

# 2026 CONFERENCE SIOUX CITY MARCH 23 - 26, 2026



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## EVENT/ HOTEL INFORMATION

### Sioux City Convention Center

801 4th Street  
Sioux City, IA 51101

### Courtyard by Marriott

901 4th Street, Sioux City

\$129 per night + taxes/fees

**Reservation Link** - [Click Here](#)

**Room Block Deadline** - February 21

*Rooms are limited and not guaranteed*

## EVENT PARKING

### Parking

A variety of free and paid parking spots are located near the Sioux City Convention Center.

[Download Our Parking Diagram](#)

You may also use the link below for an interactive parking map for the Sioux City area.

[Interactive Parking Map](#)

### Conference Tiger Team

Thank you to the Tiger Team members who helped plan this event!

Justin Atlas, Sioux City  
Kari Allen, Johnston  
Molly Moore, Johnston  
Katie Klus, Bondurant  
Laura Albert, Sumner

## REGISTRATION

### Registration Deadline

Friday, March 6th at noon

#### IPRA Member

	IPRA Member	Non Member
Full Package:	\$275	\$325
Tuesday Only:	\$190	\$240
Wednesday Only:	\$190	\$240

Student Full Package: \$50

Student One Day: \$20

### Late Registration

Begins Friday, March 6th at 12:01 PM

#### IPRA Member

	IPRA Member	Non Member
Full Package:	\$325	\$375
Tuesday Only:	\$215	\$260
Wednesday Only:	\$215	\$260

Student Full Package: \$55

Student One Day: \$20

[Additional Information & Registration](#)



# MONDAY, MARCH 23

## MONDAY EVENING SOCIAL

**Sioux City Distilling Co.**

313 Perry Street  
Sioux City, IA 51103

6:00 - 8:00 PM

[Event Details](#)



Presented by:  
**ACCO Unlimited Corporation**  
& **Bolton & Menk**



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Cone Park

## OFF-SITE TOURS



Chris Larsen Park (Riverfront)



STF Expo Center



Miracle League  
of Sioux City

## KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Wednesday, March 26

### EDDIE SLOWIKOWSKI

Former world-class runner and Gold Medalist with USA Track & Field; one of only 169 Americans to break the 4-minute mile.

3-time NCAA All-American and National Cross Country Champion from Loyola University Chicago.

Today: a renowned Speaker, Consultant & Author, known as an Inspired Performance Expert.

Creator of the acclaimed "Four Minute Formula," helping audiences unlock elite performance in life and work.

Delivers high-energy, interactive presentations that blend storytelling, music, and audience engagement—an unforgettable experience every time.



Key Note  
Presented by:

# TUESDAY, MARCH 24

**7:30 AM – Registration Opens**

Presented by:  
**Boland Recreation**



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

**Session #1 - Basketball to Board Rooms:**

Leadership Lessons...

Jan Herke / City of Urbandale  
Room: C-1

**Session #2 - Projects Made Simple**

Jason Schillig / MUSCO  
Room: C-2

**Session #3 - The Inclusive Visitor Journey:  
Accessibility From Online to Outdoors**

Angela Drent / Siouxland District Health Dept.  
Molly Wuebker / Uncurbed  
Room: C-3

**9:30-9:45 AM – Break**

Presented by:  
**SynLawn**



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

**Session #4 - Your Facility is a Business - Are You  
Running it Like One?**

John Byrnes / City of Bettendorf  
Eric Griffith / City of Moline, IL  
Room: C-1

**Session #5 - Mechanical Room Updates**

Andy Smith / Carrico Aquatic Resources  
Room: C-2

**Session #6 - ELN: Managing Up and Managing  
Yourself**

\*for ELN only - learn more [here](#)  
Room: C-3

**Exhibit Hall Open**

11 AM – 2 PM

**Lunch**

11:30 AM – 1 PM

**Located in Exhibit Hall**



Exhibit Hall  
Presented by:  
**MUSCO Lighting**



Lunch Presented by:  
**ACCO Unlimited  
Corporation**

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

**Session #7 - Selecting Adaptable Tree Species  
for Iowa Parks**

Leslie Brandt / Bolton & Menk  
Room: C-1

**Session #8 - Living a Life of Creativity**

Jason Walsmith  
Room: C-2

**Session #9 - The Best Camera is the One You  
Have**

Jan Herke / City of Urbandale  
Room: C-3

**Tour #1 - STF Expo Center**

*\*Pre-Register at registration table, limited space*

**3:15-3:30 PM – Break**

Presented by:  
**Shive-Hattery**



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

**Session #10 - Leadership & Management for All  
Levels**

Justin Atlas / City of Sioux City  
Room: C-1

**Session #11 - Evolving Your Recreation  
Programs...**

Jay Lothammer / ISG  
Room: C-2

**Session #12 - How Social Media Reignited  
Community Pride in Sioux City**

Kelly Ramirez / Content Creator  
Anne Westra / City of Sioux City  
Room: C-3

## TUESDAY EVENING SOCIAL

Details coming soon....  
something fun is on the  
horizon!

Presented by:  
**Carrico Aquatic Resources**



# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

7:30 AM - Registration Opens

Presented by:  
Sentry Aquatics



8:30-9:30 AM Educational Sessions

Session #13 - Tailoring Aquatics to Your Community

Shannon Gapp / MSA  
Shawn O'Shea / MSA  
Room: C-1

Session #14 - Harvesting Opportunities in Bondurant's Grain District...

Danielle Propst / ISG  
Kyle Hannigan / ISG  
Room: C-2

Session #15 - Iowa Legislative Update

Brian Pauly / City of Mason City  
Room: C-3

9:30-9:45 AM - Break

Presented by:  
MSA Professional Services



9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions

Session #16 - The Art & Science of Splash Pad Design

Paul Nelson / ISG  
Alex Miller / City of Grimes  
Room: C-1

Session #17 - Facility Rentals: The Good, the Bad, & the Policies

Molly Moore / City of Johnston  
Katie Klus / City of Bondurant  
Room: C-2

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9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions continued

Session #18 - Designing for All Ages...

Bruce Thompson / GameTime  
Room: C-3

Tour #2 - Chris Larsen Park (Riverfront)

\*Pre-Register at registration table, limited space

10:45-11:00 AM - Break

Presented by:  
Boland Recreation



11:00-12:00 PM Educational Sessions

Session #19 - Smart Asset Management...

Jay Lotthammer / ISG  
Danielle Propst / ISG  
Room: C-1

Session #20 - Diving In: A Practical Guide to Aquatics

Katie McGrane / City of Ankeny  
Brian Ruffles / City of Cedar Rapids  
Room: C-2

Session #21 - Prairie Rock Bike Trails Project

Brian Pauly / City of Mason City  
Room: C-3

Tour #3 - Miracle League Park

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## LUNCH & KEYNOTE

12:00 - 2:00 PM

Located in Gallery A

Keynote Speaker -  
Eddie Slowikowski

Lunch Presented by:  
Burbach Aquatics



2:15-3:15 PM Educational Sessions

Session #22 - The Future of Outdoor Lighting:

Solar Solutions for Parks  
Jonathan Holsworth / GenPro  
Doug Stumpf / GenPro  
Room: C-1

Session #23 - ADA Compliance for Parks & Rec:  
Accessible Documents & Easy-to-Read Graphics

Janet Wilwerding / City of Johnston  
Room: C-2

Session #24 - Transform Your Dog Parks Into Self-Funding Community Hubs

Brian Hatfield / BarkPass  
Steve Zeidman / BarkPass  
Room: C-3

Tour #4 - Cone Park

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3:15-3:30 PM - Break

Presented by:

3:30-4:30 PM Educational Sessions

Session #25 - Colby Park: From Community Vision to Destination

Casey Byers / Bolton & Menk  
Lauren Campbell / City of Windsor Heights  
Room: C-1

Session #26 - Making Waves: Creating Regional Destinations for Aquatics

Hank Moyers / Confluence  
PJ Novick / Confluence  
Room: C-2

Session #27 - AI In Parks & Rec: Practical Applications for Everyday Work

Katie Klus / City of Bondurant  
Room: C-3

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

## BEST OF THE BEST BANQUET

6:00-8:00 PM

Located in Gallery A



6:00-6:30 PM

Social

6:30-8:00 PM

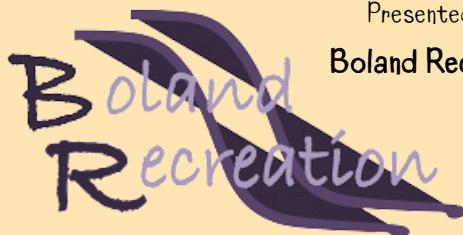
Dinner & Awards Presentation

[Event Details](#)



Presented by:

Boland Recreation



Evening Masters of Ceremony:

John Byrnes, Bettendorf  
Austin Tasler, Midwest Playscapes



# THURSDAY, MARCH 26

7:30 AM - Registration Opens

Presented by:  
Central Iowa Farm Store



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

David Peters / Carrico Aquatic Resources

Location: C-3 CEU 0.25

Additional Registration Fee Required

Register at time of conference registration to receive discounted price

8:30-9:30 AM Educational Sessions

### Session #28 - Using GIS for Cemetery Management

Scott Kiley / MSA

Room: C-1

### Session #29 - Coffee with the Director

Matt Salvatore / City of Sioux City

Seth Staashelm / City of Marion

Room: C-2

9:30-9:45 AM - Break

Presented by:  
Shade Creations



9:45-10:45 AM Educational Sessions

### Session #30 - Achieving Big Outcomes for Smaller Cities: The Falls Park Vision Plan

Jon Jacobson / Confluence

Mike Patten / City of Sioux Falls

Room: C-1

### Session #31 - Concrete Solutions for Parks That Last

Dylan Schultz / Concrete PolyFix

Room: C-2

10:45-11:00 AM - Break

Presented by:  
BarkPass



11:00-12:00 PM Educational Sessions

### Session #32 - TBD

Speaker / Organization  
Room: C-1

### Session #33 - TBD

Speaker / Organization  
Room: C-2



## [Full Brochure](#)

View complete session descriptions, speaker bios, and additional information on off-site tours, exhibit hall, banquet and evening socials.

## [Conference Tracks](#)

Elevate your conference experience and make the most out of your time here by finding sessions specifically for YOU!

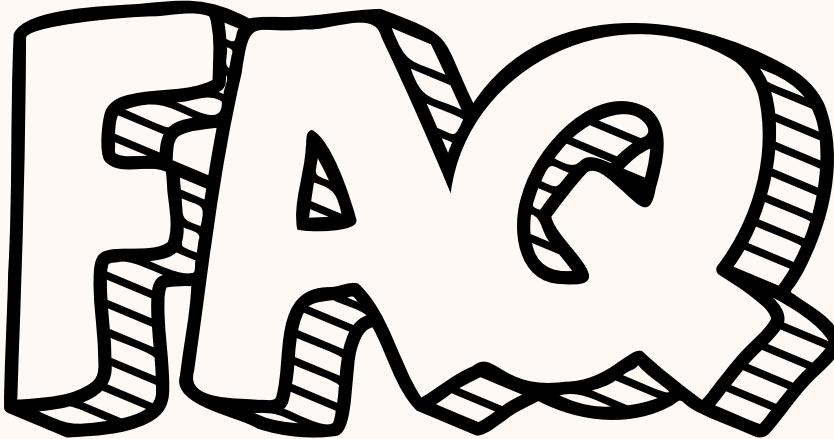
## [FAQ](#)



Thank you to Outdoor Recreation Products for sponsoring give aways for all registered delegates!



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**\*\*Registrants will receive final details for conference a few weeks 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 conference and conference 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

Banquet: Semi-formal, but something you are comfortable wearing. Don't let the "formal" keep you from attending, we want everyone to feel welcome!

**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 "More Details" link to view flyers for each evening social. This is where you can read what will be provided as far as meals for each evening social.

**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.

\*\*More FAQ's will be added as we near the event date



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# CONFERENCE TRACKS

## REC PROGRAMMING

- #3 The Inclusive Visitor Journey...
- #4 Your Facility is a Business...
- #8 Living a Life of Creativity
- #10 Leadership & Management...
- #11 Evolving Your Rec. Programs
- #18 Designing for All Ages...
- #20 Diving In: A Practical Guide to Aquatics (Aquatics Need-to-Know)
- #23 ADA Compliance for Parks & Rec
- #27 AI in Parks & Rec

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- #6 ELN Roundtable
- #9 The Best Camera Is The One You Have
- #12 How Social Media Reignited Community Pride in Sioux City
- #15 Iowa Legislative Update
- #17 Facility Rentals...
- #21 Prairie Rock Bike Trails
- #25 Colby Park: From Community Vision to Destination
- #29 Coffee with the Director

## PARKS

- #2 Projects Made Simple
- #3 The Inclusive Visitor Journey...
- #7 Selecting Adaptable Tree Species
- #14 Harvesting Opportunities in Bondurant's Grain District...
- #18 Designing For All Ages: Emerging Trends...
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