

SPECIAL EVENTS

At NIRI

EXPLORING INCLUSION CERTIFICATION IN PARKS AND RECREATION

Thursday, September 10

Time: 4:30 -5:45

Here's your opportunity to provide input into the development of an inclusion certification program for Park and Recreation professionals! NCTRC and NRPA are working collaboratively on this initiative and would like your insight regarding the possible implementation of a certification program for individuals providing inclusive services in parks and recreation. Don't miss this chance to be a part of a project that will improve services for people of all abilities!

OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

PAT POUND

Friday, September 11

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.



Pat Pound is currently a disability consultant after spending 30 years in disability policy with the State of Texas. She is currently working with the Open Doors Organization, advisory committees for Continental Airlines and the National Fire Prevention Association, and a local company with a GPS video information device.

Since 2002, Pat has served as a Presidential appointee to the National Council on Disability and assists with disability research in emergency management, employment, transportation, quality of life data, and housing.

During her state service, Pat served as the Executive Director of the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities where she analyzed legislation and regulations regarding impact on people with disabilities. She also supervised a successful program to recognize media for positive depiction of people with disabilities.

Pat has been involved in recreational efforts since the 70's--assisting with Austin's "special populations" program, and working on access to trails and parks. She weaves, snow and water skis, and makes adaptations to games and puzzles for people with disabilities. She loves technology and is interested in how new technology can further recreational opportunities.

FRIDAY NIGHT DELEGATE SOCIAL



Friday, September 11

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Located on the south bank of the San Antonio River, La Villita was San Antonio's first neighborhood. It was originally a settlement of primitive huts for the Spanish soldiers stationed at the Mission San Antonio Valero (the Alamo).

The first part of the 20th century saw La Villita decline into a slum area. In 1939, as ground broke on the San Antonio River Walk development, city fathers led by Mayor Maury Maverick acted to preserve this colorful part of San Antonio's history. Today La Villita is a thriving art community that stands as a monument to San Antonio's past.

La Villita is on the National Register of Historic Districts and is a facility of the City of San Antonio's Department of Parks & Recreation.

For more information on La Villita, please visit their website.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Saturday, September 12

12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

The Excellence in Inclusion Awards

The Excellence in Inclusion Awards were developed by the National Institute on Recreation Inclusion Steering Committee in 2004 to annually recognize and honor individuals, organizations and programs who have rendered significant service to the inclusion process. The awards highlight the efforts in providing inclusive opportunities to children, youth and adults with disabilities. Highlighting the individuals, organizations and programs provides the opportunity to recognize excellence and give the recipients a tremendous "pat on the back" from friends and peers for a job well done. More importantly, it shares new and creative ideas first-hand and up close. Three awards may be given each year. The first award is given to an individual the second to an organization and the third is awarded to a program. For more information about these awards or for the nomination criteria go to: www.nrpa.org/niri.

NETWORKING RECEPTION

Saturday, September 12

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Come celebrate and share your experience at this year's conference with fellow attendees. Immediately following the education sessions, meet up with new friends and colleagues before heading out to the famous San Antonio Riverwalk – or what ever else you may have planned for the evening.