

# HOTEL INFORMATION

## Courtyard by Marriott

2405 SE Creekview Drive  
Ankeny, IA 50021

### Reservations:

Room Rate: \$114 plus per night

Room Block Ends: September 22, 2025

[Click Here](#) to Reserve

*Rooms are limited and not guaranteed*



## TIGER TEAM

Katie McGrane - Ankeny  
Colby Vlieger - Ankeny  
Whitney Garcia - Ankeny  
Ryan Harkema - Ankeny

Kari Allen - Johnston  
Molly Moore - Johnston

*Thank You*



# 2025 FALL WORKSHOP ~ANKENY~

October 13 - 15, 2025

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# REGISTRATION



**Registration Deadline:** Oct. 3 at noon

IPRA Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Full Package: \$175	\$275
Student: \$20	\$20

**Late Registration:** Oct. 3 at noon - October 8

IPRA Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Full Package: \$225	\$325
Student: \$20	\$20

*Additional Fall Workshop Information and Registration can be found [here](#).*







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MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

## GOLF OUTING

### Otter Creek Golf Course

4100 NE Otter Creek Drive  
Ankeny, IA 50021

Shotgun start at noon

Best Shot

\$60 per golfer

Presented by:  
**Boland Recreation**



Golf outing registration is a separate  
registration than fall workshop.

Registration click [here](#)



## MONDAY EVENING SOCIAL

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### Otter Creek Golf Course

4100 NE Otter Creek Drive  
Ankeny, IA 50021

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



Silent Auction for IFPR will be  
held during the evening social.

View full brochure for more details

Presented by: **Bolton & Menk**



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& MENK**

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# TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

## 7:30 AM - Registration Opens

Presented by:  
SYNLawn



**SYN L A W N**  
Plant-Based Artificial Grass

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

### Session #1 - Personal Safety & Awareness in Parks

Trevor McGraw, *City of Ankeny Police Department*  
Location: Salon 1 CEU 0.1

### Session #2 - Future-Proofing Parks & Recreation: Trends, Technology, & Master Planning

Jay Lotthammer, *ISG*  
Location: Salon 2 CEU 0.1

### Session #3 - 8 Simple Rules for Social Media Engagement

Jessie Brown, *Iowa DNR*  
Location: Salon 3 CEU 0.1

## 9:30-9:45 AM - Break

Presented by:  
MSA Professional Services



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

### Session #4 - Urban Coyotes: Citizens' Options & Cities Roles in Management

Andy Kellner, *Iowa DNR*  
Location: Salon 1 CEU 0.1

### Session #5 - Communication & Conflict: De-escalating Volatile Situations in Sports Officiating

Todd Tharp, *Iowa High School Athletic Association*  
Location: Salon 2 CEU 0.1

### Session #6 - Leading with Presence: Cultivating Awareness & Trust

Holly Espenhover, *UnityPoint Health*  
Location: Salon 3 CEU 0.1

## 10:45-11:00 AM - Break

Presented by:  
RecDesk



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

### Session #7 - Unlocking Park Building Potential: A Path to Conservation & Wellness

Jay Lotthammer & Mitchell Workmon, *ISG*  
Location: Salon 1 CEU 0.1

### Session #8 - IPERS

Location: Salon 2

### Session #9 - Ideas to Involve your Local High School with your Parks & Recreation Program

Todd Tharp, *Iowa High School Athletic Association*  
Location: Salon 3 CEU 0.1

**Off-Site Tour #1 - Rally Complex & Sports Complex**  
**Max of 15 participants. Pre-register at Registration Table**

## LUNCH

### 12:00-1:30 PM

Location: Salon 4

Brief presentation of new board member installment and annual report, then enjoy your break with an executive boxed lunch and recharge for the afternoon!

[more details in full brochure](#)

Presented by:  
Burbach Aquatics, Inc



## 1:30-2:30 PM Educational Sessions

### Session #10 - Gearing up for Prescribed Fire

Tyler Baird & Alex Lorack, *City of Iowa City*  
Location: Salon 1 CEU 0.1

### Session #11 - Biking Together: A Collective Path for All

Shawn O'Shea & Shannon Gapp, *MSA*  
Location: Salon 2 CEU 0.1

### Session #12 - Transforming Your Dog Parks into Self-Funding Community Hubs

Steve Zeidman, *BarkPass*  
Location: Salon 3 CEU 0.1

## 2:30-2:45 PM - Break

Presented by:  
Pilot Rock



## 2:45-3:45 PM Educational Sessions

### Session #13 - Green Infrastructure Stormwater Management in Parks: Planning & Implementation

Nick Lenox & Becky Ford, *City of Ankeny*  
Location: Salon 1 CEU 0.1

### Session #14 - Calm in the Chaos

Amy Erickson, Grace Balison, Erica Eichhorn, *City of Coralville*  
Location: Salon 2 CEU 0.1

### Session #15 - Annual Aquatic Health Inspections

Chad Smith, *Iowa Dept. of Inspections, Appeals & Licensing*  
Location: Salon 3 CEU 0.1

**Off-Site Tour #2 - Albaugh Senior Community Center**  
**Max of 15 participants. Pre-register at Registration Table**

## 3:45-4:00 PM - Break

Presented by:  
MUSCO Lighting



## 4:00-5:00 PM Educational Sessions

### Session #16 - ELN Roundtable (formerly YPN)

Location: Salon 1

### Session #17 - Aquatic Centers - A Service to the Community or Community Service? (Roundtable)

Katie McGrane, *City of Ankeny*  
Location: Salon 2 CEU 0.1

### Session #18 - Approaches to Everyday Parks Challenges (Roundtable)

Kari Allen, *City of Johnston* & Tyler Baird, *City of Iowa City*  
Location: Salon 3 CEU 0.1

# TUESDAY EVENING SOCIAL

## Uptown Garage Brewing Co.

305 SW Walnut Street, Ankeny



## 6 PM - 8 PM

[View full brochure for more details](#)

Presented by: Carrico Aquatic Resources





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15



7:30 AM - Registration Opens  
Presented by: [JEO Consulting Group](#)

**JEO CONSULTING GROUP**

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

**Session #19 - Iowa Food Code**

Julie Kraling, *Iowa Department of Inspections, Licensing, & Appeals*  
Location: Salon 1    CEU 0.1

**Session #20 - Why a PGA Professional?**

Greg Mason, *Iowa PGA Section*  
Location: Salon 2    CEU 0.1

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

Presented by:  
[BarkPass](#)



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

**Session #21 - Breathe Life Back Into Your Community**

Derek Lord, *City of Ankeny*  
Location: Salon 1    CEU 0.1

**Session #22 - Building Inclusive Communities: Practical Strategies for Implementing Adaptive Programs**

Melissa Clarke-Wharff, *Can Play*  
Location: Salon 2    CEU 0.1



# MAINTENANCE RODEO

OCTOBER 15, 2025 | JOHNSTON, IA

*Lew Clarkson Park - 7501 NW 54<sup>th</sup> Ave*

**9-10 AM** MEET & GREET WITH EXHIBITORS & EVENT SIGN-UP

**10 AM-12 PM** COMPETITION & EXHIBITOR BOOTHS

**NOON** LUNCH, SPONSORED BY *CUNNINGHAM RECREATION*

**12:30-1:30 PM** SPRAYER CALLIBRATION BY QUINCY LAW, ISU  
PLAYGROUND SAFETY & MAINTENANCE BY EDDIE LAROQUE,  
PLAYGROUND GUARDIAN

**1:30-2:00 PM** AWARDS

## EVENTS

*Plant Identification*  
*Leaf Blower Challenge*  
*Zero Turn Obstacle*  
*Trailer Maneuver*

*Event registration for competitors will  
take place the morning of the event*

**Pre-Registration Required**  
*for competitors and spectators*  
**\$20 spectators & competitors**

**REGISTRATION IS INCLUDED WITH PURCHASE  
OF FULL FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION  
PACKAGE. PLEASE INDICATE ON THE  
REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.**

**REGISTER NOW**



For more information on this event, exhibitor  
booths, event rules, and more [CLICK HERE](#)







**Q: If I have any food allergies or dietary restrictions, what should I do?**

A: Please indicate dietary restrictions at the time of registration so that accommodations can be made!

**Q: Will snacks and refreshments be available at conference?**

A: Complementary pastries (morning), coffee, cans of pop and cookies (afternoon) will be provided. A water filling station will be available. Please bring a refillable water bottle, as we will not be providing bottled water.

**Q: I am from a small community and not sure that a session will be relevant, should I still attend?**

A: Yes! Please still attend the session. Go in with a creative mindset, take away pieces of information and adapt what you learned to fit your community and department!

**Q: Will food be provided during evening socials?**

A: Yes! Please refer to the full brochure for details on evening socials. .

**Q: Will print brochures be available?**

A: Print brochures will not be available at conference. A QR code will be available to scan to access to the at-a-glance brochure, but if you would like a print copy, please plan to print prior and bring with you.

**Q: Is maintenance rodeo included in my fall workshop registration?**

A: Yes, maintenance rodeo is included in the full package for fall workshop. In order to receive a lunch, attendees must have indicated they will be attending, either on the workshop registration or the survey that was sent prior to workshop.

**Q: Will there be lunch provided at maintenance rodeo?**

A: Yes, a lunch will be provided for all registrants for maintenance rodeo!

**Q: I would like to enter the competitions at the maintenance rodeo, how do I sign up?**

A: Event registration will take place the morning of the maintenance rodeo. You may sign up for 1 or more events. You also may join solely as a spectator! Please note, one event does require a 2 person team.

**\*\*Registrants will receive final details for conference the week prior to the event. This is where you will find all the information you will need to ensure your conference experience goes as smooth as possible. Please read all details thoroughly.**

**Q: What should I wear while attending workshop and workshop events?**

A: Educational Sessions/Day Time Activities: Dress as if you were headed to work for the day! Bring layers as some areas may be chilly!

Evening Socials: Casual attire