

MAINTENANCE TRACK (Wednesday)

Bring your sports facility to fans everywhere, enhance services and generate revenue!

Presented By: Ryan Tighe, Business Development Rep, Musco Lighting and Curt Mickey, Senior Sales Representative, Musco Lighting

Learn what it takes to provide automated streaming services to your facility and community while maximizing value thru generated revenue. We will help navigate the technical aspects as well as cost and funding resources to support your efforts to bring automated broadcasting services to youth sports.

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH!!

Presented By: Toby D. Hudson, Recreation Programs Coordinator, City of Hopkinsville Parks and Recreation

Hopkinsville's Parks and Recreation infield maintenance procedures at Tie Break Park Athletic Complex. A presentation and discussion of TBP Athletic Complex infield maintenance procedures beginning in the spring and ending in the fall. The 'How to' in infield maintenance [not limited to materials, equipment, tools, and/or covers] that the City of Hopkinsville implement.

Do's and Don'ts of Athletic Field Maintenance

Presented By: Marcus Dean, CSFM, Sports Turf Sales Rep, Advanced Turf Solutions

This session will cover the best management practices to set your department up for success in caring for your athletic fields. The session will show real life examples of the good, the bad, and the ugly that have been performed over the entire nation at all levels of play.

Turf Chaos—Finding a Maintenance Order that Works.

Presented By: Carla Isaacs Hagan, Asst. Professor Turf Mgmt., Eastern Kentucky University

Henry Miller said "The world is not to be put in order. The world is order. It is for us to put ourselves in unison with this order." Is there a preferred maintenance order? For example, should aerification come before topdressing or topdressing before aerification? Is there a benefit in efficiency to the maintenance staff when one process is completed before another and, if there is, does this benefit outweigh the benefit to the plant system?

Sprayer Calibration

Where have we been and where are we going?

Presented By: Sam Montgomery, Territory Manager, Kenney Machinery

Discussion of ways of spraying in the past. What type of pumps are available for turf professionals. How the different types work. What is the future of sprayers and how we spray. How to calibrate your sprayer.

PROGRAMMING TRACK

Spot the Grinch – Turning a light display into an interactive family affair *2020 Program Award Winner*****

Presented By: Britney Hargrove, Director, Marshall County Parks Department

Learn how the Spot the Grinch Challenge transformed the Christmas in the Park Light Show into an interactive community event allowing families across the region to help “Save Christmas” and raise thousands of dollars to support local nonprofits.

Bringing Lacrosse to Your Community *2020 Program Award Winner*****

Presented By: Doug Wiles, Lacrosse Coordinator, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation and Pete Samios, Athletics Supervisor, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation

In this session we will discuss how to bring youth lacrosse program to your community from start to finish.

Reignite Your Passion For The Game with Team Kentucky Sports Tourism

Presented By: Brooke Jung, Executive Director, Visit Hopkinsville

TEAM Kentucky is a combination of people, communities and state entities throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky that understand how important sports events are to their economic well-being and culture. It's a group of people who work with one another to recruit and attract sporting events to the state, and to provide the best service possible to our customers and their events. TEAM Kentucky partners are leaders in their communities as well as in the sports travel and tourism industry. Learn more about joining our team and keeping Kentucky sports tourism a vibrant economic engine for the bluegrass!

Got Trees? – Let the Fun Begin! **offsite, double session**

Presented By: Dr. Brian G. Clark, Associate Professor, Eastern Kentucky University

Join us for recreational tree climbing and slacklining as we explore the awesome natural playgrounds that trees can offer! Session includes demonstrations on setting up both activities along with arborist equipment and techniques. Opportunities to climb and slackline but be prepared to be outside!

If You Build It, They Will Come!

Presented By: Derek Phillips, NCARB (President), Deco Architects, Inc. and Jessica Phillips, MA Ed. (Facilitator), Deco Architects

Are you ready to engage your community in activities and events in your local parks? In this fun, engaging session we'll share with you ideas for building events and enthusiasm in your community parks. We want to show how if you build it, they will come!

Let's get this party started!

Presented By: Leslie Ikerd, Tourism Director, City of Somerset

Have you ever wondered what goes into the start up and creation of an event? Well wonder no more! All you've ever wanted to know from A to Z to make your next festival the event to be in!

Getting Started with Video Production

Presented By: Mike Wilkinson, Filmmaker + Photographer, Wilkinson Visual

Video is a powerful tool for marketing, but many departments don't know where to look, what to spend, or what is actually involved. Learn from a video producer what each step in the production process is like and what options exist for maximizing your budget.

Why Tennis?

Presented By: Jason Miller, Executive Director, USTA Kentucky and Rainey Johns, Director, Versailles-Woodford County Parks and Recreation

Why Tennis? Tennis is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. Come learn from United States Tennis Association staff and volunteers on why your department should be offering tennis or how to grow your existing programs. This session will cover

available resources, best practices, available grants, and overall support for any size department and community. No courts required.

A Panel Discussion with Parks and Rec and Community Tennis Experts

Presented By: Jason Miller, Executive Director, USTA Kentucky and Rainey Johns, Director, Versailles-Woodford County Parks and Recreation

Tennis is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. Experience and engage in a panel discussion with Parks and Rec providers and Community Tennis experts. This session will answer your questions and provide best practices on all aspects of tennis in a Parks and Rec setting.

Tree Canopy! Essential for Your Communities Health.

Presented By: Shawn Pickens, Director of Parks, Frankfort Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites and Alex Cunningham, Special Programs, Frankfort Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites

A healthy and vibrant tree canopy in our community is a vital part of the overall health and wellbeing of the entire community. From the benefits of shade and air quality to improved scenery and improved economic impact. We'll outline Frankfort's Downtown Tree Planting Master Plan and our overall tree maintenance program.

How NOT to project anxiety upon the participants during an activity, program, or event.

Presented By: Matthew Sabin, Activities/Recreation Director, Carecore at Meadows Skilled Nursing Facility

The educational training session is designed to enhance awareness on possible amplification of anxiety or stress upon the participants by the staff through the development process and the implementation process of any activities, programs, or events. Several steps of training will evolve throughout the session covering awareness, analyzation, new development, reimplementation, and after-action review procedures. This training process has been created to help staff reevaluate their own current and future activities procedures in order to enhance a positive experience and to grow participation toward any activity, program, or event. The focus group examples given during the training session will pertain to veterans dealing with PTSD.

AQUATICS TRACK

Sustainability by Design: Rethinking the Community Splashpad

Presented By: Michael Garland, Executive Vice President, Recreonics, Inc. and Kathelyn Vezina, Regional Sales Manager, Vortex Aquatic Structures Intl.

As splashpads continue to hold the #1 spot for most commonly planned park addition, it is essential to approach their design, maintenance and lifecycle through the lens of sustainability. Successful splashpads must account for not just environmental, but also social and economic implications-the tree pillars of sustainability. This presentation serves as a playbook for sustainable splashpad design. Gain powerful insight into new design trends, demographic needs, play-value optimization, innovative energy and resource management and emerging technologies that are helping facilities maximize lifecycle, minimize maintenance and plan for the future.

Riding the Wave to Additional Revenue!

Presented By: Phil Schilffarth, AIA & Charlie Scheider, P.E., Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. & SomerSplash Waterpark and Dr. Stephen Sims, General Manager, SomerSplash Waterpark

Let's consider ways to revamp your aquatic facility to generate additional revenue and create a more desirable user experience. We will focus on a wide array of popular attractions and programs with varying degree of capital investment. This session will examine creative examples to bring your facility back to life while generating additional revenue and highlight possible pitfalls. Let's Ride the Wave!

Spray Park Design A to Z

Presented By: Greg Stoks, Director of Product Innovation, Aquatix by Landscape Structures, Inc.

Spray Parks are a fast growing amenity to park and recreation departments. This session will present ideas on the process of installing a spray park and the intricate details of design, budgeting, site amenities, water source, codes, bidding, construction and maintenance. Presenters will describe the analytical process of designing for sustaining the environment and explain the maintenance requirements of the surface, water source and features.

MANAGEMENT/LEADERSHIP TRACK

KRPS – One Voice

Presented By: Kimberly Rice, Director, Georgetown-Scott County Parks and Recreation and Terri Wilkerson, Executive Director, Kentucky Recreation and Park Society

This session will describe the legislation efforts and process at the state level including how you can get involved and advocate for parks and recreation on any level.

Break I.T. Down: Digital Access in Parks and Recreation *virtual session*****

Presented By: Marsha Schwanke, Web Specialist, Southeast ADA Center

Ensuring digital access to Parks and Recreation programs, research, and media (online and print), is integral for inclusive service delivery and effective communication. But, “missing pieces” prevent equality for people with disabilities. Break “I.T.” down starting with the basic “corners” of rationale, lingo, laws, and guidelines for accessibility. “Edge” into the online experience of people, disability and technology. Discover practical solutions to “content” barriers and provide more accessible materials to a diverse audience.

The ADA and Recreation Facilities *virtual session*****

Presented By: Barry A. Whaley, Project Director, Southeast ADA Center, Syracuse University

The ADA Standards for Accessible Design provides guidance to Title II (state, local, municipal governments) and Title III (places of public accommodations) entities on their responsibilities to ensure that recreational facilities are fully accessible to ensure equal enjoyment by people who have disabilities. This session will discuss the standards for the nine recreation areas covered by the 2010 standards.

Organizational Culture and Job Satisfaction: If it's to be, it's up to me

Presented By: Ellen McMahan, EdD, Independent Certified Health and Transformation Coach and Megan Meldon, MS, Independent Certified Health and Transformation Coach, Former Behavior Technician

Whether you're the greenest employee, manager, unit leader, or CEO, this session is sure to leave you thinking about how things could be different—and how we can thrive at work!

Park Metrics – Using it to tell you agency’s story

Presented By: Kimberly Rice, Directory, Georgetown-Scott County Parks and Recreation

Using Park Metrics to tell your story. What you need to complete Park Metrics, why it is an important tool, and how to use the results. If you already use Park Metrics, bring your agency report.

It all ADDs Up! Kentucky Area Development Districts & RTP/LWCF Grant Funding

Presented By: Caitlin Mason, Public Administration Specialist, Cumberland Valley Area Development District

Session will cover what a Kentucky Area Development District is and what type of grant application projects can be applied for through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for local city and county governments.

Rethinking Recreation (Hint: It’s Not About Facilities)

Presented By: Keith Rodenhauser, AICP, GISP, SITES AP, Senior Planner, Brandstetter-Carroll, Inc. and Hannah Crepps, Planner, AICP, Brandstetter-Carroll, Inc.

Weaving together professional case studies, research findings, and personal anecdotes, the speakers will explore the concept of equity in parks. By reimagining “recreation”, participants will walk away better equipped to proactively advocate parks as critical infrastructure – to taxpayers, elected officials, and funders.

The Facilitator’s Toolbox: Know your tools and How to Use Them

Presented By: Dakota McClendon, Coordinator of Adventure Programs, ECU Campus Recreation

In this session we will dive into the art and science behind teambuilding and group facilitation. We will briefly discuss group dynamics, debriefing techniques and effective facilitation structures for single/multiple activities, all while giving you fun and interactive tools to add to your own toolbox!

It’s Gonna Be SIC! (S.I.C. – Seeking and Inclusive Culture)

Presented By: Ednal Maynard, Assistant Director, Georgetown-Scott County Parks & Recreation and Katie Posey & Courtlyn Ledesma, Recreation Managers, Georgetown-Scott County Parks & Recreation

This session is collaborative, and built around open discussion, and participation. This discussion-based session will allow us to openly navigate through creating a culture of inclusiveness. Recreation professionals will discuss questions, real life examples, and work through issues collectively to help better understand and deal with a changing culture.

Student Research Presentations ***virtual*** (Wednesday)

Student Research Presentations ***in person, front of theatre*** (Wednesday)

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION TRACK (Thursday)

Watch Us Play! Introducing STEM learning to your playground!

offsite

Presented By: Josh Wagner, VP of Sales, Miracle Playgrounds of KY & TN and Dana Speck & Paula Gibson, Owners, Brighter Futures Therapy Center

Offsite session to the World's First Miracle Museum! Watch children from Brighter Futures Therapy Center play and interact in a STEM driven play environment. You'll also hear from owners Dana Stack and Paula Gibson who will tell you how adding this has impacted the community.

When it is not your decision to go part time....

Presented By: Frazann Milbern, CTRS, Shriners Hospital for Children Medical Center

As RT's we adapt and adjust with our plans and schedules but sometimes we need to take stock in ourselves. This session will introduce participants to various procedures: Pre-op teaching with children 4 and up, Pre-op teaching by powerpoint in Anesthesia Clinic with teens, Clinical patients with pin pull procedures and Surgical Patients: IV stick, nerve block. This session will introduce participants to various procedures and skills related to Recreational Therapy intervention in an acute pediatric Health care setting. This session will educate participants on the importance of taking what we know and have learned and building on that knowledge for new interventions and protocols that focus improving patients and families stay in an acute hospital setting.

Culture Change in Recreational Therapy: Crossing the generational Bridge.

Presented By: Markeeta Wilkerson, T.R. Supervisor, Western State Hospital

This session will focus on providing cross generational education, interventions, and hands on approaches to active treatment for clients living with mental illness in an inpatient recreational therapy setting. Participants will have the opportunity to experience and facilitate leisure programming activities with proven techniques and functional outcomes.

The benefit of Veterans Services and Recreation Therapy.

Presented By: Dr. Travis Martin, Director, Kentucky Center for Veterans Studies, Eastern University and Allison Jones, CTRS, Recreation Therapy Supervisor, Thomson-Hood Veterans

The speakers will address and discuss how to move beyond superficial understandings of veteran identity and focus on building strengths and community between veterans and non-veterans in recreational setting.

RT Takes Flight: How RT has taken the Pilot Seat in Build Inclusion's Pre-Employment Transition Services

Presented By: Haley Andes, Associate Director, CTRS, Build Inclusion

Driven by high expectations, Build Inclusion promotes intentional inclusion, access, and opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Come learn about Build Inclusion and how Recreational Therapy is utilized in our Pre-Employment Transition program to benefit students in our community, school, and virtual class settings.

The Sky is Falling!! Programming for Therapeutic Recreation in a Pandemic!

Presented By: Jill Farmer, CTRS, Recreation Manager-Senior, Lexington Parks and Recreation and Brent Claiborne, Recreation Supervisor-Senior, Lexington Parks and Recreation

Attendees will learn programming ideas and techniques utilized by the Therapeutic Recreation Program at Lexington Parks and Recreation. Learn about the Random Acts of Kindness to Virtual Travel that participants and their families engaged in From April 2020 to present.