

MRPA 2009

~ Percy Quin State Park 

Join us this year to be a part of history as MRPA holds its first-ever conference on-site in a park! What could be more fitting? Have a look at this year's educational offerings:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

8:00AM - 12:00PM Registration

Host city McComb treats MRPA to an afternoon of relaxation. Meet other professionals, vendors, and officials, discuss events and policies in your community and gather ideas for positive change.



12:00PM - 1:00PM City of McComb Golf Lunch

1:00PM - 5:00PM City of McComb Golf Tournament

5:30PM - UNTIL City of McComb BBQ Social

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

7:00AM - 8:00AM Breakfast (Group Camp)

8:30AM - 10:00AM Opening General Session (Lodge)

Color Guard | MDWFP

Welcome | State Auditor Stacey Pickering

Stacey E. Pickering was elected as the forty-first State Auditor of Mississippi on November 6, 2007. Prior to serving as State Auditor, Stacey was elected to the

Mississippi State Senate in 2003 to represent District 42 in Jones County. As Senator, Stacey served as Chairman of the Local and Private Committee and Chairman of Enrolled Bills Committee.

Stacey is a seventh-generation Mississippian. He was raised on the family dairy farm in the Hebron community of Jones



County. A National 4-H scholarship winner, Stacey graduated from West Jones High School and went on to Jones County Junior College. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and a Master's Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1993.

10:00AM – 12:00PM Sherwin Williams Presents...
the Exhibit Hall Grand Opening!

Please join MRPA Platinum Sponsor Sherwin Williams and our All-Conference Sponsors as they share their latest innovations. Demonstrations are encouraged and outside space is available if needed.



Sponsors enable MRPA to offer our annual education conference at a cost state agencies can afford. Please take a moment to show them your appreciation. Lunch will be provided by State Parks.

12:30PM – 2:00PM Concurrent Educational Sessions
Boating Safety | Major Lane Ball (.15 CEUS)

Purpose and accomplishments of the Boat Safety Educational Program, basic laws and regulations to ensure safe boating.

1. List five basic boating laws and regulations.
2. Explain the purpose of Boating Safety Education Program.
3. Conduct a review of basic boating safety.

Event Planning and Publicity: "Nuts and Bolts"
| Roger G. Nickerson (.15 CEUS)

This session is designed to teach you how to go from start to finish. It is a guide to pre-planning, marketing and publicizing your event and much more. Also, I'll offer tips on how to find and select celebrity attractions to best suit your event and area. We will also cover the importance of getting the word out early and as often as possible.

1. List three tasks considered pre-planning activities.
2. Choose content based on a sample audience's needs.
3. Organize guests, panels and celebrity attractions

Not Just Fun and Games, but Healing and Growth
| Renisha Fontenot, CTRS (.15 CEUS)

This session will focus on the how to use Therapeutic Recreation programming to foster healing and growth in individuals who have chemical dependency, alcoholism, eating disorders, gambling addictions, and sexual

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(cont.) compulsivity. Participants will engage in fun and therapeutic activities and interventions implemented for these populations.

1. Recite the purpose of Therapeutic Recreation in a drug rehabilitation setting or facility.
2. List three focus areas for TR programming.
3. Identify barriers to leisure participation common amongst individuals suffering from addiction.

2:00 – 2:30PM Break With Exhibitors

2:30 – 4:00PM Concurrent Sessions
Fit for Life | Patrick Conn (.15 CEUS)

Your lifestyle today affects quality of life in the future, and may even shave years off your life. Developing healthy habits today will increase energy, flexibility, and decrease your chances of having a terminal disease.

1. Contrast health and wellness.
2. Design a lifestyle change plan based on proper weight management skills.
3. State proper physical activity & exercise guidelines.

Hunter Education | Colonel Steve Adcock (.15 CEUS)

The purpose and accomplishments of the Hunter Education Program since its inception of the department in 1975. Review of basic laws, ethics and responsibilities taught in the program.

1. List five basic hunting laws.
2. Relate accident statistics to methods of accident prevention.
3. Defend the importance promoting outdoor activities to youth.

EVERYone Can Play This Summer
| Katrina Coots (.15 CEUS)

BREC is known for their summer day camps across the parish to the citizens of East Baton Rouge . BREC is now raising the bar and making summer day camps truly inclusive by supporting children with disabilities in the camp through partnerships in the community.

1. List three things an inclusive summer program avoids.
2. Adap recreation games to include all participants.
3. Locate community resources to assist with support staff.

4:30PM - UNTIL Percy Quin Fishing Tournament

Conference participants are invited to enjoy an afternoon in the outdoors. Even if you don't catch anything, you still get to eat so relax and enjoy what MDWFP is all about!

Fishing tournament participants must possess a fishing license to participate.

Call 1-800-5GOHUNT or visit <https://www.ms.gov/gf/hunting/index.jsp> if you don't have one



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

7:00AM - 8:00 AM Breakfast (Group Camp)

8:30AM - 10:00AM Concurrent Educational Sessions
Update on West Nile Virus 2009

| Sharon Sims (.15 CEUS)

West Nile Virus has been in the US for 10 years. How far have we come with the educational messages?

1. Devise methods of personal protection from the WNV.
2. Design a program which utilizes these methods.
3. Recite a WNV survivor story.

Energy Conservation and Recycling
| Chris Eindley, Lamar Evans(.15 CEUS)

This session will explore the need and the process to conduct energy audits at park facilities. The session will also look at alternative sources of electricity, the importance of recycling, and how to start a local program.

1. Identify items that are recyclable.
2. Review the benefits of recycling.
3. Identify elements to be considered during an energy audit.
4. Learn how to select a qualified consultant
5. Review alternative energy sources.

You Call It a Party... I Call It Therapy!
| Allie Pearson, CTRS (.15 CEUS)

Session will describe methods to incorporate therapeutic activities intended to meet functional goals into fun-filled party atmospheres. Examples will be provided on specific themes, modality descriptions and functional goals for multiple events. Session will also allow the opportunity to participate in activities used in prior "parties".

1. List two event themes.
2. List two treatment modalities.
3. List two functional treatment goals.

10:00AM – 10:30 AM Break with Sponsors

10:30AM - 12:00PM Concurrent Educational Sessions
Pros & Cons of Running Your Own Athletic Programs
| Lee Pickett, Ricky Hawthorne,
& Guy Smith (.15 CEUS)

Session participants will get a detailed presentation on the benefits of running their own athletic programs. Two city representatives will discuss the operation of each athletic program with the overall focus on one objective with different avenues perused. Discussions will include start-up cost, expenses and revenue generated.

The Developmental Benefits of Play
| Jennie Sumrell (.15 CEUS)

A rich outdoor play environment is loaded with developmental benefits that promote children's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development. This interactive workshop offers an enlightening look at the results of GameTime's independent research on the developmental benefits of playground activities like swinging, climbing, brachiating, and more. By understanding the multi-faceted benefits, communities can better rally for meaningful playground planning, design, and maintenance.

1. Exhibit an understanding of the research-based developmental benefits of play and playgrounds.
2. Identify the physical social, emotional, and cognitive benefits of playground activities like swinging, climbing, and brachiating.
3. Design rich playgrounds that support children's physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development.

Music Session Ideas for Non-Musicians or Music Teachers | Robbie Robbins (.15 CEUS)

To give ideas and objectives for sessions that others can use to lead a music session with minimal musical training.

1. Lead a group music session that involves active listening and movement.
2. Facilitate music listening during a quiet time setting such as meals.
3. Lead the group to explore new musical styles.

12:00PM - 1:00 PM Lunch (Group Camp)

**1:30PM – 3:00PM Concurrent Educational Sessions
The Do's and Don'ts of Partnerships | Eddie Myers (.15 CEUS)**

1. Define municipal partnerships.
2. Review contract language.
3. Defend the requirements of contract approvals.

Design for Maintenance | Dwight Weatherford (.15 CEUS)

This session will explore how the principles of good design can lessen the maintenance requirements of parks and recreation facilities.

1. Discuss the three step process of site analysis.
2. Compare the impact of the quality of materials used in maintenance to cost of future maintenance.
3. Recognize the five aspects of a maintainable facility.

Recreation and Parks: We do it Therapeutically | Chandra Fontenot (.15 CEUS)

This session will discuss how Parks and Recreation departments can incorporate Therapeutic Recreation into their ongoing programs and assess the need for additional therapeutic programming.

1. Define Therapeutic Recreation.
2. Identify at least one way to change a traditional recreation program into a TR program.
3. List the four steps in the TR process.

3:00PM – 3:15 PM Break

**3:15PM – 4:45 PM Concurrent Educational Sessions
Successful Park Maintenance Practices**

**| Keith Vick, James Vaughan,
& Stanley Smith (.15 CEUS)**

Successful park maintenance practices, to be used as a tool, for litigation prevention, public safety, equipment maintenance, and methods used to encourage good personnel practices.

1. Discuss safety techniques.
2. Summarize the maintenance booklet which will be presented to each participant.
3. Describe techniques for improving personnel and morale.

TLC2 Background Checks | Randy Rodebaugh (.15 CEUS)

This session will explore the importance of conducting background checks on volunteer staff.

1. Identify those groups that need to be included in background checks.
2. Be able to identify the liability of not conducting background

TLC2 Background Checks (cont.)

3. Understand the process by which background checks are conducted.

So You Want to Develop Your Own Assessment | Z. West (.15 CEUS)

Participants will be introduced to tools and techniques for creating an client functioning assessment that meets the needs of their program and their population.

1. Identify at least two different assessment styles.
2. Determine assessment areas.
3. Compare and contrast standard and custom assessments.

5:30PM - 6:30 PM Silent Auction/Reception

6:30PM - 8:30 PM MUSCO/MRPA Awards of Excellence Banquet

Each year, MRPA selects a few industry leaders to be recognized at this banquet. Be a part of the experience. Nominate yourself, your agency, or a project by August 28th. See our site for details including a new award section!



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

7:30AM – 8:00 AM Breakfast Snacks and Beverages

**8:00 – 9:30 AM Concurrent Educational Sessions
The Public Relations Process**

| Amy Gazzo (.15 CEUS)

This session will explore the cyclical and overlapping nature of Public Relations. It will define each of the four components and illustrate their usefulness in various settings.

1. Define each of the four stages of the process of Public Relations.
2. Analyze examples of each stage as applied to various situations.
3. Evaluate the usefulness of the Public Relations process in specific case studies.

Sports Lighting in the Twenty-First Century | Jason McKnatt (.15 CEUS)

This session will explore the advances in sports lighting and discuss how that impacts the environment along with organizations' budgets.

1. Explain the impact of sports lighting on the environment.
2. Compare upfront and life cycle cost for lighting projects.
3. Identify the four most important factors to consider when doing a lighting project.

Wii as Treatment | TBA (.15 CEUS)

9:30AM – 11:00 AM Board Meeting

**9:45AM – 11:15 AM Concurrent Educational Sessions
Athletic Facility Security | Mike Taggart (.15 CEUS)**

As with our nation, athletic facilities have tiers of security awareness. Managers should have in place daily preventive procedures, special event policies, and an emergency action plan.

CONFERENCE ACCOMODATIONS

Attendees may call Percy Quin to make cabin reservations: (601) 684-3938. Cabins range from \$69-\$80 per night. We encourage departments to make arrangements to book together. Percy Quin offers a variety of lodging types: the hotel, cabins, and RV hooks ups. Details are available on the MRPA website.

A very limited number of rooms have been blocked at:

Hampton Inn & Suites (601) 249-4116	109 Manisha Dr Rate expires 8/21/09	\$79 single/double Mccomb, MS 39648
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Athletic Facility Security (cont.)

1. List three preventive procedures.
2. Provide an example of a special event and describe what security policies may be involved.
3. Write a sample emergency action plan.

Paint & Protective Coatings

| Brandt Schoenbeck, Corey Papp (.15 CEUS)

Session will provide an introduction to paint coverings, paint components, and performance characteristics. Session will also include a discussion on concrete restoration and coatings to protect concrete.

1. Identify the different types of paint coverings and primers.
2. Select an ideal product for any painting project.
3. Describe how to restore and protect concrete surfaces.

Enhanced Happiness as a Treatment Goal

| Dr. CoCo Collins, CTRS, CHT, TRLS (.15 CEUS)

This session will examine Seligman's Theory of Authentic Happiness and Sonja Lyubomirsky's research on Happiness and its relationship to Recreational Therapy. Methods of enhancing happiness including assessment, intervention design, and treatment outcomes will be introduced and discussed. Participants will be invited to self-examine levels of happiness and be included in the lively discussion on happiness enhancement assignments for self and clients.

1. Analyze and describe Seligman's Theory of Authentic Happiness Sonja Lyubomirsky's research on Happiness and its relationship to Recreational Therapy.
2. List methods of enhancing happiness including assessment, treatment plan, and intervention design.
3. Self-examine levels of happiness.
4. Describe and plan future happiness enhancement assignments for self and clients.