



Dear students registered for the 2022 Park and Recreation Maintenance Management School:

The Omicron variant of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, continues to rage across the country upsetting services, communities, and lives. While medical experts have reason to believe the infection rates will reach a plateau and begin to subside, the peak of infections is anticipated to occur toward the end of January into mid-February, the same time the 2022 Park and Recreation Maintenance Management School (PRMMS) is scheduled to take place. Over the past weeks the Board of Regents along with the partner agencies (Partners), NC State University Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, the National Recreation and Parks Association, Oglebay's National Training Center and school sponsor, Toro, have been considering all options to deliver the school safely in light of the continuing pandemic. Yesterday, January 6, the Board of Regents after considerable review, unanimously chose to postpone the 2022 PRMMS to August 14-19, 2022. This decision was not taken lightly; the BOR and Partners are excited to return from the cancellation of the 2021 PRMMS, but that exuberance is balanced against providing the safest learning experience possible.

All participants enrolled in PRMMS, years 1 and 2 classes as well as the new year 3 program, will automatically be rolled over and registered for the August session. If you are unable to attend in August, or have any other questions, please advise Sherry DiMuccio at the National Training Center at Oglebay, email SDimuccio@oglebay.com, phone 304 551-4303. The difficulty of obtaining credit and changing airline reservations is recognized, but hopefully having new travel dates will be helpful. PRMMS participants should plan to arrive on Sunday, August 14 and depart on Friday, August 19. More information will be forthcoming.

While we are disappointed that we must postpone the PRMMS until August, the health and safety of everyone involved remains paramount with our decision-making processes. We all look forward to seeing you in August and hopefully we will finally be fully emerging from this pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Payne".

Scott Payne
Director

Park and Recreation Maintenance Management School