



Thursday, March 28

**7-8 am Coffee Talk** (Dubuque Room)  NETWORKING

**7-8 am Morning Fitness** (Davenport Room)  FITNESS

**8:15-8:45 am Rapid Fire Sessions**

Refining your Cemetery Operations (Dubuque Room)  
*Ganesh Ganpat, Des Moines*

ADA Requirements vs Inclusive Playground Design  
(Davenport Room)  
*Diane Goering, Snyder & Associates*

**8:30-11 am Aquatics CEU** (Council Bluffs Room)

**9-10 am Educational Sessions**

60+ Ideas in 60 Minutes (Dubuque Room)  
*Kate Connell, Iowa City & Danae Edwards, Waukee*

The Transformational Power of an Inclusive  
Playground (Davenport Room)  
*Natalie Mackay & Jim Vollmer, Unlimited Play*

**10:15-11:15 am Educational Sessions**

Enhancing Access to Recreation for Individuals with Varying  
Abilities (Dubuque Room)  
*Kim Karwal, Easterseals Iowa*

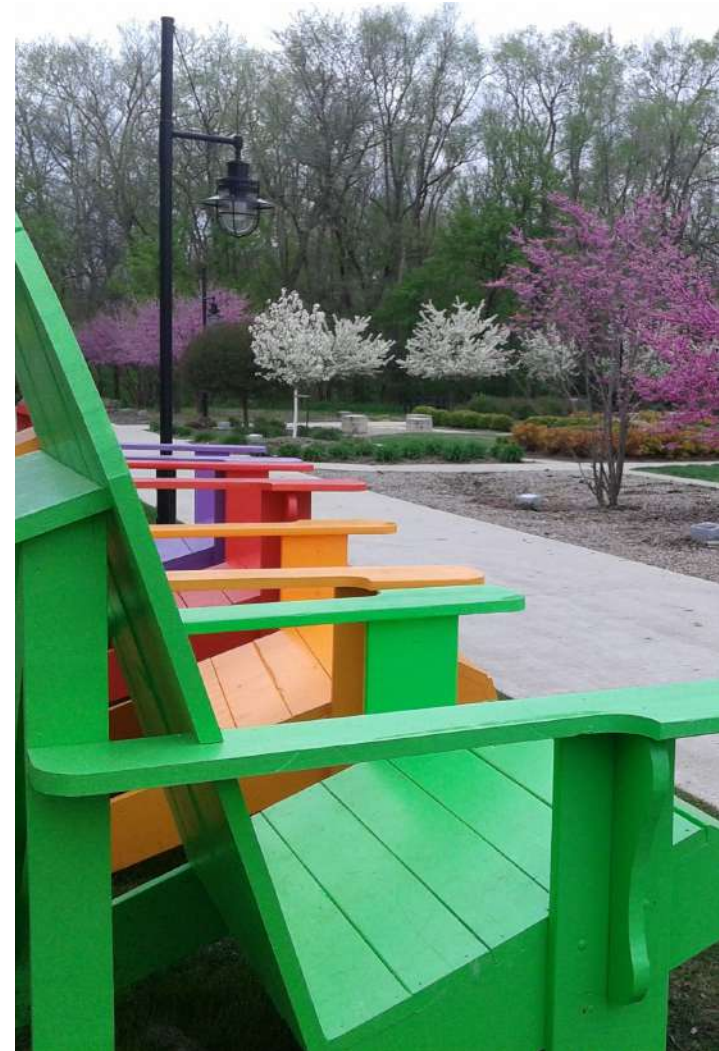
Integrating Rivers and Streams as a Part of Parks,  
Trails, & Recreation Planning (Davenport Room)  
*Staci Williams & Amanda Prosser, ISG*

Thank you for visiting  
the Des Moines metro area!

For a more detailed conference program,  
keynote speaker bios, and other helpful  
information, please visit:  
[www.iapra.org/education/conference.htm](http://www.iapra.org/education/conference.htm)



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Platinum Investor:  
Landscape Structures

Gold Investors:  
Boland Recreation  
Carrico Aquatic Resources  
Musco Sports Lighting  
Outdoor Recreation Products  
RDG Planning and Design

Silver Investors:  
Burbach Aquatics  
R.J. Thomas/Pilot Rock  
Shade Creations by Waterloo  
Shive-Hattery

Bronze Investors:  
Fry & Associates  
Kay Park Rec Corp  
MSA Professional Services  
Play it Again Sports  
USA Softball-Iowa



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## 3-5 pm Ax Throwing Outing

Lumber Ax  
338 SW 6th St. Des Moines, Iowa 50309  
Ax throwing will start at 3:30PM  
Cash bar will be available.  
Lumber Ax is located just south of the Science Center.  
Pre-registration required.  
Additional \$27 fee applies. (Includes 1.5 hours of ax throwing time.)



## 3-5 pm Microbrewery Bike Outing

Email Todd Seaman at TSeaman@cityofclive.com for more information or to register. Additional fees may apply. Meet at Marriott front entrance.



## 7-9pm Monday Social

Hosted by RDG  
RDG Dahlquist Art Studio  
512 Elm Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Meet up after the social at El Bait Shop/High Life, 200 SW 2nd St., Des Moines, IA 50309

Registration, educational sessions, Best of the Best Banquet, and accommodations will all take place at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott.



## Registration

Register online: <http://www.iapra.org/education/conference.htm>  
CEUs are available for educational sessions and off-site experiences. Please note: you must attend 2 Rapid Fire Sessions in order to receive .1 CEU credit. More information is available in the full Conference Program online.



## Accommodations

Downtown Des Moines Marriott  
700 Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
515-245-5500

Room Block: Iowa Parks & Recreation Association--discounted room block rates are now sold out. Current rate is \$229/night + tax. Please note that the Downtown Des Moines Marriott offers on-site valet parking only. Other parking options include on-street or nearby ramps.

## 8-8:15 am GROW Networking (Exhibit Hall)

For new members/conference attendees



## 8:15-8:45 am Rapid Fire Sessions

Community Gravel Bed Nurseries (Davenport Room)  
*Heath Ellis, Pleasant Hill*  
How To: Spotify Advertising (Dubuque Room)  
*Derek Zarn, Urbandale*

Iowa Child Labor Laws (Council Bluffs Room)  
*Jim Harris & Diana Norman, Iowa Division of Labor*

## 8:45-9 am Keynote Speaker Joshua Barr, Des Moines Civil & Human Rights Director (2nd Floor, Salons D & E)

## 9-10 am Educational Sessions

Get in the Game and Adapt Your Play (Dubuque Room)  
*Melissa Clarke-Wharff, Courage League Sports*  
Making Meetings Matter (Davenport Room)  
*Kirsten Barnes, 5 Star Recreation*  
Seven Elements of Play on the Playground (Council Bluffs Room)  
*Larry Rife, ABCreative & Jami Murdock*

## 10:15-11:15 am Educational Sessions

(Plan)ting for Success (Dubuque Room)  
*Tyler Baird, Iowa City*  
From Orientation to Onboarding (Davenport Room)  
*Kirsten Barnes, 5 Star Recreation*  
Learn, Get & Do More with USTA (Council Bluffs Room)  
*John Terpkosh, USTA*

## 11:30 am-1 pm Lunch & Keynote Speaker

*Kirsten Barnes, 5 Star Recreation (2nd Floor, Salons D & E)*  
presented by Landscape Structures

## 1:15-2:15 pm Educational Sessions

Aging--Everybody's Doing It (Dubuque Room)  
*Jason Thraen & Carissa Williams, Urbandale*  
Coach them Up or Coach Them Out (Davenport Room)  
*Kirsten Barnes, 5 Star Recreation*

REAP: Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (Council Bluffs Room)

*Tammie Krausman, Iowa DNR*

## 2:30-3 pm Rapid Fire Sessions

Battle of the Pool Test Kits (Dubuque Room)  
*Andy Smith, Carrico Aquatics*  
Five Leadership Skills You Need (Davenport Room)  
*Juli Seydell Johnson, Iowa City*  
Opportunities & Challenges of Municipal Golf (Council Bluffs Room)  
*Matt McIntee, Green Golf Partners*

## 3-5:30 pm Exhibit Hall & Silent Auction

(Des Moines Room)

## 5:30-7 pm YPN Social Tour

Due to limited seating, you must register when you register for conference.

## 7-9:30 pm Tuesday Social



Science Center of Iowa  
Experience: When Things Get Moving  
401 W Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Meet up after the social at Johnny's Hall of Fame, 302 Court Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309

## 7-8 am Coffee Talk (Dubuque Room)



## 8:15-8:45 am Rapid Fire Sessions

Women in Leadership--Let's Update the Conversation (Davenport Room)  
*Sherri Proud of Coralville, Jan Herke of Urbandale & Juli Seydell Johnson of Iowa City*  
Root Pruning Technologies for Better Trees (Dubuque Room)  
*Mike Bevins, Iowa Trees & Native Shrubs*  
No Money? No Problem: Fundraising 101 (Council Bluffs Room)  
*Matthew Eckhardt, Iowa City*

## 9-10 am Educational Sessions

Interview Skills for Job Seekers & Hiring Managers (Dubuque Room)  
*Juli Seydell Johnson, Iowa City*  
Setting Out to Survey (Davenport Room)  
*Anna Jensen & Packy Moran, University of Iowa*  
Signage & Wayfinding for Cities & Park Systems (Council Bluffs Room)  
*Matt Carlile & Dolores Silkworth, Confluence*

## 10:15-11:15 am Educational Sessions

Water & Ice: Programming Ideas for open water, pools, & ice rinks (Dubuque Room)  
*Nate Osmundson of Johnston, Mark Brewick of West Des Moines, Apolonia Rybicki of Ames*  
What to do with your Data (Davenport Room)  
*Anna Jensen & Packy Moran, University of Iowa*  
Inclusion Matters: Uniting Communities Through Play  
*Nick Whisenhunt, Cunningham Recreation*

## 11:30 am-1pm Lunch (2nd Floor, Salons D & E)

## 1:30-4:30 pm Off-Site Experiences



Depart from hotel lobby  
Johnston/Waukee - Park Development, Partnerships, and Funding  
Jester Park - Programming Ideas, Sponsorships, and Facility Tour

## 1:30-2 pm Rapid Fire Sessions

Media Relations 101 (Dubuque Room)  
*Candace Bell, Pleasant Hill & Summer Evans, Waukee*  
Stop Clowning Around with Bike Safety (Davenport Room)  
*Troy Carter, Iowa Bicycle Coalition*  
Volunteers: Keep'em Coming! (Council Bluffs Room)  
*Callie Le'au Courtright, Des Moines*

## 2:15-3:15 pm Educational Sessions

The Equity in our Parks (Dubuque Room)  
*Mike Bell & Scott Crawford, RDG & Richard Brown, Des Moines*  
Fourmile Creek Greenbelt (Davenport Room)  
*Richard Leopold, Polk County Conservation*  
Is Your Aquatics Facility Keeping You up at Night (Council Bluffs Room)  
*Matt Haynes, American Red Cross*

## 6-6:30 pm Bids & Beers (2nd Floor, Salons D & E)



Live Auction, Cocktail (half)Hour, and Live Music

## 6:30-8 pm Best of the Best Banquet

Meet up after the banquet at Hello Marjorie, 717 Locust St. Des Moines, IA 50309