



# National Recreation and Park Association

## Changes to Schools and Conferences

As part of the budget development process for next fiscal year and given the current economic climate NRPA's volunteer leadership and staff have been closely reviewing all programs, products and services. At the Midyear meeting of the NRPA Executive Committee (EC), the volunteer leadership reviewed our current financial situation as well as how to best position NRPA to move forward after the economy begins to recover.

As part of this process, the EC reviewed all aspects of our educational programs (schools, conferences, distance learning, seminars, etc.) including financial performance, attendance data, as well as support of the NRPA mission and strategic direction. Given the declining attendance and increased costs of hosting schools and conferences the EC made the decision to suspend or release many of our currently operating schools and conferences.

For fiscal year 2010 (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010), the following schools have been released, allowing another host to provide this opportunity to their customers.

- National Park Maintenance and Resource Management School
- National Executive Development School
- Rocky Mountain Revenue Management School
- Pacific Northwest Resource Management School
- Edith Upchurch Innovative Programming Forum

In addition, the EC decided to suspend the following schools and conferences for fiscal year 2010. A suspension allows for NRPA to continue hosting the particular school or conference in the future once the economy recovers.

- National Institute on Recreation Inclusion\*
- Reitz Marketing and Revenue Sources Management School

\*Please note, while the EC did decide to suspend NIRI for fiscal year 2010, NRPA is working with the Texas Recreation and Parks Society to continue to provide this conference through a joint partnership.

It is extremely important that NRPA continue to provide relevant, timely, accessible, and affordable education to our members and the park and recreation community at large. We will do this through continuing to expand our distance learning programs both online and through webinars and through our deployable seminars. Our online learning programs are accessible 24 hours a day seven days a week through our online learning portal, [Pyxis Learning Center](#). Courses start as low as \$20 and participants are eligible to earn CEUs. We are also offering frequent webinars approximately once per month.

Additionally, we have curriculum developed on leadership development, Building Customer Service and Service Loyalty, and Alternative Funding Development. We can work with you to bring those trainings to your location. For more information on these programs please go to the [Seminars](#) section of our website.

Finally, NRPA is excited to host the [National Congress & Exposition](#) in Salt Lake City, Utah October 13-16. There will be nearly 200 education sessions that will be offered on a wide range of topics, including: leadership and management, revenue generation, healthy lifestyles, customer service, professional development, and much more.