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Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society

RESOURCE OPERATIONS WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 19, 2017

CABELA'S - HAMBURG, PA

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- parks and recreation field staff
- public works maintenance personnel
- natural resource technicians
- school maintenance staff
- park resource students and park professionals

ABOUT PRPS

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) is the principal state organization providing professional leadership, development, advocacy and resources for those working and volunteering in the parks and recreation field. For more information or to become a member go to www.prps.org.

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RESOURCE OPERATIONS

This is a one-day, multiple track workshop designed for maintenance staff personnel. The tracks vary from year to year but they all attempt to educate and update participants about various technical skills, legal changes and best management practices that affect their day to day operations.

TRACK 1 - CHAIN SAW APPLICATIONS TRAINING

Management of parks and natural areas often requires the use of power equipment to make the manager's job easier and more efficient. Chainsaws are frequently the tool of choice for removing hazardous trees, clearing trails and harvesting firewood. This session will address general safety issues, how to prepare and maintain equipment to prevent down time and how to deal with equipment that breaks in the field. **The afternoon session will be held outside at another location so please dress accordingly and make plans to travel approximately 10 minutes from Cabela's.**

Learning Outcomes:

1. Understanding of general safety issues related to operating a chain saw.
2. Knowledge of proper equipment maintenance.
3. Knowledge of how to handle broken equipment in the field.

Speaker: George Gress is a Fire Specialist/Land Steward for the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. He joined the staff in July 1993, prior to which he supported the chapter as a volunteer. George helps to maintain the Conservancy's preserves across Pennsylvania and assists with fire training, planning and implementation and manages the chapter's bog turtle program.

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TRACK 2 - VEHICLE & TRAILERING LAWS OF PA-CDL UPDATE

This session will cover the Laws of Pennsylvania pertaining to Commercial Driving, what class of license is required for certain jobs, hauling equipment on trailers, how to properly secure loads, hauling hazardous materials and pesticides and exemptions to these laws. The afternoon session will include a hands-on inspection of a truck and trailer with a secured load. **The afternoon session will be held outside so please dress accordingly.**

Learning Outcomes:

1. Update on Commercial Driving License Laws.
2. Review of Proper Trailering Techniques.
3. Update on Transporting Pesticides.

Speaker: Officer Jim Waits, Muhlenberg Township Police Department. Officer Waits has been employed by Muhlenberg Township Police Department for 8 years and is currently the Township's Certified Accident Reconstructionist and Federal Motor Carrier Officer.

TRACK 3 - NATURAL PARK MAINTENANCE

This session will introduce the concept of natural parks, why they are important and how to maintain them. Specific topics will include information about native plants, how natural parks can assist with storm water management and how to reduce maintenance costs with natural parks.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Understanding of the concept of natural parks.
2. Knowledge on how natural parks impact storm water management
3. Resources and examples of existing projects

Speaker: John Rogers is an environmental consultant, award-winning planner, researcher, teacher and author. He was an adjunct professor in Regional Planning at The University of Pennsylvania, directed environmental research for the Water Environment Federation and the American Water Works Association identifying innovative ways to develop incentives for environmental protection. John has helped Fortune 500 companies such as Temple Inland, Waste Management, Boise Cascade and several electric utilities find ways to be better environmental stewards while running more profitable businesses.

DATE & LOCATION

October 19, 2017

Cabela's
100 Cabela Drive
Hamburg, PA 19526

SCHEDULE

9:00 am - 9:30 am	Registration
9:30 am - 11:30 am	Breakout Sessions
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Breakout Sessions/off-sites

REGISTRATION FEES

PRPS Member	\$60
Non-member	\$75

- Each participant receives a \$10 Cabela's gift card that can be used for lunch or shopping!
- The meeting rooms are located on the second floor next to the restaurant.
- Restaurant does not open until 10:30 am.
- Sessions are rain or shine - Please dress accordingly!
- .4 CEUs approved

Registration deadline is **October 13, 2017**. Register early at www.prps.org.

CANCELLATION POLICY

PRPS will refund your registration, less a \$25 processing fee, if your cancellation is received in writing more than 10 business days prior to the event. No refunds will be given for cancellations occurring less than 10 business days prior to an event. Substitute attendees are welcome in lieu of cancellations: please contact the PRPS office to arrange this.

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OR CALL 814-234-4272