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*SARATOGA 2012*

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Get Prepared, Get Ready, Get Started...

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

Preliminary *Brochure*

# Step Into The Future....

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# SARATOGA 2012

The Premier Recreation Conference Serving  
New York State's Parks, Recreation & Leisure Professionals

*Schedule*  
at-a-glance

## Sunday, March 25

12:30 – 4:15 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m.

Registration  
Inclusion U Training  
Pre-Conference Workshops  
Annual Board Meeting  
Open Forum Strategic Planning Session  
Landscape Structures Keynote Address  
Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Social  
Exhibitor Cocktail Hour  
Student Social  
Exhibitor Games & Networking  
After Hours Gathering

## Monday, March 26

7:15 – 4:30 p.m.  
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.  
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.  
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.  
12:40 – 1:40 p.m.  
1:40 – 3:10 p.m.  
2:00 p.m.  
3:20 – 4:50 p.m.  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m.

Registration  
Healthy Initiative  
Breakfast with the Exhibitors  
Educational Sessions  
Networking Break with the Exhibitors  
Educational Sessions  
Educational Sessions  
Lunch with the Exhibitors  
Educational Sessions  
Exhibit Hall Closes  
Educational Sessions  
Awards Dinner  
After Hours Gathering - "Saratoga Gallop"

## Tuesday, March 27

7:15 – 2:30 p.m.  
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.  
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.  
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
9:40 – 10:40 a.m.  
10:50 – 11:50 a.m.  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.  
2:20 – 3:20 p.m.  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Registration  
Healthy Initiative  
Breakfast  
Educational Sessions  
Off-Site Tours  
Educational Sessions  
Educational Sessions  
Lunch  
Off-Site Tour  
Educational Sessions  
Educational Sessions  
Closing General Session  
C.E.U. Signing

*Welcome*

from the Conference Chair

*As* Committee Chair of the NYSRPS 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference & Business Expo, I would like to encourage you to be sure to attend our 2012 event as we return to beautiful Saratoga Springs, NY, March 25-27, 2012!

Without question, the forces and demands we face as park and recreation professionals – whether it be changes in technology, government and politics, the economy, or what society expects from its parks – challenge us as never before.

This year's state recreation conference in Saratoga will enable each participant to "step boldly forward" to meet those challenges. Our outstanding educational program, speakers and networking opportunities make Saratoga 2012 a "can't miss" event for park and recreation leaders, program professionals, educators, students – you. Join us Sunday, March 25 as we kick off the conference with engaging Keynote Speaker, Thomas O'Rourke from the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission in South Carolina. Tom is a leader and visionary in our field, he has been featured in Parks and Recreation magazines and he is an NRPA Board member. He will take us into a closer look at this new future and help us incorporate strategies for sustainability.

We also invite you to attend our Open Forum Session on the Society's recently adopted Strategic Plan, where you'll learn and exchange views on how the organization prepares itself for our changing future. Please network with vendors and colleagues from across the state (and other states!) during our Sunday evening Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Social, followed by two full days of engagement, education, and exchange!

On behalf of the all the members of the Conference Committee, we look forward to seeing you in SARATOGA 2012!

*Peter Finn*

**REGISTER  
NOW**  
through  
February 17 at our  
Early Bird rates!



**Thomas J. O'Rourke, CPRP**

### A Look at the Future, Its Trends & A Hypothetical Roadmap To Position Your Agency For Survival

- ▶ Change is inevitable. As professionals, we must examine the future industry of Parks and Recreation, and how we will function as a society in order to best prepare and lead our communities into this new future. In his keynote session, Tom O'Rourke will guide us through an examination of the issues that will affect the business of recreation, as well as factors that will affect the lives of the people we serve. In doing so, participants will be able to strategize ways in which they'll be able to position their agencies for the waves of the future.

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future

Tom O'Rourke, a 1978 graduate of Slippery Rock University in PA, is currently in his 10<sup>th</sup> year as the Executive Director of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission in Charleston, SC. Tom is responsible for the oversight of the over 10,000-acre park system, consisting of a wide array of parks, programs and services. The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission is widely known for its continued expansion without using tax increases to fund growth. As a proponent of the Enterprise Approach, almost 70% of the park system's \$25 million operating budget is generated through user fees.

Prior to joining Charleston County PRC, Tom was Director of the Mt. Pleasant Recreation Dept. in Mt. Pleasant, SC, and also established and served as Manager of the Sports and Recreation Division for Seamon Whiteside and Associates, a Landscape Architect and Engineering firm.

Tom has recently been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Along with this, Tom serves as a member of the Clemson University School of Health, Education and Human Development Advisory Committee, the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees, and also the College of Charleston School of Hospitality and Tourism Management Advisory Board.

Tom has presented professional education seminars for NRPA at each congress since 2002, and has been a presenter at many state and local recreation conferences. Tom currently serves on the NRPA Revenue and Management School Board of Regents.

Tom is married to Jackie O'Rourke, a high school math teacher and track and field coach. Together, they have three grown children.

### ▶ Inclusion U: Assessing Recreation Resources Throughout NY

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Become a Certified Inclusivity Assessor! Learn about best practices in inclusion and accessibility so that you can assess recreation sites and facilities for physical, administrative, and programmatic inclusion. Whether you are a recreation professional, a person who has a disability, a family member, a student or advocate, this training is for you!

**Pre-register** by contacting the **Inclusive Recreation Resource Center** at 607-753-4833 or email [inclusiverec@cortland.edu](mailto:inclusiverec@cortland.edu). This training is available to conference registrants for a reduced rate of **\$40.00**. Normally \$95, the training includes the bound Inclusion U Manual as well as a Measurement Kit needed to complete assessments.

SUNY Cortland Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Dept. and The Inclusive Recreation Resource Center: Dr. Lynn Anderson, Dr. Vicki Wilkins, & Laurie Penney McGee.

### ▶ You Are What You Think

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Take control over negative self-talk and learn how to feel good! Participants will learn how to take control of anxiety and fear through a variety of relaxation techniques and cognitive behavioral therapy.

Meghan D. Lemery, LCSW-R PLLC, Psychotherapist, Author of *Please Pass the Barbie Shoes*, and Columnist for Saratoga Today Newspaper

### ▶ The Story Of Us Through Recreation

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Creativity is the ability to make something out of nothing while passion is a commitment to something. This interactive session (you do not have to participate) will focus on the important role that creativity and passion play in the world of recreation and leisure experiences, and how it relates to ourselves and to the people we serve.

Why must recreation professionals focus on the people they serve? This answer should be obvious because if the participants' needs, interests, wants and capabilities are not recognized in the planning process of programming, the recreation activities run the risk of failure. Attendees will explore and discuss how life experiences, skill levels and abilities, and opportunities affect one's recreation choices and their desire to participate in certain leisure pursuits. This presentation will provide an opportunity to help Recreation, Leisure and Parks Professionals gain insights about the people they serve, and will also constitute as a base for various future recreation programs for all populations.

Donna Lee Esperito, CPRP, Recreation Supervisor II, Town of New Castle Recreation and Parks Dept.

## OPEN FORUM

### Strategic Planning Session

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The NYSRPS recently worked with membership to form a Strategic Planning Task Force to create a strategic plan that will guide the organization through the next three to five years, with a set of clearly defined goals and objectives. Join us for this roundtable discussion on details of the strategic plan, and provide your feedback. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

## ▶ Annual Board Meeting

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Executive Board will highlight accomplishments from the past year and discuss initiatives for the upcoming year. Election results of new Board members will also be announced at this time. It is important for members and those interested in becoming members to be informed on Board goals and initiatives for the upcoming year.

## ▶ Landscape Structures Keynote Address

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

## ▶ Student Social

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This student-focused event allows Park, Recreation and Leisure students and professionals to network, and share career and internship interests and opportunities. At this time students will also be paired with a recreation professional mentor, to serve as a valuable learning outlet. This is a great time for professionals to share experiences with those soon to enter the field, and for all to create lasting contacts for the future.

## ▶ After Hours Welcome Party

9:00 p.m.

Join us at The Parting Glass, Saratoga's original Irish pub, for live entertainment and a chance to socialize with colleagues from across the state. Catch up with old friends and meet some new ones!

## EXHIBIT HALL

### Grand Opening Social

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Check out all the latest products, software, and business solutions; view demos and network with the leading suppliers in Parks and Recreation services. Join us for an hour of professional networking, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a more relaxed hour of fun games and activities for delegates and vendors alike!

We encourage *everyone* to participate in the interactive "Brain Show" trivia game, brought to us from Magic Touch Entertainment. Taking the country by the storm, the Brain Show offers authentic fun and excitement of a real life TV game show, including colorful podiums featuring computerized lights and sounds. Get competitive on your own team, or share in the laughs as a supportive observer. Whatever your choice, you're sure to have fun!



## ▶ Breakfast

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Start your morning off with a nice breakfast, continental style, while exploring the Exhibit Hall.

### Yoga Dynamic

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Through the combination of movement, breathing and meditation, a challenging exercise is achieved. Yoga theory and relaxation are also incorporated to complete a dynamic workout.

Led by Certified Instructor, Ellen Sadaowski

## ▶ 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Educational Sessions

### Am I Making Myself Clear? Accessible Communication To All Community Members

Diversity is now the norm in the communities we serve in parks and recreation. With that diversity comes an increasing need to be sure your communication, from marketing materials to registration and release forms, is clear and understandable to all people. Learn how to communicate your message so that all community members are reached, using best practices in accessibility, plain language, and alternative forms of communication. Make sure that you are making yourself clear!

Educational Benefits:

- To learn and apply best practices in accessibility in written and electronic communication.
- To learn and apply best practices in the "plain language" movement.

- To learn about alternative forms of communication, including new and emerging technologies such as the iPad and other electronic devices.

Dr. Lynn Anderson, CTRS, CPRP, Professor, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Dept., SUNY Cortland

Dr. Vicki Wilkins, Professor, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Dept., SUNY Cortland

Laurie Penney McGee, CTRS, Coordinator, SUNY Cortland Inclusive Recreation Resource Center

### Is Eco-Tourism And Adventure Tourism In Your Future?

The Eco-Tourism and Adventure Tourism market has expanded exponentially over the past 10 years. People have proven that they will travel anywhere to get an experience that is memorable and sometimes frightening. This class will explore successful Eco-Tourism and Adventure Tourism markets and discuss how this popular trend will fit into your recreation agency.

Educational Benefits:

- See and examine successful Eco-Tourism and Adventure Tourism models.
- Learn the different management opportunities for these ventures.
- Look at a business Performa of how to fund these operations.

Tom O'Rourke, Executive Director, Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission

### Creativity: Thinking For A Change

Managers fall into the trap of assuming only gifted individuals can produce breakthrough thinking, and that if you don't have an eccentric genius on your team, you're doomed to mediocrity. Sweep aside conventional wisdom about creativity and learn how managers can actively shape group processes to enhance creative output.

▶ **8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Educational Sessions (cont'd)**

Educational Benefits:

- Discuss the environment that supports creative thinking.
- Define the traits of creative individuals.
- Identify the four step creative process.
- Define creativity.

**Robert Sopronyi, Organizational Development Specialist, Austin Parks and Recreation Dept.**

**Pathways For Play: Planning For Playful Trails**

Discover how to create innovative trail environments that are FUN and enjoyable for intergenerational users, get families moving, offer fun learning opportunities, and ensure that children want to revisit your trail facility again and again! Come explore best practice guidelines for designing playful pathways that infuse play throughout the trail experience while creating valuable community assets!

Educational Benefits:

- Summarize the research on trail use by children.
- Describe the unique characteristics of children's exploration of the outdoor environment, which may be supported through trail design.
- Identify creative design ideas and best practice guidelines that will assist planners and designers in developing fun and enjoyable community trails for children and families.

**Lisa Moore, VP of Strategic Services, PlayCore**

**Building Independence Through Community Adaptive Rowing**

In August 2011, Saratoga Rowing Association launched the only adaptive rowing program available to New York residents outside of NYC. Private donations and a Reeve Foundation Grant have afforded adolescents and adults of varying disabilities access to a sport once only available to a few. Building an adaptive recreational program is challenging but attainable, and all the efforts made will forever resonate with all who become involved.

Educational Benefits:

- Review on how creating a start-up adaptive program is possible on a budget.
- The benefits of creating an adaptive rowing program both on and off the water.
- Learn creative ways to reach out to the community for interested support.
- What programs like these could mean for your community and New York State.

**Holly Sampson, Director of Saratoga Rowing for All, Saratoga Rowing Association**

## EXHIBIT HALL

### Networking Break

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Take a break while visiting with the exhibitors

▶ **10:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.**  
**Educational Sessions**

**Inclusive Nature Recreation For Youth (Parts A & B)**

Looking for ways to boost inclusive programs for children at your park or facility? Nature Recreation engages kids in active, outdoor exploration of their environment, while encouraging a level "playing field" amongst audiences of mixed abilities. Strategies and inclusive activities from the Mohonk Preserve's NatureAccess™ program will be shared, along with tips for meeting the variety of needs of today's youth in different outdoor settings.

Participants will:

- Learn planning and design tips for inclusive nature recreation programs.
- Learn strategies to enhance the instruction and delivery of nature recreation programs.
- Acquire a set of inclusive program activities for diverse audiences.

**Kathy Ambrosini, Director of Education, Mohonk Preserve**

**Pam Uihlein, Seasonal Special Educator, Mohonk Preserve**

▶ **10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Educational Sessions**

**A Strengths Approach To Planning In Therapeutic Recreation**

A sea change is occurring in health and human services, from a medical model to a strengths approach. This session will provide an overview of the strengths approach, introduce the Leisure and Well-Being Model: An Ecological Approach, provide principles and practices for strength-based planning in therapeutic recreation, and introduce

several strengths-based planning models.

Educational Benefits:

- To understand the principles behind a strengths-based approach in therapeutic recreation.
- To apply the strengths-based approach to the therapeutic recreation process.
- To make the connection between strengths-based assessment and planning.
- To understand a strengths approach to person-centered planning.
- To learn a variety of strengths-based planning processes.

**Dr. Lynn Anderson, CTRS, CPRP, Professor, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Dept., SUNY Cortland**

**Efficient Parking Management, Effective Park Operations**

The right parking solution can help parks and recreation areas reach their financial goals and maintain effective operations, allowing them to serve their patrons while improving the bottom line. In this session, attendees will learn about the different types of parking models and their respective benefits and applications, leaving attendees better equipped to make informed decisions to meet the needs of their park or recreation area.

Educational Benefits:

- Increase awareness, knowledge and skills to effectively manage parking operations.
- Learn how efficient parking operations can improve the bottom line for parks and recreation budgets.
- Understand how to improve service to visitors.
- Ensure equitable use of parking resources for all park patrons.

**Alan Menezes, Vice President of Product Management and Marketing, Digital Payment Technologies**

▶ 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

## Educational Sessions (cont'd)

### Got Signage? Categories, Design And Maintenance Of Signs

Signage is an often over-looked aspect of our parks and recreation facilities. This session will review the basic categories of signs used in our facilities, communication issues with signs, design components, the groups served by our signage, and maintenance concerns.

Educational Benefits:

- Identify the five categories of signs utilized in and around parks and recreation facilities, both indoors and out.
- Recognize common signage problems.
- Examine signage design relating to the placement, materials, shape, color, size, etc.
- Discuss sign maintenance issues and the importance of signage maintenance and repair.

Dr. Marilyn R. Glasser, President, Parks and Pastimes, Inc.

### Felons And Sex Offenders – Is Your Background Screening Program Up To Standards?

Recreation departments across New York State and the nation are relying on volunteers to help out – not only with sports leagues, but with special events and park/facility maintenance. Is your organization taking the necessary steps to ensure that your staff and your volunteers have the proper background screening? Don't put your community's youths at risk... Join us to learn the nuts and bolts of criminal background screening, and what you need to know before you hire staff or solicit volunteer help.

Educational Benefits:

- Have a clear understanding of the various types of background checks available to you

and why Local Law Enforcement or Database-only checks are not enough.

- Learn what the National Recommended Recreation and Park background screening guidelines consist of.
- Develop the knowledge to implement a FCRA compliant screening program and how to put together a disqualification policy.

Byron Palmer, VP of Operations, SSCI

▶ 11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

## Educational Sessions

### Revolutionizing Community Athletic Programs

When organized sport is the sole source of a child's physical and social activity through play, they lose the full range of developmental benefits historically received through self-governed play. Learn the tools the SUNY Youth Sports Institute provides to youth coaches during training. These tools help them integrate positive elements of self-governed play into organized sports. These tools not only keep the kids in the moment and in the game, but they aid development of creative problem solving, encourage trial and error, group negotiation, and a broad array of other benefits.

Educational Benefits:

- Enhance Youth Development
- Increase Parental Awareness of Play
- Influence Local Sport Orgs.

Timothy Donovan, Director, SUNY Youth Sports Institute

### Tennis Court Maintenance Through USTA Facility Assistance Program

This session will provide a general overview of the proper techniques to maintain or repair and

▶ 11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

## Educational Sessions (cont'd)

resurface tennis and basketball courts. We will highlight the funds available through the USTA's Facility Assistance Program and educate park and recreation departments on how this program can keep their existing facilities in a safe and playable condition.

Educational Benefits:

- General understanding of tennis court maintenance.
- Better knowledge of the Facilities Assistance Program by USTA.
- Educate about 10 and Under Tennis.

Michael Edgerton, CTCB, Regional Sales Manager, Copeland Coating Company, Inc.

### Building Healthy Communities Through The Power Of Play

Explore best practices in planning, creating and sustaining model outdoor play environments designed to inspire play, promote healthy lifestyles, bring learning outdoors, and engage children and families for more meaningful experiences outdoors.

Educational Benefits:

- Summarize research-based best practices for designing outdoor play environments that promote inclusion, reconnect communities with nature, increase healthy physical activity, and inspire imaginations.
- Describe current research surrounding play and recreation, and define national initiatives to end childhood obesity, combat nature-deficit disorder, and promote inclusive play for people of all ages and abilities.
- Discuss to stakeholders, staff, and community members the variety of tools, resources, programs, and opportunities available to help

develop master plans and advocate for innovative outdoor play environments that inspire play, learning, and a love for the outdoors.

Lisa Moore, VP of Strategic Services, PlayCore

### Now You Are Professional! So Now What?

This session is intended for students and first-year professionals who are transitioning into their career. Topics to be discussed include networking, professional development opportunities, career planning, and how to ease the overall transition into the professional world.

Educational Benefits:

- To articulate three ways to develop a professional network.
- Identify two professional development opportunities for first-year professionals.
- Describe the career planning process as it relates to personal and professional goals.

Dr. Margaret L. Arnold, Interim Associate Dean for the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance, Ithaca College

Dr. John J. Weber, Chair, Dept. of Recreation and Leisure studies, Ithaca College

## EXHIBIT HALL

### Lunch

12:40 – 1:40 p.m.

Join us in the exhibit hall for light refreshments and a chance to meet and mingle with commercial supporters of the Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services industry. This is the perfect opportunity to explore all the unique exhibits and newest trends in products and services. During this time we'll also be raffling off prizes and you must be present to win, so don't miss out!

(Exhibit Hall Closes at 2:00 p.m.)



▶ **1:40 – 3:10 p.m.**  
**Educational Sessions**

**More Than Just A Cardboard Box: Uncovering The Magic Behind “Loose Parts” Play**

Inspire indoor and outdoor play experiences through the use of innovative “loose parts” that promote physical activity, social skill development, and creativity and imagination through hands-on discovery. Explore the research-based benefits of loose parts play to promote learning, encourage social interaction between children of all abilities, and provide outlets for children to showcase their creativity and imagination.

Lisa Moore, VP of Strategic Services, PlayCore

**Staying True To The Mission Of Municipal Recreation**

Travel teams (and some community teams) are professionalizing youth sports and influencing often unhealthy decision-making solely due to the pay-to-play model. It is an unseemly environment, but not one that Municipal Recreation Departments can ignore. It will not go away, it must be influenced through leadership. This interac-

tive session will discuss how municipal recreation departments can use their leadership and facility ownership to create and maintain standards that will positively influence travel and community sports programs.

Participants will:

- Hidden Liability Issues
- Program Management Ideas
- Standards you must insist on
- New ideas on ‘directing’ adult conduct

Timothy Donovan, Director, SUNY Youth Sports Institute

**Dance and/or Move!**

This fun and informative, hands-on workshop will introduce the necessary concepts and principles needed for each participant to become confident and successful facilitators of creative dance/movement activities. The exercises and activities presented will be appropriate for use in a variety of settings with populations of all ages, from pre-school to older adults. Participants will engage in simple warm-up exercises and playful, non-threatening, community building activities designed to offer movers of all abilities a wide latitude for success. Written lesson plans, bibliographies,

▶ **1:40 – 3:10 p.m.**  
**Educational Sessions (cont’d)**

teaching guides, and a music resource list will be provided. Time will be also provided for questions and/or comments. Prior movement experience is not necessary but don’t forget to bring your sense of play and willingness to explore new ways of moving!

Participants will:

- Develop the fundamental skills necessary to run successful creative movement sessions in a variety of settings with different age levels.
- Be introduced to strategies that ensure an open, safe and creative atmosphere.
- Be provided with user friendly lesson plans to get started in offering creative movement in their facilities/various settings.

Kelly Doremus Stuart, Dance Instructor, Petit Papillon; Theater Lecturer, New England College

**Using Logic Models For Program Planning And Evaluation**

Park and Recreation agencies are concerned with the efficiency and effectiveness of their operations. We naturally play an essential role in the quality of life for the people we serve. To ensure success of a well-managed agency, proper planning and evaluation of programs and services are paramount. This session focuses on a systematic planning and evaluation model.

Educational Benefits:

- Define Logic Modeling
- Practice designing a Logic Model
- Provide examples of everyday Logic Models
- Recognize and name elements of a Logic Model

Robert Sopronyi, Organizational Development Specialist, Austin Parks and Recreation Dept.

**Student Networking & Resource Panel**

This session gives students an understanding of the importance and benefits of getting involved in professional organizations, as well as guidance into job opportunities and internships.

Educational Benefits:

- Learn about the NYSRPS Affiliate/District nearest your school and/or home.
- Learn about job experiences that will help students land their first full-time position.
- Discuss Civil Service requirements/competitive jobs.

Sally Rogol, Superintendent, City of Rye Parks and Recreation

▶ **3:20 – 4:50 p.m.**  
**Educational Sessions**

**Creative Yoga Therapy For Alzheimer’s And Dementia Clients & Caregivers**

This session will present joyous, practical and successful strategies for A/D clients and their caregivers to experience more easeful bodies, peaceful minds and to feel happier, more valued and useful. Learn innovative strategies for engaging, prompting, cueing and maintaining body, breath, mind and spirit. All are adaptable for multi-cultural, co-morbid, mild-severe, day, residential, home care and recreation programs. All can be done in client groups and on one-to-one ratios, as well as staff training. These strategies are especially useful in situations where there is acute frustration or burnout.

Educational Benefits:

- Learn simple, joyous, notably effective adapted Yoga-based body/mind therapeutics for co-morbid Alzheimer’s and Dementia clients.

▶ 3:20 – 4:50 p.m.

## Educational Sessions (cont'd)

- Learn proven strategies for day, residential, outpatient, home-care and parks and recreation programs.
- Learn creative, non-threatening ways to integrate multi-lingual and multi-cultural backgrounds and belief systems into the holistic mind/body therapeutic recreation process.
- Learn innovative techniques for engaging wanderers and clients with Sundown Syndrome.
- Receive handouts, training opportunities and other resources for staff and caregivers.

Nina Priya Ma David, Director, Creative Clinics/Creative Yoga Therapy

## Partnering With USTA Eastern To Grow Tennis In Your Community!

Tennis is a lifetime sport that promotes a healthy lifestyle, and it is a sport in which the whole family can take part and have fun. We will discuss the ways in which USTA Eastern can help organizations implement tennis programs. We will have information available on grants, equipment, training, and more. We will also discuss the USTA's 10 and Under Tennis initiative, and will demonstrate how easy it is for people of all ages to play tennis and have fun by utilizing the QuickStart Tennis (QST) play format.

Educational Benefits:

- Best practices and examples of how municipalities are partnering with USTA Eastern to increase participation in tennis.
- Basic information on USTA Eastern Programs, USTA Organizational Membership, and available benefits including grants, equipment, and training.

- Techniques and advice to increase the likelihood that your grant request will be funded.
- Demonstration of QuickStart Tennis (QST) play format (interactive).
- Contact information for USTA Eastern staff located throughout the state to move forward.

Jenny Irwin, Tennis Service Representative, USTA Eastern

Joe Steger, Tennis Service Representative, USTA Eastern

Martin Denecke, Director of Youth, Recreation, and Senior Services, Town of Hamburg Recreation Dept.

## Panel Discussion: Are Playgrounds Too Safe?

Let's discuss the recent New York Times article which presents a controversial questions, "Are today's playgrounds too safe?"

Educational Benefits:

- Share opinions.
- Use accounts of playground experts as a future resource.
- Current events – copies of article to be distributed.

Laurie Noonan, NYMIR, Sr. Loss Control Specialist

Panelists of Playground Experts (TBA)

## Collaborating For Teens-Sake!

Looking for some fresh and exciting ideas for teen programming? Need tips to make young adult events a success? Come learn how a town library and a recreation department combined to offer some great teen programming. Matt and Zahra will describe some fabulous programs and offer practical suggestions for working with this "sometimes elusive" group.

Educational Benefits:

- Incorporate positive youth development.
- Identify if a Collaborative Program will work in

▶ 3:20 – 4:50 p.m.

## Educational Sessions (cont'd)

your town/community.

- Help you resolve the "teen programming issue" in your community.

Matthew Nordt, Recreation Supervisor, Town of New Castle Recreation and Parks

Zahra M. Baird, Teen and Technology Librarian, Yonkers Riverfront Library

## True Confessions Of The Recreation Professional – The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

Yikes! The entertainer doesn't show up – what do you do? Learn how to handle unexpected speed bumps. Hear confessions from Recreation professionals on their best programs, their worst programs, how they got into recreation, and whatever else we can fit in!

Educational Benefits:

- Get program ideas.
- Learn how to handle the unexpected with programs.
- Learn career paths.

Sally Rogol, Superintendent, City of Rye Parks and Recreation

Dana Mayclim, Superintendent, Town of Lewisboro Parks and Recreation



## ▶ Annual Awards Banquet Dinner

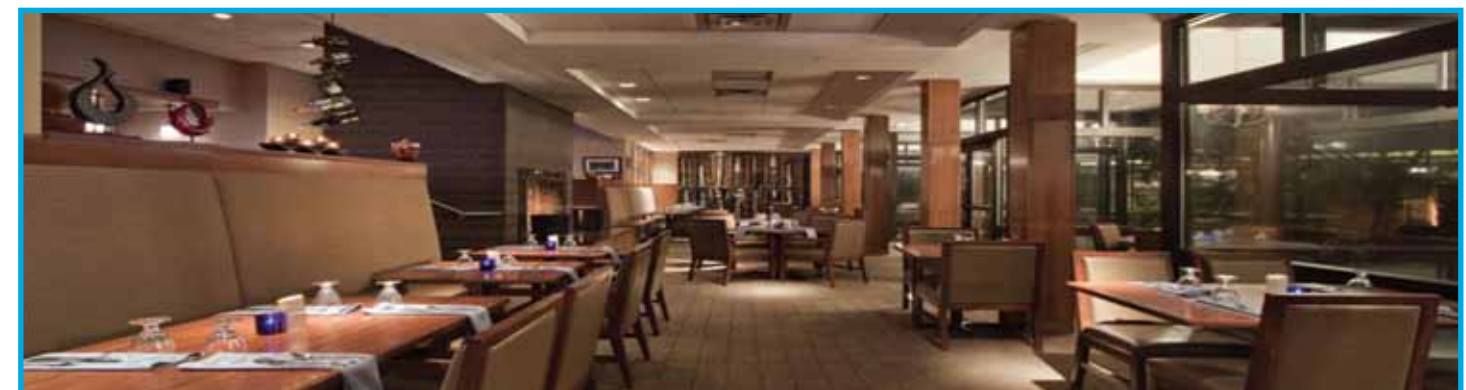
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

NYSRPS honors the outstanding programs and professionals of the year at the Annual Awards Banquet. Awards to be presented include the Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Service Award, and Robert W. Miner "Good Guy" and Fran Wallach "Good Girl" Awards. The ceremony features a slideshow presentation of the winning programs, events, facilities, and publications.

## ▶ After Hours "Saratoga Gallop"

9:00 p.m.

Think you know Saratoga? Get to know all the hotspots! See if you can make it to each destination we provide within walking distance of The Saratoga Hilton. Each is a different venue for you to stay and socialize at or gallop off to the next, meeting friends and colleagues along the way!



## Breakfast

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Enjoy a nice continental breakfast before heading off to your morning sessions.

## Zumba

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Ditch the workout and join the party! This Latin rhythm inspired class combines international beats to create a party-like atmosphere with a great workout.

Led by Certified Instructor, Nicole McNary

## 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Educational Sessions

### Recreation For People With High Functioning Autism

ASPIRe N.Y., Inc. provides recreational programming to people with high functioning autism, Asperger's Syndrome, P.D.D.-N.O.S., and other disorders of social relatedness. This session will educate recreation providers about people with autism spectrum disorders and provide information regarding the need for programming for people on the autism spectrum.

Julie Marks, Vice President/CFO, ASPIRe N.Y., Inc.

### Taking Community Recreation Out Of The Box

More than ever, communities look to their local recreation departments to be more than just a maintainer of parks or an organizer of sporting

events; they are looking for educational or skill-building opportunities, and in some cases, certification courses such as CPR and First Aid. EPIC Trainings would like to share with you how we have uniquely partnered with many of the local recreation departments in our area to do just that! Educational Benefits:

- Health/wellness training for children.
- Addressing the safety needs of today's tech savvy youth.
- Realistic self defense for today's Tweens/Teens.

Lynn Fulmore, President/COO, EPIC Trainings

### Strong Foundations: Planning, Purchasing & Protecting Playground Surfacing Investments

Explore the features and benefits, and the current standards and criteria for the various acceptable surfacing options in outdoor play areas. Discuss case examples that will inspire ways to add additional play value to your outdoor play space through surfacing options, and review a step-by-step process and considerations when selecting, installing, and maintaining your safety surface. Educational Benefits:

- Describe the features and benefits of various protective playground surfacing, and how surfacing can be the most important factor in reducing the likelihood of life-threatening injuries on playgrounds.
- Define best practices, considerations, and strategies when selecting, purchasing, installing, and maintaining your surfacing investment; while identifying important considerations about how to increase play value and learning opportunities through creative surfacing options.
- Summarize the standards and criteria for safety and accessibility under the new ADA guidelines.

Lisa Moore, VP of Strategic Services, PlayCore

## 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Educational Sessions (cont'd)

### Becoming A Better "Me"

Most Recreation Professionals have attended countless "Leadership" seminars. We all know the details of leading others, but have we taken an introspective look at leading ourselves? This session will explore ways to live a more full life, which will in turn make you better at everything you do.

Participants will:

- Know the heading of what it takes to live a full life.
- Learn the three areas of their life that need to be enhanced.
- Evaluate their own personal values and what makes them happy.
- Create a "plan" to make their lives better.

Tom O'Rourke, Executive Director, Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission



## OFF-SITE TOURS

### Farming & Agri-Tourism

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Join us for a fun and educational tour of three family-owned, working farms in Clifton Park. Learn how the local parks and recreation department works with each farm on agri-tourism, and how recreational opportunities for residents grow when partnering with local farms. Farms include an apple orchard (with cider donut tasting!), horse stables (you'll have an opportunity to ride!) and a traditional farm with grass and grain fed animals where locals can purchase real, natural meat (you will be able to see the full circle of life and taste the meat raised on the farm.) It's not all fun and games, though—farm owners will talk about how recreational partnerships and programs enhance their farms' viability.

### The Edge-Halfmoon: Indoor Climbing Gym

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Opening its doors soon (2011) The Edge-Halfmoon is the Capital Region's newest and largest indoor climbing gym. With over 12,000sqft. of climbing terrain and walls towering 40' above the floor, The Edge provides a truly unique experience. In addition to the climbing gym, the facility is also home to a state-of-the-art, outdoor high ropes course, a multi-use gymnasium, and a coffee house.

Participants of this off-site visit will receive a behind the scenes tour of the facility and join in a conversation with one of The Edge managers regarding programming, operational budget, liability and more. There will also be a limited number of spaces for tour participants to attempt the climbing wall!

▶ 9:40 – 10:40 a.m.  
**Educational Sessions**

**The Joy Of Sound: Therapy & Recreation**

Research shows that certain frequencies (i.e. certain vibrations, resonance, or sounds) have the ability to repair and improve DNA, the molecules that store long-term information, and play a key role in our development and functioning. This session introduces a program of east/west approaches proven beneficial with multi-cultural populations of all ages, and conditions for “sounding” the human system into a healthier, happier state. No musicianship is required – just an open, willing mind and heart.

Educational Benefits:

- Learn background and easy, practical, playful strategies for sharing sound therapeutics with diverse populations.
- Practice an array of simple yet powerful sound therapy techniques proven beneficial for the physical and mental well being of diverse populations.
- Learn how to integrate the above with increased motivation, competence and joy into: treatment planning, staff development, and mainstream living (home, work, recreation).
- Explore how to create, as well as utilize, already existing indoor and outdoor spaces for this purpose.
- Handouts and other resources provided.

Nina Priya Ma David, Director, Creative Clinics/Creative Yoga Therapy

**Experiential Learning For Children & Tweens**

Learning can be fun! As children and tweens participate regularly in library events, the librarians try to offer a variety of programs that give children and tweens the opportunity to learn and



grow through different kinds of activities and experiences. Some of these activities include: pre-school, music and story programs, and “hands on” science activities for elementary school students.

Educational Benefits:

- Learn new programming ideas to use with children and tweens.
- Learn creative ways to apply literacy to hands-on learning activities.
- Learn how to integrate different styles of learning into one program/workshop.
- Beyond Books: discover what today's public library is offering for children and tweens.

Jennifer Ogradowski, Youth Services Department Head, Saratoga Springs Public Library

Trevor Oakley, Teen Librarian, Saratoga Springs Public Library

**Chautauqua Institution: Environmental Stewardship In A Historic Community**

Chautauqua Institution, a 137-year old, private non-profit organization and lakeside community, can serve as a model for environmental stewardship planning, projects and practices from alternative energies to shoreline buffer zones, and storm water management to waste water recycling. Learn about and discuss Chautauqua's strategies and actions, and share your community's stewardship activity.

Educational Benefits:

- Learn specific environmental stewardship actions your community could employ.

▶ 9:40 – 10:40 a.m.  
**Educational Sessions (cont'd)**

- Consider the role and responsibility of individuals and organizations/departments in addressing environmental issues.

Jack Voelker, Director of Recreation and Youth Services, Chautauqua Institution

**Recreational Risk Management And Loss Prevention**

Lee Pollock of Rose & Kiernan, Inc., a leading provider of insurance services to New York State municipalities, will present information critical to recreational risk management. The presentation will include real life examples of exposures, losses and how to avoid them, and why risk management is a critical budget item.

Educational Benefits:

- Learn how to help your municipality avoid legal costs in consideration of budget demand.
- Gain increased understanding of the absolute for proactive Risk Management and documentation.
- Awareness of the emerging issues: waivers, mandates, subcontractor risk, and specific hot-topic claims exposures.

Lee Pollock, CIC, Assistant VP, Rose & Kiernan, Inc.

▶ 10:50 – 11:50 a.m.  
**Educational Sessions**

**Holistic Recreation For The Blind & Visually Impaired**

This workshop addresses some of the key issues that vision-impaired and blind populations cope with when attending day or residential therapeutic recreation programs, as well as in their daily personal lives. Special focus is on holistic strategies for fall reduction and improved quality of life.

Educational Benefits:

- Gain insights into what vision-impaired and blind populations experience when they participate in therapeutic recreation programs, as well as in their day-to-day personal lives.
- Learn innovative, practical, proven effective holistic strategies and skills for fall reduction and improved quality of life.
- Learn how blind and vision-impaired populations can access and make use of holistic creative and wellness practices to better integrate the above into their therapeutic recreational experience and mainstream living with increased motivation, competence and joy.

Nina Priya Ma David, Director, Creative Clinics/Creative Yoga Therapy

**Experiential Learning For Teens**

Learning can be fun! As Librarians who provide services to teens, we try to offer a variety of programs that give teens the opportunity to learn and grow through different kinds of activities and experiences. Some of these teen activities include: improve workshops, open “mic” events, video game design labs, and the zombie makeup program.

Educational Benefits:

- Learn new programming ideas to use with teens.
- Learn creative ways to apply literacy to hands-on learning activities.
- Learn how to integrate different styles of learning into one program/workshop.
- Beyond Books: discover what today's public library is offering for teens.

Jennifer Ogradowski, Youth Services Department Head, Saratoga Springs Public Library

Trevor Oakley, Teen Librarian, Saratoga Springs Public Library

▶ **10:50 – 11:50 a.m.**  
**Educational Sessions (cont'd)**

**Living History In The Parks**

Bring history alive in your parks. This hands-on session will teach you how to work with reenactment organizations and the Living History Education Foundation. Learn how to set up a living history event at your park.

Joseph J. Ryan, President, Living History Education Foundation  
 Matt Nordt, Recreation Supervisor, Town of New Castle Recreation & Parks

**Empowering Employees For Excellence**

In today's economic climate, where organizations need to be leaner and more responsive, one of the best ways to provide exceptional customer service and a smooth operation is to empower your employees to make decisions on the spot instead of passing the responsibility along. Teaching good decision making and providing a supportive atmosphere can make a positive change in your operation.

Educational Benefits:

- Identify areas in which employees can, and should, be empowered to make day-to-day decisions.
- Create a supportive and nurturing atmosphere for employee suggestions, criticisms & ideas.
- Assess whether you are operating a 'top down' organization and create a plan to modify this structure.
- Learn the basics of how to make a good decision; review several decision-making strategies and learn which one fits your management style.

Paul Blake, Owner, American Pool Consultants

**Complete Streets: Recognizing Bicyclists And Pedestrians As Equally As Motorists**

Complete Streets is a new law in New York State. So now what? Learn what the Complete Streets law means and requires, and discuss how recreation professionals can play a pivotal role in educating all users of the roadway through programming and special events.

Educational Benefits:

- Legislation and law awareness
- Provide programming ideas
- Bicycle and pedestrian education
- Community outreach networking and ideas

Robert Leslie, Senior Planner, Town of Bethlehem

Jason Gallo, Assistant Administrator, Town of Bethlehem Recreation & Parks

▶ **Lunch**

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided.

▶ **1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**  
**Educational Sessions**

**Reaching Children & Teens Through Creative Writing**

In this workshop you will learn to teach children and teens (including those who are going through a difficult period in their lives) how to express themselves through the power of creative writing. Use word and board games, visual aides like photographs, and creative notebooks to promote writing in various genres, including poetry, memoir, and the short story. Create a supportive environment for your students to share their work.

Educational Benefits:

- Learn new teaching and writing skills.
- Provide an outlet for expression and feelings.

## OFF-SITE TOUR

### Saratoga Battlefield

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Here, in the autumn of 1777, American forces met, defeated and forced a major British army to surrender. This crucial American victory renewed patriots' hopes for independence, secured essential foreign recognition and support, and forever changed the face of the world. On pastoral fields and gently rolling hills above the Hudson River, two of the hotly contested Revolutionary War battles fought here ended in an American victory so momentous that it is known as one of the most important in world history. You can now experience a personally guided tour of Saratoga Battlefield. The tour will be led by Joseph Ryan, President of the Living History Education Foundation and Member of the 5<sup>th</sup> NY Regiment; Matthew Nordt, Recreation Supervisor and Member of the 5<sup>th</sup> NY Regiment; and a guide from the US Parks Service.

OFF-SITE TRANSPORTATION SPONSORED BY:



- Creative nature of the workshop reinforces learning.
- Learn to create a supportive environment for sharing students' work.

Robyn Ringler, Creative Writing Teacher, East Line Books

**Building A Consensus For Open Space Planning**

This session will cover how a civic organization can work with government to create a political base which supports open space planning at the local level.

Educational Benefits:

- Consensus building
- Economic benefits
- Zoning planning

Susan Burton, Director, Friends of Clifton Park Open Space

**Universal Access To Outdoor Recreation**

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has created hundreds of opportunities on state lands for people of all abilities to enjoy fishing, camping, boating, hiking and more. This session will share accessible designs and ideas to promote inclusive outdoor recreation.

Educational Benefits:

- Understanding the benefits of Universal Design.
- Awareness of trail elements that benefit everyone.
- Resources to assist in designing for access.
- Understand how to facilitate access to, participation in, and promotion of programs among people with disabilities.

Carole Fraser, Universal Access Coordinator, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

▶ **1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**  
**Educational Sessions (cont'd)**

**Financial Management Issues In The Recreation Profession**

This helpful and informative panel will consist of recreation professionals from both the public and private non-profit sectors, who will discuss the financial realities of managing the business sides of their professions. Come with your questions and ideas!

Educational Benefits:

- Marketing and advertising strategies
- Budget analysis
- Return-on-investment goals
- Pricing

Francine Croughan, Administrator, City of White Plains Recreation and Parks

Martin Denecke, Director of Youth, Recreation, and Senior Services, Town of Hamburg Recreation Dept.

Steve Porto, Recreation Director, Town of Wilton Parks and Recreation Dept.

Jack Voelker, Director of Recreation and Youth Services, Chautauqua Institution

▶ **2:20 – 3:20 p.m.**  
**Educational Sessions**

**Business & Social Media In Parks And Recreation**

This session will provide an overview of social media trends, uses, and how to apply these applications to your current business practices. The session will provide an overview of Facebook, Twitter, Groupon, LinkedIn, Google Ad Words, Yelp, and Foursquare; and will provide suggestions and ideas on how you may incorporate these applications into your operation.

Participants will:

Learn what social media apps are and how they work. Learn to use these apps to maximize your media and marketing efforts.

- Learn which apps are the most current and up-to-date on the Internet.
- Learn where and what people are doing today on these social media apps.

Bryan Daddio, CEO, Turbo Roster

**Outdoor Recreation For People Of All Abilities**

Attendees will learn how the Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country developed an outdoor recreation program for individuals with developmental disabilities. Starting with an idea for a summer time canoe program, we now have year round activities which include exercise groups, camping, hiking, swimming, whitewater rafting, horseback riding and more.

Participants will:

- Learn how to develop a program along the lines of the best practices in the field.
- Learn how to include risk management concerns when undertaking water based and adventurous activities.
- Hear the anecdotal accounts of individuals getting outside their comfort zones to achieve exciting accomplishments.
- Learn to make the world of outdoor recreation accessible to individuals who might not have the opportunity to participate otherwise.

James Williams, Home Service Director, Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country

**Vandalism And Recreational Facilities**

Increase your awareness about vandalism and how we can combat this problem.

Participants will:

- Learn how to prevent vandalism.
- Learn what to do if you are vandalized.
- Learn how vandals think.
- Get insight into working with local schools and communities to fight the problem.

Laurie Noonan, NYMIR, Sr. Loss Control Specialist

▶ **2:20 – 3:20 p.m.**  
**Educational Sessions (cont'd)**

**Reaching Adults & Seniors Through Creative Writing**

In this workshop you will learn to teach adults and seniors (including people experiencing depression, illnesses and disabilities) how to express themselves through the power of creative writing. Use writing prompts to help others put their joys, hopes, secrets and fears into writing. Learn to teach and improve writing techniques, and how to promote writing in various genres including poetry, memoir, and the short story.

Educational Benefits:

- Learn and improve new teaching and writing skills.
- Gives you the tools to pass your knowledge onto others in the community.
- Creative nature of the workshop reinforces learning.
- Provides an outlet for expression.

Robyn Ringler, Creative Writing Teacher, East Line Books

## CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

### Sportsman's View Of The Adirondacks

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

- ▶ Outdoor writer, Dan Ladd profiles the sporting life in today's Adirondacks. Learn about historical aspects of the Adirondacks, past to present, and get a geographical look at the region. Dan will provide up close views of wildlife and the chance to learn more about this revered area.

Dan Ladd, Outdoor Writer  
ADKHunter.com; The Chronicle



Learn more about Dan at [www.adkhunter.com](http://www.adkhunter.com).

## ▶ Student Welcome Social

Sunday, March 25 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Network with other college students from around the state, as well as many qualified recreation professionals on Sunday, March 25 from 6-7 p.m. This event enables students to learn the benefits of participating in a professional conference and provides them a welcoming atmosphere. Students participating in the mentor program will meet their conference mentors during this time. Overall, this is a great networking and resume building opportunity, and we encourage all students to attend so you may meet your future colleagues!

## ▶ Student Mentor Program

Sunday, March 25 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Students who choose to participate in the mentor program will have the unique opportunity of working directly with an experienced park and recreation professional. This mentor will serve as an outlet for valuable information to enhance your conference experience, and provide numerous networking opportunities. You may choose to participate one-on-one with your mentor or partner up with a friend to share the mentor experience. The Conference Planning Committee will pair students and professionals based on information provided in your student mentor form. You may spend as much or as little time with your mentor as you choose during the conference. The mentor form is available at: [www.nysprs.org](http://www.nysprs.org).

## FEATURED SESSIONS

### Now You Are Professional! So Now What?

Monday, 11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

This session is intended for students and first-year professionals who are transitioning into their career. Topics to be discussed include networking, professional development opportunities, career planning, and how to ease the overall transition into the professional world.

### Student Networking & Resource Panel

Monday, 1:40 – 3:10 p.m.

This session gives students an understanding of the importance and benefits of getting involved in professional organizations, as well as guidance into job opportunities and internships.

### True Confessions of the Recreation Professional – The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

Monday, 3:20 – 4:50 p.m.

Yikes! The entertainer doesn't show up – what do you do? Learn how to handle unexpected speed bumps. Hear confessions from recreation professionals on their best programs, their worst programs, how they got into recreation, and whatever else we can fit in!

## Special Thanks....

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## Registration Fees

Please see page 30 for details on what is included with each registration rate. If you are *not* a member, please pay the nonmember rate. For information about becoming a member, please contact the Membership Services Coordinator at: (518) 584-0321; or [info@nysrps.org](mailto:info@nysrps.org).

## Housing/Travel

The Saratoga Hilton Hotel  
534 Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
888-866-3591

See page 33 for rates and additional details. All hotel registrations must be made by **February 17, 2012** to secure NYSRPS rates.

## Payment Policy

Save when you register by **February 17, 2012**. Forms received without payment will not be processed. Please photocopy the registration form to register additional attendees (one form per attendee).

## Confirmation

Please provide an email with registration so that we may notify you of your confirmation electronically. If you have not received a confirmation within 10 business days after registering, please contact the Membership Services Coordinator at: [info@nysrps.org](mailto:info@nysrps.org).

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

All registration cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received by February 17, 2012 will receive a full refund. A 50% refund of the conference fee will be given for cancellations received by March 2, 2012. No refunds will be granted for requests postmarked after March 9, 2012. Consideration will not be made after the conclusion of the conference.

## Alcoholic Beverage Policy

Use of alcoholic beverages is restricted to delegates who are 21 years of age and older. Conference delegates may be asked for identification during any social function, therefore it is requested that you carry proof of age at all times. Please use your best judgment when consuming alcohol.

## Proper Attire

Casual attire is acceptable for all educational sessions, the Awards Banquet, and social functions. We encourage comfortable clothing, as many hours are spent in a classroom setting and some sessions are interactive. If you are participating in any healthy initiatives, please bring appropriate attire for the activity. Please also take into consideration potential weather conditions for the season in upstate NY.

## Special Needs

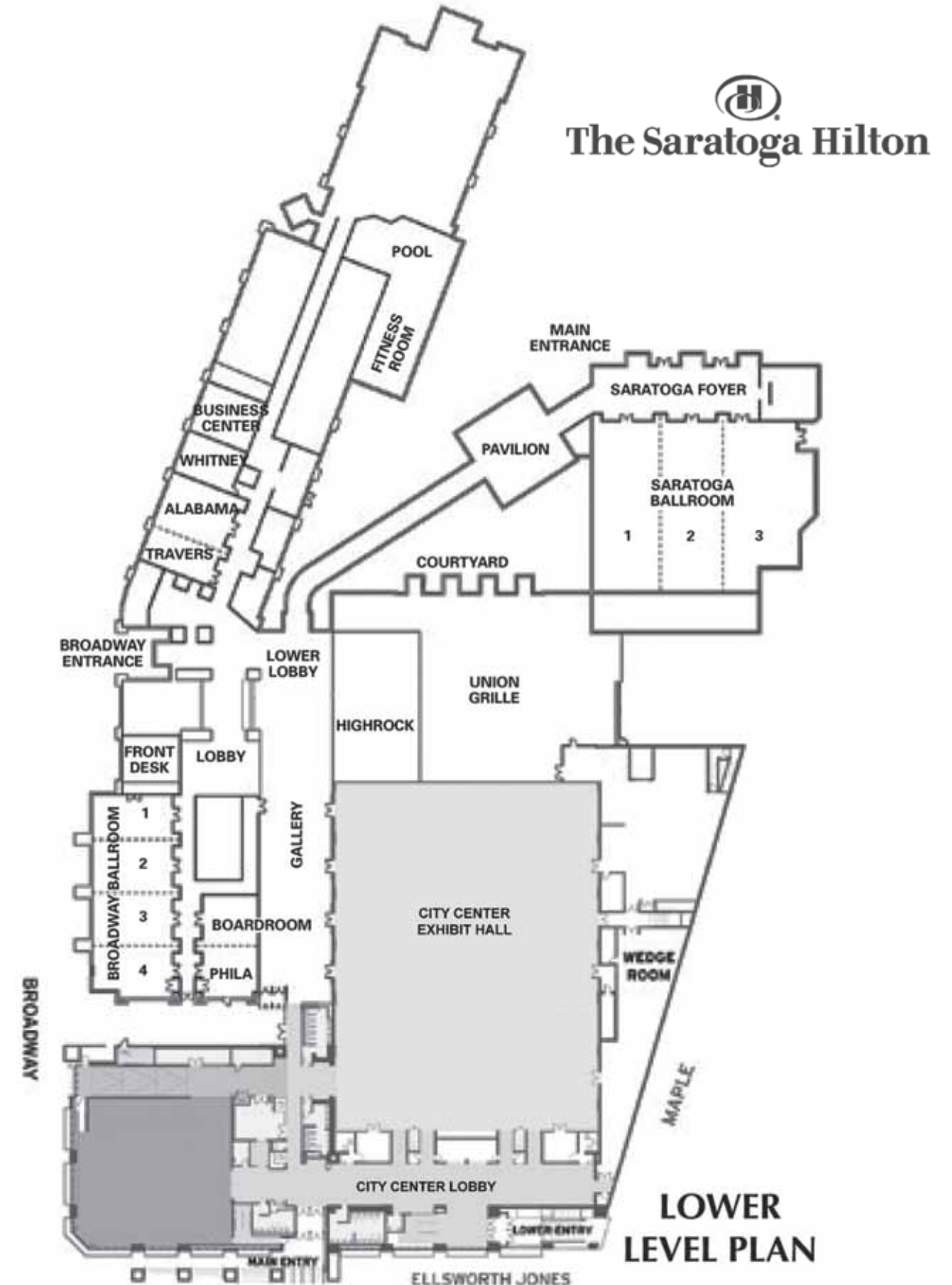
NYSRPS will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate delegates with special needs. Please indicate your specific needs on your registration form and when making your hotel accommodations. Hearing-impaired delegates seeking interpreters must notify NYSRPS by Friday, February 24, 2012. Delegates providing notice after this date must secure their own interpreters. Individuals requiring special hotel accommodations should contact The Saratoga Hilton Hotel by calling 888-866-3591. Parking at The Saratoga Hilton and City Center is accessible for those delegates with disabilities. In addition, most meeting rooms, restrooms, and hotel dining establishments are accessible. Delegates with special dietary needs must contact NYSRPS prior to Friday, February 24, 2012 to make arrangements.

## Professional Resource Center

Recreation professionals and students seeking resource materials are invited to visit the Professional Resource Center. Available information will include:

- Facilities & Parks - Fee/Rate Cards, Passes, Use Policies, Permits/Licenses
- Friends Foundation - Bylaws, Communications, Strategic Plans, Posters, Flyers
- Marketing and Promotion - Brochures, Registration Materials, Posters, Flyers
- Personnel - Evaluations, Manuals, Policies & Guidelines
- Planning - Master Plans, Benchmark Studies, Surveys
- Programming - Consent Forms, Policies, Evaluations, Registration Forms
- Promotion - Seasonal Brochures, Flyers, Mailers
- Volunteers - Criteria, Recognition Programs, Background Check Consent
- Youth Sports - Code of Ethics, Policies, Promotion, Field Use Policies

# CONFERENCE LAYOUT



# Registration Information

FEES	Early Bird (Feb. 17)	February 17 – Onsite
<b>Full Conference Registration</b>		
Member	\$230	\$270
Nonmember	\$295	\$335
Spouse	\$105	\$120
<b>Daily Registration</b>		
Member	\$120	\$160
Nonmember	\$175	\$215
Spouse	\$75	\$80
<b>Student Registration</b>		
Member	\$60	\$60
Nonmember	\$70	\$70
<b>Awards Dinner</b>	\$60	\$60
<i>*NOT included in daily rates (only full registration)</i>		
<b>Inclusion U Workshop</b>	\$40	--
<i>*Must pre-register with the NYS Inclusive Recreation Resource Center</i>		

## DETAILS

### Full Conference Registration

Includes Sunday evening Exhibit Hall Grand Opening social; breakfast on Monday and Tuesday; the Awards Dinner and light refreshments on Monday and Tuesday.

### Daily Registration

Includes breakfast and light refreshments for that day ONLY. Please note there is an additional fee for those planning to attend the Awards Banquet Dinner.

### Student Registration

Includes Sunday evening Student social; breakfast on Monday and Tuesday; and light refreshments on Monday and Tuesday. Please note there is an additional fee for those planning to attend the Awards Banquet Dinner.

**Everyone will receive a conference tote, name badge, access to the Exhibit Hall and after-hours social events.**



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# REGISTRATION FORM

72<sup>nd</sup> Annual NYSRPS Conference & Business Expo  
March 25-27, 2012 The Saratoga Hilton

## PART 1 PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification:  CPRP  CTRS  CPSI  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of NYSRPS?  Yes  No

Please indicate your section of expertise:  Municipal Recreation  Therapeutic Recreation  Youth Services  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a first-time delegate?  No  Yes

Spouse's Name (if attending as a delegate): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you staying at the hotel?  No  Yes, Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need special accommodations?  No  Yes If yes, please indicate:  Wheelchair  Visually Impaired  
 Hearing Impaired  Special Dietary Needs  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 2 REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Bird	After Feb. 17
<b>Full Conference Registration</b>		
Member	_____ \$230	_____ \$270
Nonmember	_____ \$295	_____ \$335
Spouse	_____ \$105	_____ \$120
<b>Daily Registration</b>		
Member	_____ \$120	_____ \$160
Nonmember	_____ \$175	_____ \$215
Spouse	_____ \$75	_____ \$80
<b>Student</b>		
Member	_____ \$60	_____ \$60
Nonmember	_____ \$70	_____ \$70

### Additional Fees

Awards Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00  
(Included in Full Registration)

CEU \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00

**Off-Site Tours** (No charge for attending, however space is limited.)

Farming & Agri-Tourism  The Edge-Halfmoon  Saratoga Battlefield

## PART 3 PAYMENT INFO

### Grand Total

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method

Check (payable to NYSRPS)  Charge my Visa or Mastercard (circle one)

Money Order (payable to NYSRPS) Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Order (# \_\_\_\_\_) Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Hotel Information

## Accommodations

Rooms have been reserved for Conference delegates at **The Saratoga Hilton Hotel**, located at 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. You are responsible for making your own accommodations. To ensure you receive the NYSRPS rate, please identify yourself as with The New York State Recreation and Park Society Conference upon booking your stay. For maps and directions to the hotel, please visit [www.thesaratogahotel.com](http://www.thesaratogahotel.com), or contact the NYSRPS office for more info.

## Rates

Rates through NYSRPS per person, per night are:

\$122 – Single/Double

(Applicable for the nights of March 25-26, 2012 ONLY.)

## Reservations

All hotel reservations must be made prior to **February 17, 2012** in order to guarantee NYSRPS rates. Reservations can be made by contacting The Saratoga Hilton Hotel by phone at: **888-866-3591**. All reservations must be made using a major credit card. For additional guest services and special needs, please call 866-773-7070.

## Hotel Policies

Reservations will be assigned on a first come, first served basis by the hotel. NYSRPS is not responsible for hotel reservations.

### Check In & Check Out

Rooms will be available by 3:00 p.m. on the day of arrival. Check out time is 11:00 a.m. Early arrival and late departure times may be extended depending on room availability.

### Parking

Hotel parking is available complimentary to hotel guests.

### Room Guarantee

All reservations must be guaranteed using a major credit card. Credit cards will not be charged in advance, unless you do not show. Purchase orders must be submitted in advance of arrival. Tax exempt forms may be presented at time of check-in, otherwise all rates are subject to applicable NYS and local taxes.

### Cancellations

Cancellations must be made within 48 hours prior to arrival in order to receive a deposit refund. Cancellations received in less than 48 hours prior to arrival will be subject to a penalty charge of one night's room fee plus tax.



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