



**NRPA** National Recreation  
and Park Association  
*Because everyone deserves a great park*

# PREMIER MEMBER CALENDAR 2020

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# OUR THREE PILLARS

The **National Recreation and Park Association** is the nation's leading non-profit working to ensure that everyone has access to a great park. Since 1965, NRPA has raised awareness of the role parks and recreation plays in enhancing communities. A key part of that is providing more than 63,000 members with the tools and resources to make this happen through our three guiding pillars:



## SOCIAL EQUITY

All people should have access to programs, facilities, places and spaces that make their lives and communities great.



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Parks and recreation improve the health of communities by increasing access to physical activity opportunities and improving access to healthy foods.



## CONSERVATION

Parks and recreation create sustainable and resilient communities, protect natural resources and open space, and connect people to the benefits of nature and the outdoors.



## CELEBRATE PARKS AND RECREATION IN 2020

### January:

National Mentoring Month  
**5:** National Bird Day  
**6:** Gold Medal and NRPA Awards Applications Open  
**9:** Free Premier Webinar  
**12-17:** Event Management School  
**26-31:** Park & Recreation Maintenance Management School

### February

Black History Month  
American Heart Month  
**2-7:** Sustainability Institute  
**13:** Free Premier Webinar

### March:

Women's History Month  
Irish-American Heritage Month  
**6-7:** National Day of Unplugging  
**12:** Free Premier Webinar  
**15-20:** Revenue Development and Management School  
**22:** World Water Day  
**27:** Gold Medal and NRPA Awards Applications Deadline

### April:

National Garden Month  
Earth Month  
**9:** Free Premier Webinar  
**22:** Earth Day 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**22-26:** National Community Development Week  
**24:** Arbor Day

### May:

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month  
Jewish American Heritage Month  
Older Americans Month  
Mental Health Awareness Month  
National Arthritis Awareness Month  
Water Safety Month  
**11:** NRPA Annual Conference Registration Opens  
**13-20:** Infrastructure Week 2020  
**14:** Free Premier Webinar  
**15:** National Bike to Work Day  
**16:** National Kids to Parks Day  
**16:** National Learn to Swim Day  
**20:** World Bee Day  
**27:** Senior Health and Fitness Day

### June:

LGBTQ + Pride Month  
Great Outdoors Month  
**3:** National Running Day  
**6:** National Trails Day  
**11:** Free Premier Webinar  
**13:** NRPA Family Health & Fitness Day  
**13:** National Get Outdoors (GO) Day  
**20:** World's Largest Swimming Lesson  
**22-28:** Pollinator Week  
**23:** Olympic Day

### July:

Park and Recreation Month  
**9:** Free Premier Webinar  
**18:** Park and Recreation Month Open House Day

### August:

**13:** Free Premier Webinar  
**14:** NRPA Annual Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline  
**16-20:** NRPA Directors School  
**21:** Senior Citizen's Day  
**26:** National Dog Day  
**31:** Park Champion of the Year Award Deadline

### September:

Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)  
National Senior Center Month  
**10:** Free Premier Webinar  
**26:** National Public Lands Day

### October:

Italian-American Heritage Month  
National Substance Abuse Prevention Month  
**8:** Free Premier Webinar  
**10:** 10-Minute Walk Anniversary  
**22:** Lights On Afterschool  
**27-29:** 2020 NRPA Annual Conference

### November:

Native American Heritage Month  
**1-5:** Supervisors' Management School  
**12:** Free Premier Webinar  
**15:** America Recycles Day  
**27:** #OptOutside Day

### December:

**1:** Giving Tuesday  
**10:** Free Premier Webinar



Enjoying the sunset during a stand up paddle board yoga class at Carvins Cove Natural Reserve. *Photo credit: Roanoke Parks and Recreation*



# JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January is National Mentoring Month			1 New Year's Day	2 Bodhi Day	3	4 World Braille Day
5 National Bird Day	6 Gold Medal & NRPA Awards Applications Open	7	8	9 Free Premier Webinar	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Event Management School						
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25 Lunar New Year
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Park & Recreation Maintenance Management School						

IT'S TIME TO FILL THE TROPHY CASE! GET RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR HARD WORK BY APPLYING FOR AN NRPA AWARD OR GOLD MEDAL AT [NRPA.ORG/AWARDS](http://NRPA.ORG/AWARDS)



Local youth playing a game of futsal in Judkins Park. Photo credit: TIA International Photography



# FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February is Black History Month & American Heart Month						1
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7 National Wear Red Day	8
Sustainability Institute						
9	10	11	12	13 Free Premier Webinar	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28	29

USE NRPA PARK METRICS TO ANALYZE YOUR AGENCY'S PERFORMANCE AND IMPROVE OPERATIONS. LEARN MORE AT [NRPA.ORG/METRICS](https://www.nrpa.org/metrics)

St. Charles Park District  
St. Charles, Illinois  
1998 Gold Medal Winner



Each spring, kids enjoy squishing, scooping and exploring the outdoors while relishing in the joy of mud on International Mud Day at Primrose Farm. *Photo credit: Mike Frankowski*



# MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Zero Discrimination Day	2	3	4	5	6 National Day of Unplugging	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10 Holi	11	12 Free Premier Webinar	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring Equinox	20	21
Revenue Development and Management School						World Down Syndrome Day
22 World Water Day	23	24	25	26	27 Gold Medal & NRPA Awards Applications Deadline	28
29	30	31	March is Women's History Month & Irish-American Heritage Month			

LEARN HOW TO RUN AQUATIC FACILITIES SAFELY, EFFICIENTLY AND CONFIDENTLY – BECOME AN AQUATIC FACILITY OPERATOR (AFO). LEARN MORE AT [NRPA.ORG/AFO](http://NRPA.ORG/AFO)

New Orleans Recreation Development Commission  
 New Orleans, Louisiana  
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Hopping to the finish line at the New Orleans Annual Easter Eggstravaganza in Behrman Park. Photo credit: Justen Williams, 343 Media



# APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April is National Garden Month & Earth Month			1 April Fool's Day	2 Autism Awareness Day	3	4
5	6	7	8 Passover begins	9 Free Premier Webinar	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Orthodox Easter	20	21	22 Earth Day's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	23 Ramadan begins	24 Arbor Day	25
			National Community Development Week			
26	27	28	29	30		


GET READY FOR PARK AND RECREATION MONTH BY DOWNLOADING THE FREE TOOLKIT NOW. LEARN MORE AT [NRPA.ORG/JULY](http://NRPA.ORG/JULY)



Splash into summer! Belly flop before the Float n' Flick at Alga Norte Aquatics Center. Photo credit: Cassie Lee



# MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Older Americans Month.	Mental Health Awareness Month, National Arthritis Awareness Month & Water Safety Month				1	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 Vesak	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11  Registration Opens!	12	13	14 Free Premier Webinar	15 National Bike to Work Day	16 National Learn to Swim Day National Kids to Parks Day
17	18	19	20 World Bee Day	21	22	23 Eid al-Fitr begins Ramadan ends
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Memorial Day		Senior Health & Fitness Day			

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020 NRPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENS ON MAY 11. LEARN MORE AT [NRPA.ORG/CONFERENCE](http://NRPA.ORG/CONFERENCE)

Jacksonville Recreation and Parks  
Jacksonville, North Carolina



All smiles at the Northeast Creek Park Splash Pad. Photo credit: Kevin Reopelle "All Smiles"



# JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June is LGBTQ + Pride Month & Great Outdoors Month	1	2	3 National Running Day World Bicycle Day	4	5	6 National Trails Day
7	8 World Oceans Day	9	10	11 Free Premier Webinar	12	13  National Get Outdoors (GO) Day
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 World's Largest Swimming Session Summer Solstice
21 Father's Day International Yoga Day	22	23 Olympic Day	24	25	26	27
Pollinator Week						
28	29	30				

GET YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVED WITH FAMILY HEALTH & FITNESS DAY ON JUNE 13. LEARN MORE AT [NRPA.ORG/FAMILYFITNESS](http://NRPA.ORG/FAMILYFITNESS)





Gallery Park residents enjoying the annual Fourth of July fireworks show. *Photo credit: Michael Lee*



# JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July is Park and Recreation Month			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9 Free Premier Webinar	10	11
12	13	14 Bastille Day	15 World Youth Skills Day	16	17	18 Park & Recreation Month Open House Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 International Day of Friendship Eid al Adha begins	31	

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PARK AND RECREATION MONTH AT [NRPA.ORG/JULY](http://NRPA.ORG/JULY)



Bounce house fun during a spring event at the Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park. Photo credit: Tampa Parks and Recreation



# AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 International Youth Day	13 Free Premier Webinar	14 NRPA 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Early Bird Registration Deadline	15
16	17 National Nonprofit Day	18	19	20	21	22
NRPA Directors School					Senior Citizens Day	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Park Champion of the Year Award Deadline		Women's Equality Day National Dog Day		Ashura begins	

BRING CAPITOL HILL TO YOUR PARKS BY HOSTING A PARK CHAMPION EVENT! LEARN MORE AT [NRPA.ORG/PARK-CHAMPIONS](http://NRPA.ORG/PARK-CHAMPIONS)

Greenville County Rec  
Greenville, South Carolina  
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Nothing is impossible at Camp Spearhead. Photo credit: Greenville County Recreation



# SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September is Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) & National Senior Center Month		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 Free Premier Webinar	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Rosh Hashana begins	19
20	21	22 Fall Equinox	23	24	25	26 National Public Lands Day
27 Yom Kippur begins World Tourism Day	28	29	30			

LEARN HOW TO KEEP YOUR PLAYGROUNDS SAFE - BECOME A CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTOR. LEARN MORE AT [NRPA.ORG/CPSI](http://NRPA.ORG/CPSI)

City of South Bend Venues Parks and Arts  
 South Bend, Indiana  
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A young butterfly enjoys her time at the petting zoo during Best Week Ever 2019: Kids' Night Out in Downtown South Bend. Photo credit: Adam Raschke



# OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month & Italian-American Heritage Month				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Free Premier Webinar	9	10 10-Minute Walk Anniversary
11	12 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	13	14	15	16 World Food Day	17
18	19	20	21	22 Lights On Afterschool	23	24
25	26	27 2020 NRPA Annual Conference - Orlando, FL	28	29	30	31 Halloween

JOIN 8,000+ PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING COMMUNITIES GREAT PLACES TO LIVE AT THE 2020 NRPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE. LEARN MORE AT [NRPA.ORG/CONFERENCE](https://nrpa.org/conference)



Cleveland Metroparks  
 Cleveland, Ohio  
 CAPRA Accredited  
 Gold Medal Winner (2016, 2007, 2001, 1994)

North Chagrin summer campers enjoying the outdoors with naturalist Natalie Schroder. Photo credit: Kyle Lanzer/Cleveland Metroparks



# NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
Supervisors' Management School						
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Free Premier Webinar	13	14 Diwali
15 America Recycles Day	16	17 National Take A Hike Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 #OptOutside Day	28
29	30	November is Native American Heritage Month				

DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSION - BECOME A CERTIFIED PARK AND RECREATION PROFESSIONAL (CPRP). LEARN MORE AT [NRPA.ORG/CPRP](http://NRPA.ORG/CPRP)



Park Astronomer, Michael Brewster, focuses on the starry sky through the 25 inch telescope at Travis County Parks' Milton Reimers Ranch Park Observatory. The observatory roof rolls back weekly for public star gazing programs. *Photo credit: Cooper Miller*



# DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Giving Tuesday	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Free Premier Webinar Hanukkah starts	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Hanukkah ends	19
20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

STAY CONNECTED TO 63,000+ PROFESSIONALS, GET DISCOUNTS ON CERTIFICATION AND BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, AND KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST TRENDS.  
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT [NRPA.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](https://www.nrpa.org/membership)

# NRPA PREMIER MEMBER BENEFITS AND RESOURCES

## FREE MONTHLY PREMIER WEBINARS

- Join monthly webinars (free to all Premier members) that address timely and relevant topics. CEUs provided for select webinars.

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Access to approximately \$5 million annually.

## MEMBER DISCOUNTS

- Accessibility Audits
- Background and Volunteer Screenings
- Fun Express/Oriental Trading
- Insurance Programs
- Emergency Network Platform

## BULK PURCHASING

- Annual Conference Registration
- Certification - CPRP/CPRE
- Online Learning
- Publications

## BEST PRACTICE RESOURCES

- Best Practice Guides
- Briefing Papers
- Case Studies
- Toolkits

## NRPA PARK CHECK: PARKS & RECREATION QUALITY RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL

- Use this online resource to evaluate the potential threat a park and recreation agency is facing in its ability to continue delivering high-quality park and recreation amenities and services to all members of their community in the future.

## AND MUCH MORE!



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