutter Theatre)

Grants Management Foundations: Finding, Securing and Managing Awards
Room 115AB

Coaching HER®: The Retention Revolution for Youth Sports
Room 115C

Traditions Reimagined: The Power Of Strong Festival Themes
Room 118AB

Apolitically Politically Savvy
Room 118C

The Power Of 26 Hours: A Practical Path for Parks and Recreation to Improve Youth Health
Room 119A

From Green Fees to Free Green Space: Converting Golf Courses Into Public Parks
Room 119B

Goats, Fire and Tough Choices: The Power Of Integrated Invasive Management
Room 120AB

Navigating the New 2027 CAPRA Standards
Room 120C

How, Why and When to Hire Consultants — From an Ex-Consultant
Room 121AB

Pool Maintenance 101 for New Operators
Room 121C

Recreation Outlaws: Breaking the Rules of Boring Programming
Room 122AB

Choose Your Own Adventure: The Power Of Succession Planning
Room 126AB

Activating "America's Outdoor Era" — A New Vision for Public Health in America Through Outdoor Recreation
Room 201AB

Events Big and Small: We Do Them All... Oh, and Programs, too!
Room 204AB

Enter a New Dimension to Maximize Community Outcomes
Room 204C



Wednesday, September 30 - Block #3

Education Sessions • 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Measuring What Matters
Room 103AB

Hidden Farm System: Smaller Agencies Are Growing Your Next Superstar
Room 103C

From Intake to Impact: Creating Park District Programs Where People With Disabilities Belong
Room 105AB

Making Dollars and Sense: Messaging Economic Impacts and the Value of Park System Investments
Room 107AB

Steel-Toed Boots and Fresh Perspectives: Women Redefining Park Maintenance
Room 108AB

The Art of the Ask: Sponsorship and Partnerships That Actually Work
Room 109AB

Your Playbook for Crisis Communications
Room 111AB

The Power Of Time: How a 32-Hour Work Week Transformed Our Culture
Room 113AB

Becoming the Park and Recreation Influencer Your Community Needs
Room 113C

Inside the Artificial Intelligence Revolution for Parks and Recreation: Everything You've Wanted to Ask ChatGPT
Room 114 (Michael A. Nutter Theatre)

More Than Green Space: How Centering Kids in Nature Makes Parks Indispensable
Room 115AB

Clean, Mean and Green: How Friendly Competition Creates Cleaner, Greener Parks
Room 115C

The Round Tables: Elevating Front-Line Voices in Parks and Recreation
Room 118AB

Collaboration in Youth Sports — How Recreation, Schools and Community Can Team up for Kids
Room 118C

Between a Rock and a Shared Space: Navigating Homelessness in Parks and Public Spaces
Room 119A

Engaged Community Design to Promote Physical Activity
Room 119B

Accessibility Is More Than Ramps: The Power Of Language, Attitude and Action
Room 120AB

CAPRA Volunteer Networking Hour
Room 120C

Collaborations and Community Events — Money Isn't Everything!
Room 121AB

Aquatics Facility Audits: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly
Room 121C

Human-Centered Leadership: How Self-Awareness Built Accountability and Efficiency
Room 122AB

Urban Leaders Panel Discussion: City Parks Now and Where We Will Go
Room 126AB

I'm Not Supposed to Be Here... And That's Why I'm Perfect for the Job!
Room 201AB

Sometimes Employees Suck — Here's How To Deal With It
Room 204AB

Out of the Shadows: Engineering Radical Belonging
Room 204C

Wednesday, September 30 - Block #4

Education Sessions • 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

From Happy Accidents to Intentional Impact: Growing the Next Generation of Park and Recreation Pros
Room 103AB

Five for Five and Counting! Secrets From a Seasoned Pro of Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants
Room 103C

How to Slay Your Deferred Maintenance Dragon
Room 105AB

Making a Great Place to Play: Research Informed Design for Play for All Ages
Room 107AB

Bad Blood: 10 Ways to Ruin Your Event's Reputation and Lessons Learned From a Swiftie Event Manager
Room 108AB

Unlock Hidden Parkland Through Community Schoolyards — The Power Of Partnerships
Room 109AB

Putting Youth Sports Programs in Position to Win With NRPA's Youth Sports Framework
Room 111AB

Do You Really Want to Be a Director? The Good, Bad, Ugly and the Real Tea
Room 113AB

Park Quest: Leveling Up Youth Engagement With Green Spaces
Room 113C

Commanding the Space: How Park and Recreation Professionals Can Walk In and Own Any Room
Room 114 (Michael A. Nutter Theatre)

Other Duties as Assigned: Marketing Without a Marketing Department
Room 115AB

Started From the Bottom (Now We're Co-Authors): How a Youth Board Improved the State of Our Kids Report
Room 115C

Stay Safe: Self-Defense and Risk Reduction Strategies for Women in Parks and Recreation
Room 118AB

Closing the Park Access Gap: How the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Can Fund Your Next Project
Room 118C

Tech Gone WILD: Blending Outdoor Adventure Programs With Emerging Technology
Room 119A

Mission Possible: Decoding the Secrets of Effective Boards and Commissions
Room 119B

Confetti Everywhere: Before, During and After Major Events
Room 120AB

CAPRA Accreditation Tomorrow: A Panel Discussion on Navigating the New Standards
Room 120C

Alternative Funding Strategies for Sustainable Community Impact
Room 121AB

We Were Born to Lead — Nurturing and Developing Future Aquatics Leaders
Room 121C

My Robin to Your Batman: How to Be a Great No. 2
Room 122AB

Better Together: Building Meaningful Mentor-Mentee Relationships
Room 126AB

Cool, Calm and Conflict-Ready: Lead Like a First Responder in Parks and Recreation
Room 201AB

Nope, Nada, Can't Do: How to Say No at Work
Room 204AB

The Power Of Perception: Youth, Race and Fairness in Public Spaces
Room 204C



Wednesday, September 30 - Block #5

Education Sessions • 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Didn't Train? Don't Complain! How to Master Legendary Customer Service
Room 103AB

Preparing Youth to Take Your Job
Room 103C

The Esports Blueprint 2.0: Expanding Access, Engagement and Revenue Through Community-Based Gaming
Room 105AB

A Guide to Using Cellphone Data to Understand Park Visitation Patterns
Room 107AB

Retention Strategies for Seasonal Staff
Room 108AB

The City Bob Built: Carrying Crawford's Legacy Into the Future
Room 109AB

The Cost Recovery Blueprint: How Smart Design Decisions Drive Revenue
Room 111AB

What To Do When You Are Drowning (This Isn't an Aquatics Session)
Room 113AB

Park Maintenance Roundtable: Learning Together, Managing Better
Room 113C

Future Directors Unplugged
Room 114 (Michael A. Nutter Theatre)

Rooted in Community: A Blueprint for a Sustainable Tree Adoption Program
Room 115AB

The Power Of Purposeful Play - Using Recreation Centers for Educational Programming
Room 115C

Recreation Planners and Page Turners: The Secret to Community Happiness
Room 118AB

The Power Of Strategic Planning: Rethinking Open Space Provision From an Aotearoa New Zealand Perspective
Room 118C

Leveraging National Partnerships for Local Impact: Maximizing Municipal Goals With USTA
Room 119A

Athletic Field Scheduling: The Good, The Bad and the Green in Between
Room 119B

Leading Through Chaos: Managing People, Problems and Positivity at Camp
Room 120AB

The CAPRA Journey: Strengthening Teams Through Accreditation
Room 120C

"Pocket Forests" For Rapid Reforestation and Recovery: An Urban Wetland Case Study
Room 121AB

The Power Of Play: How Aquatic Programs Create Community, Belonging and Lifelong Well-Being
Room 121C

Meets Expectations — The Power Of Purpose
Room 122AB

Building for Today and Tomorrow: Using Endowments to Create and Protect Future Park Funding
Room 126AB

"Love That Journey for Us" — The Value of Creating Meaningful Partnerships in Your Community
Room 201AB

Activating HBCU Networks Into Your Recreation Programming: Bringing Culture and Collaboration to Life
Room 204AB

Don't Get Stung by the SCORP-ion: Navigating the Path to LWCF Grants
Room 204C

Thursday, October 1 - Block #6

Education Sessions • 9 - 10 a.m.

Resiliency Through Movement: Bringing Trauma-Informed Yoga to Parks and Recreation
Room 103C

From the Forest to the Board Room: Using Tilden's Principles of Interpretation for Success Anywhere
Room 105AB

If You Build It, Will They Play? Old and New Technologies to Measure Playground Use
Room 107AB

Talking on Eggshells? Navigating Conflict With Kindness and Confidence
Room 108AB

A Shared Responsibility: Balancing Support and Enforcement of Homelessness in Westminster's Parks
Room 109AB

Bringing History to Life: Archives to Action Through Technology, Recreation and Storytelling
Room 111AB

From Magic to Meaning: Carrying Disney's Culture of Care to the City of Brotherly Love
Room 113AB

The Silver Rainbow: Engaging LGBTQ+ Seniors
Room 113C

Build Your Leadership Compass: A Guide to the Superpower of Creating a Strong Leadership Identity
Room 114 (Michael A. Nutter Theatre)

The Cr**py Job of Funding Public Restroom: A Flushing New Idea
Room 115AB

Plot Twist: Turning Art School Skills Into Park and Recreation Solutions
Room 115C

Racing Without Obstacles: A Guide to Accessible 5K Events
Room 118AB

Lessons From a Bottle of Water: Finding Your True Worth
Room 118C

Membership Matters: How State Associations Move Parks and Recreation Forward
Room 119A

Mastering Mobile Recreation: Transforming Outdoor and Community Engagement
Room 119B

You Did What?!?! Let's Celebrate!
Room 120AB

Start Strong: Mastering the CAPRA Pre-Assessment for Accreditation Success
Room 120C

Hearts Before Hierarchy: Redefining Leadership in Parks and Recreation
Room 121AB

The Power Of Expanding Accessible Aquatics Ecosystems Across American Cities
Room 121C

Designing Safer Play: How Standards Shape Play Areas
Room 122AB

Workplace Culture Eats Strategy for Breakfast — Every Single Time
Room 126AB

Zero to 90: A High-Speed Adventure Through the First 90 Days
Room 201AB

Signals Speak: What Your Programs Say Without Words
Room 204AB

HPPR in Action: A National Network for Hispanic Park and Recreation Professionals
Room 204C



Thursday, October 1 - Block #7

Education Sessions • 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

From Surviving to Shaping Your Career: A Real Talk Session for Young Pros
Room 103AB

T.A.P. Into Teen Potential: Create a Dynamic Youth Volunteer Program To Fuel Your Future Workforce!
Room 103C

Sidewalks, Soccer Balls and Support: The Power Of Park-Based Teen Wellness
Room 105AB

Building Healing-Centered Parks Using Community-Based Research Methods
Room 107AB

Respect the Roots, Pass the Baton: Building the Future Without Losing the Past
Room 108AB

Improving the Profitability of Municipal Golf: Tips, Ideas and Discussion
Room 109AB

Trees, Disservices and Quality of Life: Tools and Strategies for Community Engagement
Room 111AB

Shifting Perceptions on Belonging: How Collaboration Shaped Our Outdoor Play Strategy
Room 113AB

Urban Legends: Leading Authentically in the Heart of the City
Room 113C

You're so Busy! Now Try Being Effective: Time Management for People "Too Busy" for Time Management
Room 114 (Michael A. Nutter Theatre)

Sustaining Success: Innovative and Impactful Older Adult Programming
Room 115AB

Timeless Interpretive Graphics
Room 115C

The Circle of Life... Of Programs: What Thrives, What Dies, What Needs a Reboot
Room 118AB

This Parks and Recreation Life: A Loved Ones Toolkit for Parks Professionals
Room 118C

Leveraging Your Side Hustle: Balancing Passion Projects with Park and Recreation Responsibilities
Room 119A

Investing in our People: A Relatable, Real-World Approach to Cultivating Supervisor Readiness
Room 119B

Surviving the Comment Section
Room 120AB

Better Sports Fields: Practical Management Strategies for Recreation and Parks
Room 120C

Pulse Check: Translating Staff Feedback Into Meaningful Action
Room 121AB

Trends in Underperforming Recreation Centers and What to Do About It
Room 121C

Chattanooga: How a Mid-Sized Southern City Became America's First National Park City
Room 122AB

Crowdfund This Park: What Leslie Knope Should Have Done (and What You Still Can)
Room 126AB

Playmaker to Playcaller: The Survival Guide for New Supervisors
Room 201AB

Marketing (Taylor's Version)
Room 204AB

Utilizing Fitness and Nutrition Education for Individuals With Disabilities in Community Recreation
Room 204C

Thursday, October 1 - Block #8

Education Sessions • 1 - 2 p.m.

Honoring Our Roots: The History of Parks and Recreation and the Path Forward
Room 103AB

The Power Of the Small Group: Heroic Improv for Emergency Readiness
Room 103C

Beyond Recreation: Cultivating a Culture of Emergency Response in Los Angeles City
Room 105AB

From Data to Action: Smarter Targeting to Grow Sports and Recreation Participation Locally
Room 107AB

Planning for Impact: How to Create Mission-Driven, Data-Led, Implementable Plans
Room 108AB

The Concession Advantage: Funding and Activating Public Spaces
Room 109AB

The Awakenings Approach: A Trauma-Informed Framework for Authentic and Flexible Youth Engagement
Room 111AB

What They Don't Tell You About Master Plans
Room 113AB

Just Stop Mowing! The Trials and Tribulations of Establishing Stream Buffers in Urban Parks
Room 113C

Street-Smart Skills for Park and Recreation Success
Room 114 (Michael A. Nutter Theatre)

The Teen Wellness Retreat: Moving Minds, One City at a Time
Room 115AB

Next Practices in Micropolitan Placemaking: Mason City's Recreation-Led Path to Community Growth
Room 115C

Thriving Together: Building Healthier Communities Through Evidence-Based Programs
Room 118AB

Public Spaces and Democracy in Action: Color the Creek
Room 118C

The Power Of a City Within a Park: Reimagining Fort Worth's GREENprint for the Next Urban Era
Room 119A

How Sports Tourism Fuels Small-Town Community Connection
Room 119B

Concerts in the Park: A Blueprint for Success
Room 120AB

Smash Parkinson's With Table Tennis in Your Community!
Room 120C

Storytelling That Sticks: Empowering Patrons to Share Your Story!
Room 121AB

Journeys Made Easy: Best Practices for Older Adult Group Travel
Room 121C

The News Is Calling — Are You Ready? Mastering Public Relations in Parks and Recreation
Room 122AB

The Power Of Public-Private Partnerships: How Baltimore Built 60+ Playgrounds in Three Years
Room 201AB

Outside and Aligned: Local Park-Based Outdoor Recreation
Room 204AB

Thursday, October 1 - Block #9

Education Sessions • 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Step Into The Game: Navigating Real World Challenges in Parks and Recreation
Room 103AB

Conservation Easements 101 — Thinking Outside the Normal Parks Box
Room 103C

Dallas Park Safety and Security Dashboard: Data-Driven Strategies for a Safer Park and Trail System
Room 105AB

Maximizing Community Impact Through Tennis Partnerships: A Nevada Case Study on Public-Private Models
Room 107AB

Sustainable Rec: Building Revenue to Strengthen Community and Protect Your Agency
Room 108AB

T.E.A.M. at Work: A 20-Year Workforce Development Model Building Skills, Confidence and Community
Room 109AB

From Disaster to Success: Resilient Leadership in Recreation and Parks
Room 111AB

Reaching High-Hanging Fruit: Simple Drone and Geographic Information System Wins That Help Parks Fly
Room 113AB

The Power Of One Kind Day: How To Implement Camp Kindness Day To Transform Your Summer
Room 113C

Beyond Burnout: Evidence-Based Strategies for Stress Management and Resilience in Park and Recreation Professionals
Room 114 (Michael A. Nutter Theatre)

Recreation for ALL: Using Grants to Expand Access to Recreational Programming
Room 115AB

Out With the Old, In With the New: A Proactive Approach to Park Asset Optimization
Room 115C

The Power Of Partnerships: Building Funding and Capacity to Fuel Resilient Communities
Room 118AB

Public Spaces and Democracy in Action: Authentic Community Partnerships
Room 118C

Essential by Design, Not by Disaster: Why Preparation Changes Everything
Room 119A

Not "Bad Kids," But Big Needs: Blending Relationship Building Skills and Health Strategies Into Summer Camp
Room 119B

There's a Tank on the Trail! All Terrain Wheelchairs and Access for All
Room 120AB

The Power Of Putting Parks in Your Pocket: Gamifying Visitation
Room 121AB

Glenwood Grind: Activating Under-Resourced Spaces Through Community-Led Skate and Arts Programming
Room 121C

From Pop-Ups to Placemaking: Activating Urban Parks Through Partnerships and Creative Programming
Room 122AB

Age-Friendly Movement: Parks and Recreation at the Forefront
Room 126AB

Bridging Fields: How Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Build Thriving Communities
Room 204C

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