

# 2024 Conference - Des Moines

Monday, March 25 -  
Thursday, March 28

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Thank you to the Tiger Team Members  
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## Hotel Information

### Marriott Downtown Des Moines

700 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309

\$145 plus applicable taxes per night  
Double Queen Rooms

Reservation link - [Click here](#)  
Room block: Iowa Parks and Recreation  
Association

Room block deadline: March 4, 2024  
*Rooms are limited and not guaranteed*

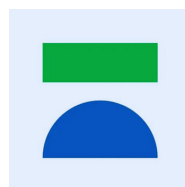
## Event Parking

Overnight valet parking is available at the  
Marriott for \$36 per night

Short term valet parking for up to 8 hours  
is available at the Marriott for \$24 per day

Ramp parking is available at several  
downtown ramps

Street parking is available with use  
of the ParkDSM app



## Delegate Registration

Early Bird Deadline-Ends Wed, March 13th

	IPRA Member Rate	Non Member Rate
Full Package:	\$275	\$325
Tuesday only:	\$190	\$240
Wednesday only:	\$190	\$240
Student Full Package:	\$50	
Student One Day Package:	\$20	

Late Registration - Begins Thurs, March 14th

	IPRA Member Rate	Non Member Rate
Full Package:	\$325	\$375
Tuesday only:	\$215	\$260
Wednesday only:	\$215	\$260
Student Full Package:	\$55	
Student One Day Package:	\$20	

Aquatic CEU Workshop - \$50 (Must be a paid  
conference delegate. In-person only option.)

Additional Conference information  
and Registration can be found at -

<https://iupra.org/education/iowa-conference/>



# Monday - March 25

12:00 - 5:00 PM

Bike & Brew

An optional bike ride that will start and end at the Marriott Hotel. The ride is a little over six miles with stops at Single Speed, RAGBRAI, Confluence, Exile, and Big Grove.

Contact Matt Boggess  
[mboggess@vintonia.gov](mailto:mboggess@vintonia.gov)  
for more information

6:00 - 8:00 PM Evening Social

Presented by: ACCO Unlimited  
Corporation and Bolton & Menk



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& MENK**

Real People. Real Solutions.

RAGBRAI Headquarters  
501 Scott Ave  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309



## Key Note Speaker



Kristine Stratton, (she/her) is the president and chief executive officer of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

Presented by:  
Landscape Structures



[playlis.com](http://playlis.com)

# Tuesday - March 26

7:30 AM Registration Table Opens

Presented by:

**Boland Recreation**

**8:30-9:30AM Educational Sessions**

Session #1 - Bringing Home the Gold Medal

Ben Page / Des Moines

Room: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.1

Session #2 - Shaping the Future Urban Forests

Emma Hanigan / Iowa DNR

Room: Sioux City CEU 0.1

Session #3 - Therapeutic Recreation 101

Malory Smysor / Iowa City

Room: Waterloo CEU 0.1

**9:30-9:45 Break**

Presented by:

**Pilot Rock**

**9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions**

Session #4 - Transforming Cemeteries

Ganesh Ganpat / Des Moines

Room: Waterloo CEU 0.1

Session #5 - Aquatic Facilities - Strategically Improving  
Your Facility

Andrew Pennekamp & Amber Wyatt / JEO Consulting

Room: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.1

Session #6 - Recreation Program Hacks

Danae Edwards / Waukee & Whitney Garcia / Ankeny

Room: Sioux City CEU 0.1

11:00 - 2:00 PM

Exhibit Hall  
and Lunch

**2:15-3:15 PM Educational Sessions**

Session #7 - Redefining Inclusive Play

Monica Aalbers / Orange City Area Health System

Room: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.1

Session #8 - Swimming Pool Test Kits / Water Chemistry

Andy Smith / Carrico Aquatic Resources

Room: Council Bluffs CEU 0.1

Session #9 - Legislative Updates

Cris Christenson / ACCO & Matt Boggess / Vinton

Room: Davenport CEU 0.1

**3:15-3:30 Break**

Presented by:

**Shive-Hattery**

**3:30-4:30 PM Educational Sessions**

Session #10 - Red Cross Program Updates

Cindy Dassow / American Red Cross

Room: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.1

Session #11 - Behavior Management Skills and Inclusive Interventions

Malory Smysor / Iowa City

Room: Council Bluffs CEU 0.1

Session #12 - Mapping Excellence:

Navigating Parks with GIS

Shawn O'Shea & Jeff Powell / MSA Professional Services

Room: Davenport CEU 0.1

**Tour #1 - MacRae Park CEU 0.1**

## *Exhibit Hall / Lunch*

11:00 - 2:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Presented by:

Musco Lighting



Great Delegate Give-Away

11:30 - 1:00 PM

Lunch Presented by:

ACCO Unlimited Corporation



6:00-9:00 PM Evening Social

Presented by:

Carrio Aquatic Resources



Iowa Wild Hockey Game

Wells Fargo Arena

Tickets and food voucher distributed  
at event entrance

## Wednesday - March 27

7:30 AM Registration Table Opens

Presented by:

**Barkpass**

**Tour #2 - RecPlex**

**Transportation leaves at 8:00AM**

8:30-9:30AM Educational Sessions

Session #13 - Making Miracles Happen

Keith Abraham / Ames

Room: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.1

Session #14 - Balancing Access and Sustainability in Water Recreation

Amanda Prosser & Paul Marston / ISG

Room: Council Bluffs CEU 0.1

Session #15 - Teen Workers

Lisa England / IMWCA

Room: Davenport CEU 0.1

**9:30-9:45 Break**

Presented by:

**MSA Professional Services**

**9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions**

Session #16 - Growing the Next Jack Trice Field

Adam Thomas / Iowa State University

Room: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.1

Session #17 - Ice Arenas and Drawing People to Them

Taylor Bassett

Room: Council Bluffs CEU 0.1

Session #18 - Women Leaders in Parks and Recreation Roundtable

Kristine Stratton / NRPA

Room: Davenport CEU 0.1

**Tour #3 - Sculpture Park CEU 0.1**

**10:45-11:00 Break**

Presented by:

**Boland Recreation**

### 11:00-12:00 PM Educational Sessions

Session #19 - ESports in Your Community

Ryan Anderson / Center Point

Room: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.1

Session #20 - Artificial Turf Field: Trends, Designs and Safety

Mitchell Workmon / ISG

Room: Council Bluffs CEU 0.1

Session #21 - Less Stress - More Life

Juli Seydell Johnson

Room: Davenport CEU 0.1

### 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch

**Keynote Speaker / Kristine Stratton**

Presented by: Landscape Structures

### 1:45-2:45 PM Educational Sessions

Session #22-Public Participation: Where Everyone Belongs

Juli Seydell Johnson & Tyler Baird / Iowa City

Room: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.1

Session #23 - Yoga in the Park

Heidi Draisey / Spirited Yoga & Wellness &

Geoff Hubbard / Marshalltown

Room: Council Bluffs CEU 0.1

Session #24 - Under the Dome: High Performance Indoor Athletic Facilities

Amanda Prosser / ISG & Mark Bigelbach / SFDM

Room: Davenport CEU 0.1

### 2:45-3:00 PM Break

Presented by:

**Pilot Rock**

### 3:00-4:00 PM Educational Sessions

Session #25 - Crafting a Digital Presence

Janet Wilwerding / Johnston

Room: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.1

Session #26 - What NRPA Can Do for You

Kristine Stratton / NRPA

Room: Council Bluffs CEU 0.1

**Tour #4 - Riverview Park CEU 0.1**

## Lunch

### 12:00-1:30 PM

Presented by: Burbach Aquatics, Inc. (BAI) – Architects & Engineers



## Best of the Best Banquet

### 6:00-8:00 PM

Presented by:  
Boland Recreation



### 6:00-6:30 PM

Social

### 6:30-8:00 PM

Dinner followed by  
Awards Presentation

### Evening Master of ceremonies:

John Byrnes, Recreational  
Superintendent, Sioux City

# Thursday - March 28

### 7:30 AM Registration Table Opens

Presented by:

**Fry & Associates, Inc**

### 8:30-11:30 AM Aquatic CEU

Session #32 - Aquatic CEU Workshop

David Peters / Carrico Aquatic Resources

Location: Cedar Rapids CEU 0.25

**Additional Registration Fee Required**

### 8:30-9:30AM Educational Sessions

Session #28 - Building & Operating the Largest Skatepark in America

Kami Rankin / Polk County &

Norm Sterzenback / Skate DSM

Room: Council Bluffs CEU 0.1

Session #29 - Monarchs, Education, Native Plants and Citizen Science

Joel Van Roekel & Paul Strome / city of Des Moines

Room: Davenport CEU 0.1

### 9:30-9:45 Break

Presented by:

**Shade Creations**

### 9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions

Session #30 - Take this Job and...Love It!

Chris Lee / Parks & Recreation Podcast

Room: Council Bluffs CEU 0.1

Session #31 -YPN Roundtable

Room: Davenport