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2024 PRPS CONFERENCE & EXPO REGISTRATION GUIDE

March 12 – March 15, 2024 Seven Springs Mountain Resort 777 Water Wheel Drive Seven Springs, PA 15622



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

REGISTRATION HOURS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

THURSDAY, Максн 14 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

EXPO HALL HOURS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 3:45 pm - 6:30 pm Expo Hall Grand Opening & Reception

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

9:45 am – 12:00 pm Expo Hall Open 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Exhibitor Appreciation Lunch 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Expo Hall Closing Reception

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Registration

 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
 Expo Hall Set

 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
 Pre-conferent

 Writing Work
 Pre-conferent

 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 PRPS Board

 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
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 Educational

 2:10 pm - 2:15 pm
 Educational

 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
 Education Set

 3:45 pm - 6:30 pm
 Expo Hall Gr

 & Reception
 Keynote

 7:30 pm
 Dinner

 9:00 pm
 Social

Expo Hall Set-Up Pre-conference Grant Writing Workshop PRPS Board Meeting Board/Committee/ AM Workshop Lunch Educational Sessions Refreshment Break Education Sessions Expo Hall Grand Opening & Reception Keynote Dinner Social

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
8:30 am - 9: 45 am	Educational Sessions
9:45 am - 12:00 pm	Exclusive Expo Time with
	refreshment break
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Exhibitor Appreciation Lunch
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Past President Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Expo Closing Reception with
	dessert and coffee
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Expo Hall Teardown
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Educational Sessions
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Refreshment Break
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Educational Sessions
6:00 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm	Social

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 am - 8:00 am 8:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:30 am - 9:45 am 9:45 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 11:15 am 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm 4:15 pm - 6:00 pm 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 9:00 pm Breakfast Registration Educational Sessions Refreshment Break Educational Sessions PRPS Business Meeting & Lunch Educational Sessions Educational Sessions Break PRPS Awards Reception PRPS Awards Dinner Social

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 am - 9:00 am 9:30 am - 10:45 am 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Breakfast Educational Sessions Endnote



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PRPS CO-CHAIRS INVITATION!

Cow-a-bunga! Paula Willis and Michelle Harmel would like to invite you to RIDE THE TIDE all the way to the 2024 PRPS Annual Conference & Expo at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Grab your sunglasses, flip-flops and Hawaiian shirts as we shell-abrate good times with other so-fish-ticated park and recreation professionals.

The 2024 Conference & Expo Committee and PRPS staff have been making waves to provide out-sanding educational sessions, speakers, exhibits, and socials that will be shore to make a splash. Things may not always be as they ap-pier with Drew Murray, magician and keynote speaker, and get ready to pass the beach ball and ask your questions to one of our great state representatives during the State of the State.

Come crab a drink and meet us at the beach boardwalk at night where you can hang-ten with friends and try your luck at fin-tastic carnival games. Keep your friends close, but your anemones closer at the Seven Springs Bowling Alley to compete for the oppor-tuna-ty to take home the District Challenge belt!

There's never a gull moment at the 2024 PRPS Conference & Expo! Sea you there!



For more conference information and updates, visit www.prpsconferenceandexpo.org.

Paula Willis and Michele Harmel, 2024 Conference & Expo Co-Chairs





INVITE you to attend the largest statewide tradeshow exclusively for parks and recreation! **INSTRUCT** you in over 60 educational sessions to build your professional career! **INDUCE** productive networking among like-minded experts from around the state! **INVEST** your development time and dollars where they make the most difference! **INFORM** you on best practices, industry trends, and innovative products and services! **INCREASE** your professional relevance, capacity and influence! **INSPIRE** an exciting new trajectory to your personal outlook and livelihood!

EDUCATION TRACKS

- Aquatics
- Board, Committee, Friend Volunteers
- Certifications (Pesticides, Aquatics, Youth Sports, etc)
- Crisis Management (emergency action plans, active shooter, mental health)
- Customer Service & Public Relations
- Diversity/Inclusion/Accessibility/Justice
- Health & Wellness
- Leadership/Professional Development
- Marketing & Communications

- Human Resources/Organization or Personnel
 Management/Staffing
- Parks and Facility Resources/Management, Maintenance & Operations
- Partnerships
- Performing Arts/Cultural Arts
- Programs/Events
- Summer Camps
- Therapeutic and Adaptive Recreation and Facilities
- Trail Development/Management, Walkability
- Urban Recreation

EARN CEUs

The majority of program sessions have been approved for .1 CEUs. Continuing Education Units are awarded by PRPS in accordance with the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) guidelines.

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WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE PRPS CONFERENCE



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITES

We offer 60 educational sessions on a variety of topics to fit your professional career.



NETWORKING

We provide many opportunities to network. This is the time to interact with others that you don't know. Around 400 park and recreation professionals will attend. Meeting other professionals may lead you to a new colleague or friend who can help you gain knowledge from the best in our field.



MEET THE VENDORS

Our Expo Hall is a valued part of the conference. Vendors come from all over to show you new technologies and products that can improve your work place and recreation offerings. Please take some time and visit every booth.



EARN CEUs

Awarded in accordance with the International Association for Continuing Education and Training Guidelines.



SHARE BACK HOME

After attending the conference, you will feel refreshed, inspired and full of new ideas to take back and share with your department.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Paula Willis, Co-Chair • Michele Harmel, Co-Chair

EDUCATION

Jason Lang, Co-Chair • Courtney Meehan, Co-Chair Cheri Matter, Katy Heslop, Jason Cerkan, Heavenly Smith

EXPO, SPONSORSHIP, PRIZE POOL

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> **ROOM HOST** Dan Miller, Chair

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS, PRE-CONFERENCE & KEYNOTE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM PRE-CONFERENCE: GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR GRANT WRITING EFFORTS

Member: \$115

Non-member: \$145

Obtaining grants is a process that requires organization and preparation. This program will break that process down into workable strategies and provide participants with the knowledge and skills for writing a successful application. The program will include instruction as well as educational activities.

Participants will learn how to:

- · Search for and find grant funds
- Recognize and respond to the components of a grant application
- · Write an effective grant proposal
- · Respond quickly to Requests for Proposals
- · Work effectively with funders
- Include evaluation strategies in your proposal and project
- Write your grant from a reviewer's perspective

For more details visit the website at www.prpsconferenceandexpo.org.

1:00 - 2:15 PM

Healthy Communities, Parks and Splashpads Active Transpo = Safe Routes to Parks REC-ognition: Acknowledging the Importance of Parks and Recreation Meeting Communities Where They Are, One Breath at a Time Graphic Design for Non Graphic Designers Trends in Play Space Design: Activity, Engagement, Involvement

2:30 - 3:45 PM

Energy is Everything and Everything is Energy! MyRec.com Recreation Software User Group Leadership is an Action Word

- Fostering Growth in Community Recreation Programs Through Positive Relationships and Partnerships
- Innovation is Invitation: Defining What's Next in Inclusive Play

Barriers to Waterway Access



6:30 PM keynote: rare magic

Drew Murray is a speaker, magician and entrepreneur from Columbus, Ohio. He presents at several hundred events each year both nationally and internationally for groups such as Amazon,

Facebook, Nationwide Insurance and The FBI.

His residency show, "Rare Magic" sells out months in advance at Autograph Collection Hotels across the country. Through the concept of time he reminds audiences that the most remarkable journeys often begin with a single moment of wonder.

Join us as Drew gives a behind the scenes look at how we can use techniques of a magician to create true magic for those around us. Speaker: Drew Murray – Magician and Speaker Extraordinaire

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

8:30 - 9:45 AM

Everything You Were Too Afraid to Ask About Park Operations

USTA Tennis Venue Services

Hop, Skip, Play: Accessible Play at Splash Pads Conservation Actions for Climate Resiliency in

State Parks

Identifying your Town's Heart & Soul 99 Problems...and Pickleball isn't One of Them

2:30 - 3:45 PM

Aquatics Roundtable

Well-Being, Naturally Part 1

The Benefits of a Model Safety Culture

Lessons Learned in Planning, Financing and

Construction of Parks & Recreation Facilities Build a Better Mousetrap: Program Marketing,

Pricing and Evaluation Hiring and Retention - How Can Leaders Make

a Difference

4:00 - 5:15 pm

SCORP 2025-2029 Community Providers Input Session

Well-Being, Naturally Part 2

Winning Language, Winning Action, Winning Culture

Myth into Mandatory- Climate Change in the Parks

Great Expectations: Can Revenue Goals and Social Equity Co-Exist

Inclusion Matters: Whole Child, Whole Environment, Whole Community

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

8:30 - 9:45 AM

Establishing an Emergency Action Plan for Your Summer Camp Recreation Facilities Construction in a Volatile Economic Environment Developing Aquatics Programing That Fits the Needs of Your Community Multimodal Trails & Placemaking – Case Studies & Ideas Creating an Alliance Good for You! And PA too!

10:00 - 11:15 AM

Plan and Map Your Events Accurately Natural Resource Manager: Why Every Municipality Needs One Parks, More than Just Playgrounds

Let's Talk About the "SHIPS" to Make your Events Sail!

Rescue Ready – One Agency's Story of Overcoming a Severe Lifeguard Shortage. CPRP/CPRE with Me



EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 (CONT.)

1:30 - 2:45 PM

Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies Part 1: Everything you Should Know about Accreditation Youth Mentoring Programs, Frameworks,

and Opportunities

Building Team Culture w/ Seasonal Staff Building Recreational Infrastructure through

Environmental Restoration Projects Leveraging Partnerships to Enhance Local

Recreation

1:30 - 4:15 PM

Connecting to Nature, Self & Community through Forest Bathing (please note this session is 1:30 – 4:15 with an outdoor component, please dress appropriately to go outside)

3:00 - 4:15 PM

Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies Part 2: Starting your CAPRA Journey

Public Parks are Green Infrastructure One Tree Per Child: Partnering, Planning, & Planting

Emotional Warrior: Unwavering Resilience in a Broken World

Connecting Through Improv

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 - 10:45 AM

The National Study of Playgrounds Programming Roundtable Defining Maintenance Capacity Donors, Sponsors, and More! Seven Springs Facility Tour ADA Access 101 for Parks

> 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM ENDNOTE: THE "STATE OF THE STATE" OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IN PENNSYLVANIA Speakers: Coming soon!



SOCIALS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

WELCOME LUAU!!

Join us as we RIDE the TIDE into conference week with a Welcome Luau! Wear your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts for this beach themed bash! Districts will be competing in beach games while the DJ plays classic island vibe hits! Be sure to try your hand at some classic board walk games brought to you by our expo hall vendors!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!!

Let's strike up some fun at the Seven Springs bowling alley! Cheer on the Districts as they hit the lanes to compete for points toward the belt in a bowling brawl! There will also be lanes open for free bowling for those interested. Classic game night activities will be set up in the bar and lounge to enjoy as well!

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

IRISH GOODBYE PARTY!!

Eat, Drink and Be Irish! Join us for a wee bit o' fun as we go green heading into St. Patrick's Day! Live music, Irish dancing, and crowning of the District champions will be among some of the shenanigans that take place as we toast the end of our conference! A bit of malarky and lots of cheer, make no mistake you'll want to be here!







CONFERENCE & EXPO INFO

FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Full Conference registration includes all meals (student/retired includes Wednesday and Thursday lunches), name badge, program book, educational sessions, expo hall admission, socials, coffee and refreshment breaks.

DAILY RECISTRATION

Daily registration includes lunch for the day (Wednesday or Thursday), name badge, program book, educational sessions, exhibit hall admission (Tuesday or Wednesday), socials, coffee and refreshment breaks.

ATTENDEE ACCOMMODATIONS

PRPS will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate all attendees. Please help us to help you by completing the accomodations questions on the online registration form.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING ALONG

- Casual clothes, dress clothes/formal attire for Thursday Awards Banquet
- Swimsuit, athletic wear
- Brochures and program information to share
- Business cards
- Notebook or portfolio for note-taking at sessions
- Reusable water bottle
- Labels for pool prize tickets
- Phone, laptop, charger
- Social themed outfits

EXPO HALL!

Featuring over 60 exhibitors, the Expo Hall is the largest parks and recreation tradeshow in Pennsylvania! It is filled with the latest and greatest products, services, and design solutions. Test out technology solutions, playground equipment, and outdoor recreation gear from some of the top brands in Pennsylvania and the United States. **OPENING RECEPTION** – Celebrate, network and have some fun with hundreds of your peers!

PRPS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Larry G. Williamson, Robert Crawford Memorial, Delores Andy, John H. Jones Memorial, Milliren Professional, Snyder Community Service Scholarships are generously contributed funds allowing student professionals to attend the conference free of charge. To download applications go to www.prps.org/scholarships. The filing deadline is January 31, 2024.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Established by PRPS to assist members to attend professional development opportunities identified in their Individualized Training Plans. Susceptible to limitations, based on number of qualified applicants and available funds. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to: PRPS Leadership Development Academy, PRPS Professional Competencies Trainings, Funding Training, Professional Certification and Accreditation Programs, Professional topical and technical workshops, webinars, courses, classes, conferences, summits, schools, etc. Visit <u>www.prps.org/scholarships</u> to apply!

DONALD V. JOYCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established by retired PRPS Executive Director, Bob Griffith, to recognize longtime PRPS member Donald V. Joyce and honor his many contributions to the Society and profession. This scholarship assists PRPS members with 11 years or less professional experience to attend professional development opportunities such as the PRPS Leadership Development Academy, PRPS Professional Competencies Trainings, Funding Training, Professional Certification and Accreditation Programs, Professional topical and technical workshops, webinars, courses, classes, conferences, summits, schools, etc. Visit www.prps.org/scholarships to apply!

CONFERENCE & EXPO INFO

ROOM HOSTS

If you are interested in Room Hosting, contact Dan Miller, Room Host Committee Chair at dmiller@nhtpa.us. When you register, please select the room host box. The Room Host Chair will contact you to confirm your selection and provide simple instructions.

Here are a few Room Host Responsibilities:

- Pick up room host packet and review contents
- Report to assigned session room, greet, and assist speaker
- Introduce speaker and make any other announcements
- Thank speaker and give them their speaker gift

PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

The annual Past Presidents' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 13, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. All PRPS past presidents, honorary members, retired members, and their spouses are invited for the luncheon. Contact the PRPS office for more information and to make a reservation.

SOCIETY LUNCHEON & BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, March 14 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

AWARDS RECEPTION

The Awards Reception will be held Thursday, March 14, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held Thursday, March 14 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Annual Society award winners will be honored during the banquet.

PRPS AWARDS

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society is pleased to acknowledge outstanding achievements by agencies, boards, commissions, and individuals toward the advancement of community recreation and park services through it Recognition & Awards Program. Open to PRPS member and non-member individuals, agencies, companies, organizations, and universities. See more details about the Awards Program and apply at <u>www.prps.org/Awards</u>. The deadline for nominations is **January 8, 2024.**

AWARD CATEGORIES:

- Outstanding Achievement Award
- Distinguished Member Award
- Outstanding New Professional
- Community Champion
- Excellence in Recreation & Parks
- Agency of the Year
- Green Parks Awards

PRPS RAFFLE-PRIZE POOL

We are once again organizing the highly anticipated "PRPS Prize Pool". We are asking for donations such as gift baskets and gift cards for the prize pool area. In the past, we have had prizes such as: show tickets, gift cards to hotels and resorts, clothing, autographed memorabilia, department/district baskets and vendor items. This is a great way for businesses and organizations to gain brand awareness from the hundreds of conference attendees.

If you or a business you know are willing and able to donate to our prize pool, please contact Nate Diegel at ndiegel@raiderweb.org.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registration refund and cancellation requests must be provided in writing by **Friday, February 22, 2024,** no later than 4:00 pm EST, and will incur a \$100 processing fee. No refunds will be issued if requested/postmarked after the Friday, February 22, 2024, cut-off date. Substitution registrations will be accepted on a case by case basis.

HOW TO REGISTER





www.prpsconferenceandexpo.org

Early Bird Registration ends on January 31, 2024

FULL CONFERENCE	BY JAN. 31		AFTER JAN. 31		
	MEMBER	NONMEMBER	MEMBER	NONMEMBER	
Professional (includes all meals)	\$400	\$500	\$455	\$555	
Future Professional (Student) & Retired (only includes Wednesday & Thursday lunch)	\$175		\$200		

REGISTRATION FEES

DAILY REGISTRATION - BY JAN. 31	MEMBER	NONMEMBER
Pre-Conference	\$115	\$145
Professional Tuesday	\$125	\$150
Wednesday (includes lunch)	\$175	\$225
Thursday (includes lunch)	\$175	\$225
Future Professional (Student) & Retired Tuesday	\$100	
Wednesday (includes lunch)	\$100	
Thursday (includes lunch)	\$100	

EXTRA TICKETS

Tuesday or Wednesday
Dinner \$60
Wednesday or Thursday
Lunch\$50
Tuesday Awards
Reception &
Banquet \$75
Wednesday, Thursday,
or Friday Breakfast
Ticket\$30



BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM



As Pennsylvania's largest ski and year-round resort, Seven Springs has lodging for 5,000 in its high-rise hotel, cabins, chalets, condos, & town houses; 24 meeting rooms, banquet seating for 10-1200; an 18-hole golf course, 30 ski slopes and trails, 11 restaurants, 5 lounges, and dozens of activities. The accommodations for conference attendees will be in the modern Alpine-style Main Lodge, with a 10-story hotel wing, offering comfortable guestrooms plus 12 suites.

Seven Springs is located approximately one hour's drive south-east of Pittsburgh, PA. It is easily accessible off exits 91 or 110 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Pittsburgh International Airport is the nearest metropolitan terminal. Pickup from this airport is available by prior arrangement. Parking at Seven Springs is free. **Reservations deadline is February 8, 2024** or until PRPS Room Block is full.

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

777 Waterwheel Drive, Seven Springs, PA 15622 Check-In 4:00 pm - Check-Out 11:00 am

Reservations can be made by phone or online using Group Code: B7SPRP24

Phone: 855-947-0438 Online: Visit the Conference & Expo website at www.prpsconferenceandexpo.org to make your reservation.

New for 2024, the hotel room rates at Seven Springs Mountain Resorts are on a "European Plan" and include no meals. Meals are included with full registration. Room rates are \$159 (single/double) plus 11% tax per room, per night. A limited number of government per diem hotel rates are available, contact Niki Tourscher at tour@prps.org or call (814) 234-4272 for details.









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SAVE THE DATE!





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2023-2024 TRAINING SCHEDULE *PLEASE NOTE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

DECEMBER 2023

Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Seminar Plymouth Meeting Tuesday, December 5

Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Seminar State College Thursday, December 7

Leadership Academy State College Thursday, December 7 - Friday, December 8

Park Maintenance Roundtable 2023 Year in Review Thursday, December 14

JANUARY 2024

Therapeutic Recreation Virtual (TRVI) Institute Monday, January 8 - Wednesday, June 26

CPRP with Me – Study Group Friday, January 19 - Friday, February 23

Shop Talk TBD

FEBRUARY 2024

CPRP with Me – Study Group continued Friday, February 22 - Thursday, February 22

Welcoming and Affirming the LGBTQ+ Communities Webinar Thursday, February 8

Shop Talk Mentors will be Matched and contacted. TBD

MARCH 2024 PRPS Conference & Expo Seven Springs Mountain Resort Pre-Conference Workshop Tuesday, March 12 - Friday, March 15

Maintenance Roundtable TBD

APRIL 2024

Urban Exchange Philadelphia Thursday, April 11 Social Media/Marketing Webinar Shop Talk CPSI Course & Exam Swimming Pool 101 and Recertification Workshops

MAY 2024 Playground Maintenance Workshop Spring Field Day Shop Talk

JULY 2024 Park & Recreation Professionals Day Friday, July 19

NOVEMBER 2024 Fall Membership Meeting Wednesday, November 20

DECEMBER 2024 Leadership Development Academy

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JUST 20 MINUTES IN A PARK IS Enough to improve well-being.

(Even better than binging a whole season of your favorite show in one weekend.)

It's time to make sure park visitors know that parks and recreation are good for more than just walking the dog or taking their kids to a playground. PA's local parks and recreation provide great things for the communities they serve, from healthy environments to healthy minds. And thanks to our park pros for making sure they are safe and ready for everyone to enjoy.



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