



FALL WORKSHOP 2024 Fort Dodge
September 16—18, 2024

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Hotel Information:

Best Western

1518 3rd Ave NW
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

Single Queen—\$89 plus per night
Single King—\$99 plus per night

Reservations:

Room Block Name: Iowa Parks & Rec
Room Block Ends: September 6, 2024

Guests can use the Best Western link below for reservations:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.16032.html?groupId=X30ZF7U7



**Wednesday,
September 18**



8:00am- 4:00pm

***CTRS and NPRA CEUs available**



Registration is Open!

Join other professionals for a day of networking, round-table discussions, hands-on learning, and guest speakers.

Organizations from all across Iowa will gather together to share, plan, and develop strategies in order to help Iowans with disabilities.

2024

Adaptive Sports and Recreation Summit

IPRA is collaborating with Adaptive Sports Iowa as they host a one day summit along side the Fall Workshop on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

[Registration Link](#)

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Delegate Registration:

Registration Deadline - Friday, September 6th at Noon

IPRA Member Rate

Non Member Rate

Full Package: \$175

\$275

Tuesday only: \$135

\$210

Student Full Package: \$20

Late Registration - Begins Friday, September 6th at 12:01 PM

IPRA Member Rate

Non Member Rate

Full Package: \$225

\$325

Tuesday only: \$185

\$235

Student Full Package: \$20

Additional Fall Workshop information and Registration can be found at -

<https://iapra.org/education/fall-workshop/>

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Monday, September 16

12:00 - 5:00 PM Golf Outing

**Lakeside Municipal Golf Course
617 Central Ave, Fort Dodge**

Shotgun start at Noon / Best Shot / \$60 per golfer

Presented by:

Boland Recreation



Golf Fee Includes:

Light sack lunch

18 holes

Cart

Two beverage tickets

Flight and hole prizes

Evening social

*Registration for the golf outing is separate from
the registration for Fall Workshop.*

5:30 - 7:30 PM Evening Social

**River's Edge Discovery Center
20 N 1st Street, Fort Dodge**

****Golf outing awards will be presented during the Monday evening social**

Presented by: Bolton-Menk



**BOLTON
& MENK**

Real People. Real Solutions.

Tuesday, September 17



7:30 AM—Registration Table Opens

Presented by: Shade Creations by Waterloo

8:30-9:30AM Educational Sessions

Session #1 - Can Play: Where Recreation Has No Bounds

Melissa Clarke Wharff & Amanda Oleson / Can Play

Room: Neptune CEU 0.1

Join us for an inspiring session that redefines recreation as a truly inclusive experience, led by the team at Can Play in West Des Moines, Iowa, where play has no limits. Let's move beyond diagnoses and focus on ensuring every child has access to the joy of recreational sports. We'll explore the powerful impact of inclusive play, hear success stories, and brainstorm strategies to overcome barriers. Get ready to learn how to foster inclusive adapted recreation in your community and discover how to partner with Can Play to make a difference!

Session #2 - YPN Roundtable

Paxton Peterson / City of Humboldt & Chad Tiemeyer / City of Carroll

Room: Jupiter

Open to all delegates age 35 years and younger. Mix and mingle as we share the good, bad, and ugly. Our goal is to listen and learn how to improve our work environment, new program ideas, and creating a network of like-minded colleagues.

Session #3 - Good Tree Data, Good Results

Emma Hanigan / Iowa DNR

Room: Saturn CEU 0.1

From tree inventories, to canopy cover assessments, to management software, there are many tools that can assist with proactive and efficient engagement of your communities tree resource.

9:30-9:45 AM—Break

Presented by: MSA Professional Services



9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions

Session #4 - Recipe for Success: Bringing Concessions In-House

Brian Rohret & Danya Moore / City of West Des Moines

Room: Neptune CEU 0.1

Bringing concessions in-house is like following a recipe, as we walk through each step in the process you can create a successful model for your food and beverage program. During this recipe experience we will navigate you through multiple concession models (Aquatics, Ball Parks, Golf, and Recreation Centers, etc..) as you follow each step of the recipe your end result will be a full functioning concession stand ready to enhance all of your guests experience while making you a little dough.

Tuesday, September 17

9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions continued

Session #5 - The History of Lighting in Sports

Chris Hailey & Jason Schillig / MUSCO

Room: Jupiter CEU 0.1

Light in sports has evolved significantly. Lighting advancements continue to transform sporting events, improving player performance and spectator experiences while pushing the boundaries of what's possible on the field. This session will take the audience through the major milestones in the evolution of lighting in sports.

Session #6 - Prairie Fires in Public Spaces

Brody Bertram / Webster County Conservation

Room: Saturn

TBD

Off-Site Tour #1 - Rogers Sport Complex

Max of 15 participants. Pre-register at Registration Table

10:45-11:00 AM—Break

Presented by: RecDesk



11:00-12:00 PM Educational Sessions

Session #7 - Engagement Through Pop-Up/Community Events

Shawn O'Shea / MSA

Room: Neptune CEU 0.1

This session will provide the audience with examples and best practices in holding booths at pop-up and/or community events to engage all age groups in planning efforts. Already established or well-planned community events are a great way to bring community engagement to your constituents. One of the goals of including community engagement at these events is to reach an audience that includes all age groups from young children to senior citizens. Past planning projects that included engagement booths, pop-up/community events will be presented to the audience with lessons learned. We will discuss advertising best practices prior to the events and activities to include at the booth to attract participants. We will also present how booths at community events can enhance and overlap with other community engagement efforts in a planning process.

Session #8 - A Closer Look at Synthetic Turf in Our Play Spaces

Colby Gingles / SYNLawn

Room: Jupiter CEU 0.1

In this course, we will talk about the history and evolution of synthetic turf and how to incorporate it with existing materials and designs.

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11:00-12:00 PM Educational Sessions continued

Session #9 - Learn to Swim for Free!

Brian Ruffles & Sidney Carstensen / City of Cedar Rapids

Room: Saturn CEU 0.1

This session will go through the creation, development, and challenges with our Free Swimming Lessons for second graders in Cedar Rapids, along with brainstorming on how to get a program in your community started.

Off-Site Tour #2 - Rogers Sport Complex

Max of 15 participants. Pre-register at Registration Table

12:00-1:30 PM—Buffet Lunch

Presented by: Burbach Aquatics, Inc

Location: Zodiac



Highlights include but not limited to new board member installation, announcing new board officers, financial update, annual report, and more Association insider tips.

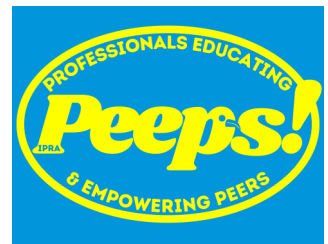
1:30-2:30 PM Educational Sessions

Session #10 - PEEPs: What IPRA Can Do For You

Kelly Johnson Rose / IPRA

Room: Neptune

If you have ever thought about joining the IPRA mentorship program PEEPs, as either a mentor or mentee, now is your chance to ask us questions about the time commitment, expectations and why you should join.



Session #11 - Robotic Cleaner Technology

Jason Seaton / Carrico Aquatic Resources

Room: Jupiter CEU 0.1

An overview of all the commercial robotic cleaners on the market and what to look for when you're ready to purchase. All robots have the same components, but the technology varies by manufacturer.

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1:30-2:30 PM Educational Sessions continued

Session #12 - Fish and Wildlife Management in Urban Areas

Tyler Stubbs & Andy Kellner / Iowa DNR

Room: Saturn CEU 0.1

To address Iowa's increasing urban population, the Iowa DNR developed the Community Fishing Program to focus on fishing opportunities in Iowa's communities. In this session you will learn how the knowledge of angler needs can help you to improve their experience and fishing at the same time.

2:30-2:45 PM—Break

Presented by: Pilot Rock / RJ Thomas



2:45-3:45 PM Educational Sessions

Session #13 - Diversifying Park Facilities for a Changing World

Chad Nath / Ahrens Park Foundation

Room: Neptune

A community park will need to develop short-term implementation measures and a long-range road map to achieve a vision for the park's available spaces. This requires a flexible framework that allows design professionals to be creative while integrating ecosystems and enhancing the performance of the landscapes and outdoor spaces.

Session #14 - Strengthening Efforts by Collaborating with Community Tourism

Kerry Kuiper & Tiffany Conrad / Visit Fort Dodge

Room: Jupiter CEU 0.1

This session will discuss the how and why DMO's and Parks & Rec Departments should work together to strengthen the community's tourism efforts. It will discuss the long-term strategies benefiting both the DMO's and Parks and Rec Departments.

Session #15 - Preparing for Medical/Trauma Emergencies

Terry Evans / Fort Dodge Fire & Rescue

Room: Saturn CEU 0.1

Discuss actions and equipment for preparing and responding to medical or trauma emergencies while you wait for EMS to arrive.

3:45-4:00 PM—Break

Presented by: MUSCO Lighting



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4:00-5:00 PM Educational Sessions

Session #16 - The Good, the Bad, and the Crazy

Brian Pauly / City of Mason City

Room: Neptune CEU 0.1

Absolutely, they exist, and they're headed to your programs and facilities: angry, nasty, and downright unreasonable customers determined to express their displeasure. Their behavior can be challenging! By discussing a few techniques and asking the right questions, you can even help some of these angry customers leave feeling better (or have a game plan before they leave). This session will cover topics like creating community support groups, reverse referendums, NIMBY/CAVE people, and other topics. You can come to listen or learn from others!

Session #17 - Parks Procedure Manual Roundtable

Tyler Baird / City of Iowa City

Room: Jupiter

Do you have a procedure manual for your Parks Department? What is included in your manual? What do you know is missing from your manual? What is your annual training for the procedures in your manual.

Session #18 - TBD



OFF-SITE TOUR OPPORTUNITY!

Rogers Sports Complex

Tuesday, September 17

9:45 AM—10:45 AM

11:00 AM—12:00 PM

****Pre-register at registration
table**

Tuesday, September 17

5:45 - 7:45 PM Evening Social

Fort Frenzy

3232 1st Ave North, Fort Dodge



Join us for an evening of food, fun and an opportunity to meet or catch up with other professionals in the field!

Presented by: Carrico Aquatics



Silent Auction for Iowa Foundation
for Parks and Recreation will be held during
the Tuesday evening social.



IOWA FOUNDATION
FOR PARKS AND
RECREATION

Wednesday, September 18



JEO CONSULTING GROUP

7:30 AM—Registration Table Opens

Presented by: JEO Consulting Group

8:30-9:30 AM Educational Sessions

Session #19 - Improving the Safety of Athletic Fields

Adam Thoms / Iowa State University

Room: Neptune CEU 0.1

This presentation will cover how to safely manage athletic fields and what it takes to make the safest playing surface possible. I will discuss both synthetic and natural grass surfaces and how to maintain them. Various aspects of maintenance discussed will include mowing, height and timing, fertilization, weed control, and aeration for natural grass fields as well as grooming, decompaction, and paint removal for synthetic surfaces. I will also present on how to better understand the safety decisions used for each surface.

Session #20 - The Next Conversation

Holly Espenhover / Unity Point Health

Room: Jupiter CEU 0.1

This session will discuss preparing yourself to have a conversation where you need to deliver feedback to another person. Prior to delivering feedback to another individual, it is important to first assess yourself and also to understand how much emotional capital you have with the recipient. Participants will learn steps and tips to engage in open, honest dialogue to deliver meaningful feedback in order to be a successful leader.

9:30-9:45 AM—Break

Presented by: Kay Park Recreation



SYNLAWN®
Plant-Based Artificial Grass

9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions

Session #21 - Foundation 101

Hannah Angstrom & Angela Wolfe / Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation

Room: Neptune

The foundation's journey over time, its current activities, and its future goals are all important to explore. Understanding how the Foundation can support professionals is crucial for fostering a positive path forward.

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9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions continued

Session #22 - Deciphering Child Labor Laws

Lisa England / ILOC/IMWCA

Room: Jupiter

Most of your seasonal workforce are under the age of 18. Are you following Iowa Child Labor Laws, Federal Labor Laws or a combination of two. This session will cover what leaders need to know to ensure they are following the law and keeping staff safe.

10:45-11:00 AM—Break

Presented By: Concrete PolyFix



11:00-12:00 PM Educational Sessions

Session #23 - Aquatics Roundtable

Roundtable session to wrap up the end of the aquatics season. We'll discuss what went well, areas for improvement and strategies for making the most of the off-season. This educational session is a great opportunity to share best practices, learn from each other, set goals for the coming year, and to help you maximize your team's potential and plan for success in the off-season and beyond.

Room: Neptune

Session #24 - TBD

A special shout out to the Tiger Team members for helping to organize this event:

Hannah Angstrom—Fort Dodge

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