NRPA 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

GREAT IDEAS START HERE

OCTOBER 5-8, 2016
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

200+ *education sessions*

7,000+ *attendees*

4 DAYS *of networking*

400+ *exhibitors*

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 16

LOOK INSIDE TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN SAVE ON REGISTRATION

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National Recreation and Park Association

Every year, more than 7,000 park and recreation professionals converge on one city for energetic networking activities, inspirational education sessions and an inside look at the latest products for the field. This year in St. Louis, you will have the opportunity to do all that and so much more!

To help you plan or make your case for attending, here are answers to some of your most burning questions:

JUST GIVE ME THE DETAILS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Registration Opens May 16, 2016
- Early Bird Registration Ends August 16, 2016
- The Conference runs October 5-8, 2016

WHERE IS IT?

- America's Center Convention Complex, St. Louis, Missouri

WHAT ABOUT HOTELS?

- Discounted room blocks are available at www.nrpa.org/Conference-Hotels
- Book your room beginning May 16, 2016

"THE EDUCATION SESSIONS WERE OUTSTANDING AND THE NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENDLESS."

-DARREN LEWIS, MOUNT AIRY PARKS & RECREATION

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

1. **75% of attendees come to network.** Whether that means meeting new people, reconnecting with colleagues or learning from the best in the business, there are many opportunities to network.
2. You need to try it before you buy it, right? Visit the Exhibit Hall to **test out amazing cutting edge equipment and products** from top brands.
3. **88% of past attendees have been satisfied with their overall experience** – you can be too!
4. Everyone will be there! Don't be left out of the **largest annual gathering of park and recreation professionals** under one roof.
5. Return to your department inspired, refreshed, full of **new ideas and with a better understanding** of how to best serve your community.

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

- **Mobile Workshops** – Get out of the convention hall to learn about Monarch Butterflies, tour the Gateway Arch, and more.
- **Learn to Lead** – The Leadership education track has more sessions than any other track.
- **Build-A-Bear©** – Visit the NRPA Member Area to get a limited NRPA Build-A-Bear©.
- **Creativity Workshops** – Unleash your creativity in these special outside-the-box sessions.
- **Extreme Sports Demo** – You won't believe what these athletes will be doing in the Exhibit Hall.
- **New Premier Benefits** – Premier members get exclusive experiences all week.
- **Parks Build Community: Trojan Park** - Come to the unveiling of this new vibrant park.
- **Student Scavenger Race** – Teams will compete in a trivia-filled race through a local park.
- **Exhibit Hall Happy Hour** – Network with peers and exhibitors, try out new products, and have a little fun.
- **New Off-Site Institutes** – Join the Local Host for inspirational tours of St. Louis.

To learn more about what's new this year, visit www.nrpa.org/Conference2016

HOW CAN I GET THE BIGGEST BANG FOR MY BUCK?

- Save up to $240 by **registering before the Early Bird deadline.**
- **NRPA Premier Member Agencies,** who purchase four full package registrations, get the fifth registration for FREE!
- **Become a member!** Non-members receive one year of membership with registration. Members enjoy so many great benefits, even beyond the conference.
- **Volunteer** and your registration fee can be greatly reduced or you may even be able to attend for free
- Get the most out of your trip by adding on a **Pre-Conference Workshop.**

2016 KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

SCOTT SAMPSON

Advocate for connecting people to nature and Host of the Emmy-Nominated PBS KIDS television series Dinosaur Train

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, October 4

- Pre-Conference Workshops
- Off-Site Institutes

Wednesday, October 5

- Local Host Golf Tournament
- Robert W. Crawford Lecture
- George R. Butler Lecture
- Education Sessions
- Off-Site Institutes
- Student Scavenger Race
- NRPA Opening Reception at the St. Louis Zoo

Thursday, October 6

- General Session featuring Scott Sampson
- Education Sessions
- Exhibit Hall Open
- Exhibit Hall Happy Hour
- NRPA Research Poster Sessions

Friday, October 7

- Sunrise Yoga
- 5K Fun Run and Walk
- Education Sessions
- Exhibit Hall Open
- Best of the Best Awards Ceremony
- NRPA Closing Celebration

Saturday, October 8

- Parks Build Community Dedication

"I CAN'T REPLACE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT I RECEIVE AT THE NRPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANYWHERE ELSE."

- ROBERT (BO) HUTCHENS, MWR KINGS BAY

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