

ORPS
2022
#RECOGNIZE



Welcome to Our Conference ORPS 2022



Welcome to the 2022 ORPS Conference in Broken Arrow! We have a great lineup of speakers and vendors who will provide us with quality information and products to take back to our Parks and Recreation Departments so we can continue to grow and serve our communities in bigger and better ways. I hope that all of you will enjoy the process of learning, networking, talking to vendors, and RECOgnizing one another for the great work we all do in Parks and Recreation. Thank you to everyone for coming out this year to support the ORPS Conference... See you there!

Ryan McClure (President Elect)

Either running into an old friend back home or having your hard work acknowledged, being recognized is a great feeling. It means that you have been seen for who we are or what we have done. That is why I picked #Recognized as this year 2022 ORPS Conference theme. As recreation professional, we are often putting in the long, weird hours and hard work to ensure a quality leisure experience to our customers. Conference is the one time of year where we can come together, talk our old friends/professionals and celebrate one more year of doing great things for our community and profession. Thank you for attending and we appreciate all you do for the profession. Have a great conference!

Jody Baker (President)



RECOGNIZE

As defined by the Oxford dictionary:

To know who somebody is or what something is when you see or hear them or it, because you have seen or heard them or it before

We are a profession that is constantly changing and developing for what the community needs and /or wants. We recognize this because we have been there before, and most likely will return this way again in the future. We are excited that you are here to recognize that our profession demands connections and camaraderie. While we get to the result differently, we recognize the challenges we all face daily in the services we provide. So please know we are excited to recognize all of us as the backbone of our communities and change agents for our society.

As we interact this conference think of ways that we can recognize our field and support each other as professionals.

We are in this together!

Wednesday (NOV 2, 2022)

Registration opens at 10:00am outside of Elements Ballroom

11:45-12:30 Lunch and Opening Remarks in ELEMENTS HALL

Join US for Lunch and Opening Remarks from NRPA

12:45-2:00 pm (Concurrent Session One)

Marble (1st Floor)

NRPA is Coming

The NATIONAL Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference is coming to Dallas October 10-12, 2023! This session will be a crash-course covering all things NRPA: how to get involved, what to expect, when/what to do, how to maximize your time, etc.

Presented by *Michael Biedenstein (National Recreation and Parks Association)*

At NRPA, Michael is responsible for all volunteer opportunities and the national awards program including 30 Under 30, Spotlight Awards, Innovation Awards, and Scholarship & Fellowships. Michael previously worked 18 years in the field of parks and recreation in St. Louis, MO.

Desert Rose (Lobby Level)

The Future of the Senior Games Movement in Oklahoma

This session introduces actions that Oklahoma Senior Games are taking to encourage and support growth of the senior games' movement in Oklahoma City Recreation Departments.

Presented by *Kathleen Fitzgerald (Oklahoma Senior Games)*

Kathleen has been the OSG Executive Director since 2016. During this time, the games have increased in athlete participation from 300 to 1,000. She brings backgrounds in business and education and a love of participating in sports to the games.



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Steel (Lobby Level)

Finding the Next Generation of Recreation Professionals

This session identifies college students who may be interested in working in the Recreation field. This is based on doctoral research titled, "*COMPARING PERSONALITY TRAITS AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT CHOICES IN ADVENTURE-BASED COURSES VS. NON-ADVENTURE-BASED COURSES AT NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY*" completed by the presenters.

Presented by Chad Stangl (NSU) and Donna Lindenmeier (OSU)

Dr. Chad Stangl is an assistant professor at NSU and teaches outdoor recreation courses. He enjoys spending time with his wife and three children during his off time.

Dr. Donna Lindenmeier has been a professor of Recreation Management at OSU for the past 15 years. As a practitioner and professor, she has had the opportunity to bring in new students and hire numerous practitioners.

2:15-3:30 pm (Concurrent Session Two)
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Marble (1st Floor)

Creating and Improving your Wellness Committee for City Employees

This class will include discussions on planning, promoting, and improving work Wellness programs. Whether you already have a Wellness Committee or are thinking of starting one, we will share our ideas and would love for you to bring your ideas as well.

Presented by Ashley Patten and Shannon Willis (City of Mustang)

Ashley Patten has worked for the City of Mustang for over 10 years as the Adult Program Coordinator. She has been in charge of the Wellness Committee for the City of Mustang for over 3 years. Ashley recently graduated from Work @ Health Employer Training Program from the CDC. Ashley has a Master's Degree in Social Work and is a CPRP.

Shannon Willis has been with the City of Mustang for over 6 years and was an original committee member of the Wellness Committee since 2019. Shannon is certified in personal training, a group exercise instructor, fit and strong certified, silver sneakers certified, and teaches a variety of fitness courses for the City of Mustang.

Desert Rose (Lobby Level)

Strategic Planning for ORPS: A Workgroup Session (NON-CEU Credit)

This session will provide an opportunity to look at how we can make OUR agency better for our membership and communities.

Presented by Michael Bradley (AR Tech University) and Jerel Cowan (UCO)

Dr. Michael Bradley is an Associate Professor at Arkansas Tech University in the Department of Agriculture and Tourism.

Dr. Jerel Cowan is a Professor at the University of Central Oklahoma in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies and serves as the Assistant Dean for the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Steel (Lobby Level)

Engaging Youth in Your Community Through Service

Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) is a service-learning organization with over 35 years of experience. YVC's mission is to engage youth in team-based service experience that promote life and work skills to inspire a life time ethic of service. Learn about YVC from Muskogee, Oklahoma's Parks and Recreation Department and how their energetic and exciting program keeps youth coming back for more while impacting the community in a positive way.

Presented by Sarah Miller and Leslie Hamil (Youth Volunteer Corps)

Sarah is the Community Growth and Programs Coordinator for Youth Volunteer Corps. Sarah began her career in Texas by building out-of-school programming in museums and libraries, and now works for Youth Volunteer Corps to support organizations who are interested in engaging youth in service-learning, and grow the YVC network.

Leslie Hamil is the program director of Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) Muskogee through the Muskogee Parks and Recreation Department and has been with the program since 2013. Leslie provides junior and high school youth a safe and supervised environment to enjoy recreation, socialization, and enrichment activities. Through YVC, Leslie leads 170 youth in service projects that impact their community through various agencies.

3:45-5:00 pm (Concurrent Session Three)
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Marble (1st Floor)

Certification is the Professional Thing to Do

National certification is a mark of distinction and trust. This session will provide you with an overview of the Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE) certifications administered by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Presented by Michael Biedenstein (National Recreation and Parks Association)

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Desert Rose (Lobby Level)

Bringing Diversity and Inclusivity to Parks through Performing Arts

This discussion will focus on how a Parks department can encourage diversity and inclusivity through the use of Performing Arts as well as why Performing Arts should be part of recreational programming.

Presented by Naisha Morris (OKC Parks and Recreation)

Naisha is the Unit Operations Supervisor over General Recreation for OKC Parks. She has been with Oklahoma City Parks for 14 years and has been in her current position for a little over a year. In addition to this she has been involved in Performing Arts in Oklahoma City for over 25 years.

Steel (Lobby Level)

Communicating with Tomorrow's Leaders Today

By understanding the generational differences of ourselves and those we work with and manage we can better motivate and retain staff members.

Presented by Hugh Gibson (Missouri State University)

Dr. Hugh Gibson is an Associate Professor and Program Director of the Recreation, Sport and Park Administration program at Missouri State University. He has been in recreation for over 30 years and teaching for the past 20 years. He enjoys sharing his passion with others.

Silent Auction

OPENS UP WED Night at Cornhole... Come bid!

Beat the Christmas Rush: Do your shopping here and support ORPS!

Here are a few items...



I-fly Gift card

Bluewater Diving lessons

Family Photography session

Season Pass to Westwood

Golf Bag

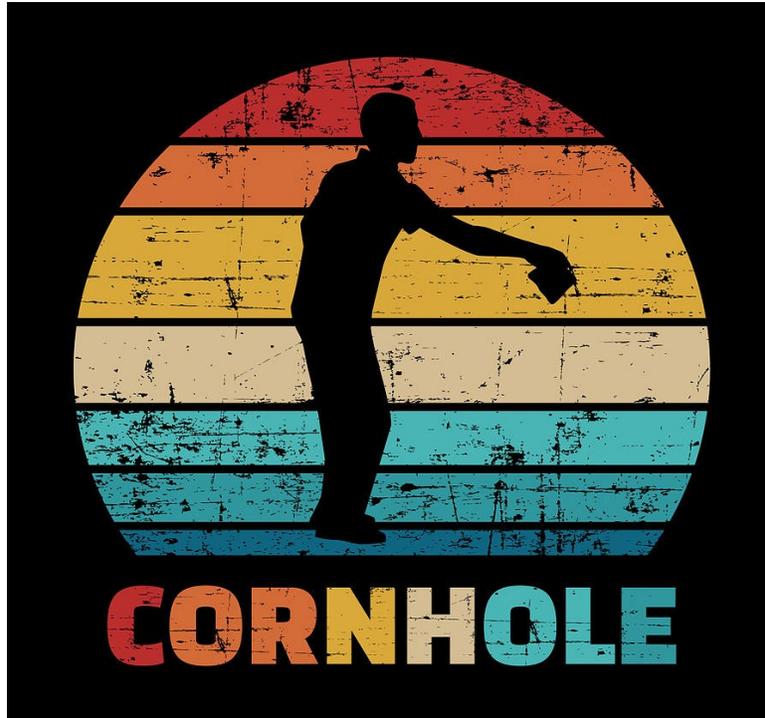
Embassy Suite Stay

Bricktown Comedy Club Tickets

Red Door Escape Room

WED Evening Activity

Come hang out, have a beverage, and play some Cornhole!



Y'all want to be known as the best:

Winner of the Cornament?

Ultimate Airmail Combo?

Will your team be the Cornado?

Come find out WED Night starting at 5:30pm!

\$20 Bucks a Team (2 person)

(Please pay at conference but [register here](#) so we can have an idea of how many are going to play!)

Double Elimination

Prizes for 1st Place!

Come socialize and make connections!

Thursday (NOV 3, 2022)



To be held at:

**Nienhuis Park
3201 N. 9th Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
Starts at 9:00 am**

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Marble (1st Floor)

The Experience Design Storytelling Process

This session will make a connection between the building blocks of great stories and experience design. Participants will learn how to design experiences that make their participants heroes.

Presented by Mat Duerden (Brigham Young University)

Dr. Mat Duerden received a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University and a M.S. from Brigham Young University (BYU). His experience design research focuses on memorable, meaningful, and transformative experiences.

Desert Rose (Lobby Level)

Utilizing Synthetic Turf Surfaces for Leading Edge Design

In this session participants will become knowledgeable about synthetic grass and its innovative uses for their commercial projects. We will discuss the positive role turf plays in today's world. Learn about the continual attributes of this material including its benefits, maintenance, and required fall height safety calculations.

Presented by Josh Travis (ACS Playgrounds)

Josh, the Turf Division Manager for ACS Playground, installed over 700,000 Sq ft of turf for over 200 projects. He has a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma and 20 years of experience in project management and construction.

Steel (Lobby Level)

Solar Lighting-Understanding Solar Lighting Systems

This session will focus on the foundational principles of solar lighting. These topics will be discussed so that participants understand: 1) When and where solar lighting makes sense, 2) System sizing and light requirements, and 3) Product standards of performance.

Presented by Drew Dozier (Grid Shift Solar Lighting) need to verify for CEU's

Drew has been in Solar lighting since 2015 and has held various positions with SolaRight lighting and now owns GridShift Solar Lighting with offices in OKC and San Diego. GridShift has led the US based emerging solar lighting market and offers comprehensive exterior lighting solutions that are solar powered.

VENDOR HALL OPENS... ATTEND TO WIN (10:15am-5:30pm) ELEMENTS HALL



LUNCH (11:45am-12:30pm) in ELEMENTS HALL

Join us for lunch and make new connections

AWARDS (12:30-1:00pm) in ELEMENTS HALL

Award of Excellence: Facility/Project

Award of Excellence: Marketing/Communications

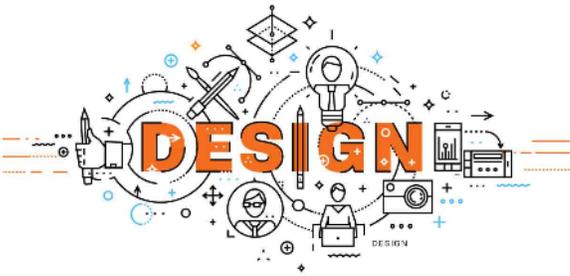
Award of Excellence: Program or Special Event

Ben Sumrall Memorial Youth Sports Scholarship

Presidential Citations

Gold Medal Award

1:00pm-2:15 pm Keynote Speaker (Session Five) in ELEMENTS HALL



Designing Extraordinary Experiences

Experiences have become the primary driver of the economy. Accordingly, organizations that understand how to intentionally design experiences hold a strategic advantage. This keynote focuses on the process and tools needed to design extraordinary experiences.

Presented by Mat Duerden (Brigham Young University)

Dr. Mat Duerden is an Associate Professor of Experience Design at BYU. Mat co-authored *Designing Experiences* with Robert Rossman in 2019. Mat is a founding member of the World Experience Organization and serves on the Executive Committee of the Experience Research Society.

Marble (1st Floor)

Career Development Bootcamp - How to Standout

Are you looking for ways to take your career to the next level and develop soft skills? Do you feel like you are being held back at work or could be contributing at a higher level? This session will discuss four different laps/phases of a career and what to do at each level to get yourself ready for the next step. You will leave this session with concrete ideas to improve yourself, expand your influence and position yourself for a promotion.

Presented by Michael Biedenstein (National Recreation and Parks Association) and Veronica Tracy (Norman Parks and Recreation)

At NRPA, Michael is responsible for all volunteer opportunities and the national awards program including 30 Under 30, Spotlight Awards, Innovation Awards, and Scholarship & Fellowships. Michael previously worked 18 years in the field of parks and recreation in St. Louis, MO.

Veronica is a public administration professional offering a comprehensive background in community-based planning and evaluation, staff development, project management, and policy and program development. She has specific expertise in urban recreation, systems building and policy development, as well as grant writing and financial management.

Desert Rose (Lobby Level)

Play it Cool: How to Have Fun in the Sun

Shade is becoming increasingly important in a wide range of outdoor recreational environments. Shade structures increase the safety, functionality, and longevity of everything they cover and protect. In this continuing education session, participants will discover how to plan, budget, and specify for the most appropriate shade elements to meet their unique needs.

Presented by Clint Pitzer (ACS Playgrounds)

Clint is the President of ACS Playground Adventures, with a Master's in Business, and is a Certified Playground Safety Inspector.



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Steel (Lobby Level)

Cities of Ardmore, Moore, and Muskogee Recreation Departments Experience Producing Local Senior Games

Each city's recreation department leader will summarize the city's experience in producing local senior games. The cities represented are Ardmore, Moore, and Muskogee. After the presentations the presenters will answer questions from session attendees.

Presented by Kevin Anthis (Muskogee Parks and Recreation) and Sue Wood (Moore Parks and Recreation)

Kevin has worked for Parks and Recreation for the majority of his Career, beginning as a 16-year-old lifeguard and working his way up to Fitness & Aquatic Facility Manager. He coaches his son's under-10 soccer team and works out regularly. Kevin ran his first marathon in November 2021.

Sue has been on the Oklahoma Senior Games Board of Directors for the past three years. She has also worked with the Oklahoma City and Moore Parks and Recreation Departments in developing and running local senior games.

4:00-5:15 pm (Concurrent Session Seven)
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Marble (1st Floor)

How to Use Experience Maps to Design Intentional Experiences

Participants in this workshop will learn how to use experience maps to design intentional experiences that account for both ordinary and extraordinary touchpoints.

Presented by Mat Duerden (Brigham Young University)

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Desert Rose (Lobby Level)

Inclusive Play Matters: Innovating Outdoor Play Destinations for People of All Ages and Abilities

Be inspired to innovate high quality outdoor play experiences for people of all ages and abilities by aligning evidence-based design best practices to inclusive play destinations to encourage active, independent, and meaningful play for all. Both a physical and social event, inclusive play is not solely about physically accessing an environment, but what experiences happen once an individual gets there. Learn inclusive design principles that go beyond minimum accessibility and intentionally address the needs of the whole child.

Presented by Bethany Smisson (Play and Park Structures)

Bethany Smisson has experience with a focus on creating play products and market solutions that deliver on full spectrum play environments. Not only does she have a wealth of experience and knowledge in the industry but she has an infectious enthusiasm for all aspects of play.

Steel (Lobby Level)

Placemaking: Creating Play & Recreation Destinations that Thoughtfully Promote Community Health & Well-Being

High-quality play and recreation destinations serve as catalysts for creating healthier, happier communities. Explore innovative design best practices that encourage social and environmental change, meet the diverse needs of society, and create sustainable, innovative outdoor spaces that delight visitors!

Presented by Bill Patterson (Cunningham Recreation)

Bill is a regional manager, consulting with professionals to design outdoor play and recreation environments that turn research into practice. Passionate about play and recreation, he has presented at conferences across North America as a certified instructor under PlayCore's Center for Outreach, Research and Education.

THU Evening Activity

Director's and Guests Dinner with Social Sponsored by Cunningham Recreation

The activity will be held at Charleston's Restaurant
251 E. Hillside Dr.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012



Ticket Required for Attendance



**If you are unable to attend the event
please visit with either**

Justin or Nick at the Cunningham Recreation Booth

Friday (NOV 4, 2022)

9:00-10:15 am (Concurrent Session Eight)

Marble (1st Floor)

Staff Retention: Creating a Staff Culture that Keeps Staff Onboard, Engaged, and Returning

In a time where we are all hit hard with understaffing and low applicant counts, this session addresses how to create a work environment that draws applicants in, grows your staff numbers, and promotes staff buy-in and loyalty.

Presented by Marina Melrose (Sports Facilities Management)

Serving currently as the General Manager of Pelican Bay Aquatic Center, Marina has 14 years of aquatics and programming experience which spans over three states and six facilities. With a background in Parks and Rec, and a passion for Aquatics, Marina handles all aspects of staff and business development and is a Certified Pool Operator, Aquatics Facility Operator, and Red Cross Instructor.

Desert Rose (Lobby Level)

Special Olympics Presentation

As a community of recreation professionals, let's talk about a partnership with Special Olympics Oklahoma. We can provide a co-benefit to each other in reaching the mission of both organizations.

John Seals is the Vice-President of Sports and Training at Special Olympics Oklahoma and has been on staff for over 26 years. Prior to Special Olympics, John worked as a Physical Education teacher and Recreational Therapist at Home of Hope in Vinita Oklahoma. John is married with two adult daughters and one Granddaughter.

Jim Scott has been with the City of Stillwater for 36 years. Jim is a 30+ year volunteer with Special Olympics Oklahoma. He has served for 25 years as the Summer Games Director, and is a member of the Executive Board of Directors of Special Olympics. Jim has two adult daughters and one granddaughter.

10:30-11:45 am (Concurrent Session Nine)

Marble (1st Floor)

Demystifying Construction Management at Risk Delivery Methods in Oklahoma

Construction Management at Risk offers many advantages over traditional design/bid/build delivery methods. In this presentation, we will outline how the City of Norman was able to deliver their most complicated projects on budget during a global pandemic by using CMAR.

Presented by Andy Rine and Jason Olsen (Norman Parks and Recreation)

Andy Rine has overseen more than \$500million worth of construction using CMAR and Oklahoma State Bidding Statutes.

Jason Olsen is directly responsible for all of the City of Norman Parks projects, most of which are delivered using CMAR.

Desert Rose (Lobby Level)

OKC Thrive Outside - Collective Impact Organizing in Outdoor Recreation

OKC Thrive Outside uses a collective impact model, collaborating with 12 national communities and 40 local organizations, to infuse an active outdoor culture in Oklahoma. The strength of the partnerships prioritizes access to outdoor recreation and sparks ideas for innovative programs.

Presented by Melanie Borger (Riversports Foundation)

Melanie serves as the Senior Director of Community Outreach, managing the OKC Thrive Outside initiative. Thrive Outside is a community impact initiative engaging 40 organizations. Since 2019, the network has provided 115,000 hours of outdoor recreation to 5600 unique youth.

12:00-1:15 pm (Concurrent Session Ten)

OFF SITE TOUR Indian Springs Sports Complex

Indian Springs Sports Complex Turf Project

This tour will showcase the work being done at the Indian Springs Sports Complex. Currently 4 full size soccer fields are being converted to Synthetic turf. Participants will be able to see 2 completed fields and two in the final stages of completion.

Presented by Jody Baker (City of Broken Arrow)

Jody Baker has been a recreation professional for 20 years. During this time he has obtained his Bachelors and Masters in Leisure Service Management from Oklahoma State University. He has worked in a variety of recreation settings from retail to state parks, but his passion is working with municipal governments to help them realize their park and recreation vision. Jody is currently working as the Recreation Superintendent with the City of Broken Arrow, OK.

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