



2026 MRPA Conference Sessions by Educational Track

Please note: Sessions that align with multiple tracks are intentionally listed under each applicable category.

Aquatics

- Adaptive and Inclusive Aquatics Programming: From Lessons to Competitive Rec Teams
- Beyond the Splash: Designing Spray Grounds for Longevity, Safety, and Community Impact
- Cannonballs, Creativity, and Community: Aquatic Events That Make a Splash

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

- A Positive Youth Development Approach to Serving Participants with Disabilities
- Adaptive and Inclusive Aquatics Programming: From Lessons to Competitive Rec Teams
- Building Inclusive Recreation Through Community Partnerships
- Relationships Are Key to Our Well-Being: Building Friendships Between People With and Without Disabilities Through Recreation
- Spaces of Pride: Building Affirming Communities for All

Funding, Finance & Administration

- Budget Basics: Financial Literacy for New Recreation Professionals
- Data to Make the Best of a Year in the Life of Running a Park & Rec Agency
- Funding Fun: Sponsorships for Municipal Recreation

Health and Wellness

- Healing Ourselves, Healing Our Parks: How Conservation Builds Connection and Purpose
- Don't Get Lost! Discover the Benefits of Orienteering
- Recreation as Prevention: How to Help Others See the Connection
- Unplug Texas: Building a Statewide Parks Movement from the Ground Up

Planning, Design, and Maintenance

- Beyond the Splash: Designing Spray Grounds for Longevity, Safety, and Community Impact
- Data to Make the Best of a Year in the Life of Running a Park & Rec Agency
- Designing Playgrounds for Neuro-Inclusion
- Game-Ready Year-Round: Maintaining Athletic Facilities
- Synthetic Turf in 2025: Systems, Standards, and Sustainable Solution
- Sports Lighting: Research and Best Practices

Professional Growth and Leadership

- Beyond the Basics: Effective Staff Training Strategies for an Outstanding Summer Camp Season
- Challenges, Creativity, and Change: Turning Obstacles Into Opportunities in Small Towns
- Coaching with Care: Supporting Staff Who Struggle with Feedback
- Panel Discussion: Talking Next Practice with the Next Practitioners
- People, Parks, and Possibility: From Big Ideas to Real Impact in Small Towns
- The Really Scary Stuff: Self harm and Suicidal Ideation at Camp
- Training Staff to Intentionally Develop Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Skills in Youth
- You Can Teach an Old Dog New Tricks: How ChatGPT is Changing the Way We Communicate and Work

Programming

- Beyond the Basics: Effective Staff Training Strategies for an Outstanding Summer Camp Season
- Funding Fun: Sponsorships for Municipal Recreation
- Adaptive and Inclusive Aquatics Programming: From Lessons to Competitive Rec Teams
- Don't Get Lost! Discover the Benefits of Orienteering
- People, Parks, and Possibility: From Big Ideas to Real Impact in Small Towns
- Programming 101: How to Build Successful Recreation Programs from A-Z
- Show up and Show Off: Making Your Agency's Story Stand Out
- Training Staff to Intentionally Develop Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Skills in Youth
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Public Policy and Advocacy

- Data to Make the Best of a Year in the Life of Running a Park & Rec Agency
- Advocacy in Action: Empowering Legislative Efforts in New Professionals

Public Relations and Marketing

- Challenges, Creativity, and Change: Turning Obstacles Into Opportunities in Small Towns
- Funding Fun: Sponsorships for Municipal Recreation
- People, Parks, and Possibility: From Big Ideas to Real Impact in Small Towns
- Recreation as Prevention: How to Help Others See the Connection
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Therapeutic Recreation

- A Positive Youth Development Approach to Serving Participants with Disabilities
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