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### **Whispering Woods Conference Center to Host 2011 Mississippi Recreation & Park Conference**

Mississippi Recreation and Park Association (MRPA), in conjunction with Whispering Woods Conference Center and Olive Branch Parks & Recreation, will host its annual conference September 19 – 22, 2011, at the Whispering Woods Conference Center. MRPA is a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to advancing the development of professionals and students in the fields of leisure service and parks and recreation.

This conference will provide educational sessions and professional networking opportunities for professionals and students in the following areas: recreation, therapeutic recreation, athletics, community wellness and conservation. CEU's will be available for all sessions. Several exhibitors from throughout the region will be on site displaying various playground modules and related recreation/athletic equipment.

There will be a dynamic keynote speaker during the MRPA Awards Dinner on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 6:00 PM. Throughout this dinner, awards and scholarships will be distributed. A limited number of tickets are available for \$35.00/person.

Pre-registration deadline for conference early bird rates is Thursday, August 25, 2011. For additional registration information and official conference program, visit our website [www.aboutmrpa.org](http://www.aboutmrpa.org) or call (601) 582-3361.