



2024 Conference Session Schedule

Tuesday, October 29

8:00 am – 10:00 am – Welcome and Opening Keynote

The Power of Purpose: Unmasking Your Authentic Mission

The Colorado Rockies Ballroom

Presented by Dale Wilsher

10:15 am – 11:30 am – Breakout Sessions (Round 1)

100 Cups of Coffee - Leadership Lessons from Coffee

Crestone Peak I

Presented by Janet Bartnik | Chris Nunes

Parks Innovation | AI, Robots and Navigation

Crestone Peak II

Presented by Cynthia Wu | John Petrous | Brian Beck | Angelo Binno

Getting to Yes: The Fine Art of Negotiation

Crestone Peak III

Presented by Mark Snow

How to Keep the Urgent from Hijacking What's Important

Torreys Peak I

Presented by Dale Wilsher

If You Can't SEE It, You Can't Catch It: A History of Sports Lighting

Torreys Peak II

Presented by Edwin Arcero | Marcelina Marvelli

Creating a Safety Plan: Mitigating Risks and Ensuring Safety

Torreys Peak III

Presented by Johnathan Niles

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm – Special Lunch Session – *RSVP Required*

Questions You're Afraid to Ask

Castle Peak I-II

Presented by Janet Bartnik | Chris Nunes

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm – Breakout Sessions (Round 2)

Thinking Big in Parks & Recreation

Crestone Peak I

Presented by Chris Nunes | Janet Bartnik

Holistic Recreation Programming: Nurturing Mind, Body, and Soul

Crestone II

Presented by Lexi Bulich

Getting Your Feet Wet: Top Notch Training for Aquatics & Beyond

Crestone Peak III

Presented by Maggie Sherrill | Molly Bethe

Enjoying the Energy! How Encouraging People to Follow Their Passion Benefits Us All

Torreys Peak I

Presented by Alison Tamborlane | Kim Henderson | Amelia Schnaitter

Move Up or Move Out - The Specialization of Youth Sports

Torreys Peak II

Presented by Elias Martinez Jr.

Is It Time For A Change? Evaluating the Pros and Cons of Different Membership Models

Torreys Peak III

Presented by Darin Barr

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm – Breakout Sessions (Round 3)

Big Picture: Understanding Economic Forces Impacting Parks and Recreation

Crestone Peak I

Presented by Chris Nunes | Janet Bartnik

Making Disability a Comfortable Conversation in Our Communities

Crestone Peak II

Presented by Lindsey Blankenship | Ryan Harbuck

Maximizing Program Participation: Marketing Strategies to Drive Growth

Crestone Peak III

Presented by Jennifer Murton

Cures for the Common Survey

Torreys Peak I

Presented by Bobbi Nance

The Future of Mowing Using Robotics

Torreys Peak II

Presented by Billy Otteman

What Exactly Would You Say "You Do Here?" How to Tell Your Story

Torreys Peak III

Presented by Adam Blackmore

Metal Building Magic: Transforming the Hyland Hills Sports Center from Retro to Remarkable!

Torreys Peak IV

Presented by Yvonne Fischbach | Kevin Armstrong

Wednesday, October 30

8:30 am – 9:45 am – Breakout Sessions (Round 1)

ADA Best Practices

Crestone Peak I

Presented by Altitude Rec

Making Sustainable Landscape Practices Industry Standard

Crestone Peak II

Presented by Deryn Davidson

The Glorious Burden of Leadership

Crestone Peak III

Presented by Mark Snow

Keeping Your Fire Lit Without Burning Out

Torreys Peak I

Presented by Bobbi Nance

Innovations that Lead to BIG Changes

Torreys Peak II

Presented by Kevin Stay

An Aquatics Guide to Sustainable Savings & Grants

Torreys Peak III

Presented by Tom Schaefer

10:00 am – 11:15 am – Breakout Sessions (Round 2)

Designing Settings to Promote Intergenerational Play & Recreation

Crestone Peak I

Presented by Russ Carson | Hillary Roemersberger

Rethinking Behavior Management: Creating Positive Environments for Young People

Crestone Peak II

Presented by Amy Brady

Addressing the Challenges of Increased Presence in Parks by People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH)

Crestone Peak III

Presented by Ken Sherbenou | Ali Rhodes | Scott Gilmore

Moderated by Katie Groke

No One Cares About Your Data

Torreys Peak I

Presented by Bobbi Nance

Digital Accessibility for Parks & Recreation: Developing Joyfully Accessible Digital Publications from Concept to Execution

Torreys Peak II

Presented by Lisa Nieman | Zac Moore

Overcoming Imposter Syndrome: Strategies for Personal and Professional Growth

Torreys Peak III

Presented by Michelle Stout | Amy Hodge

Turf to Treasure: Empowering Communities through Non-Functional Turf Conversion

Torreys Peak IV

Presented by Kurt Friesen | Patrick Meyer | Jason Naughtin

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm – Breakout Sessions (Round 3)

Championing Change: Women Navigating Success in Modern Times

Crestone Peak I

Presented by Michelle Stout | Courtney Wallace | Mollie Gunter

Panelists include Errin Koon, Ali Rhodes, Rachel Wysuph

Shaping the Future of Front Range Communities: The Broomfield Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Plan

Crestone Peak II

Presented by Michelle Regan | Clay Shuck

Parks and Recreation in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Crestone Peak III

Presented by Ryan Hegreness

Accountability; It's Everybody's Responsibility

Torreys Peak I

Presented by Lori A. Hoffner

Community Teamwork: How Outreach and Collaboration Lead to Impact

Torreys Peak II

Presented by Astro Ball

Psychological Safety - How to Build a Team of Trust

Torreys Peak III

Presented by Becca Mack

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm – Breakout Sessions (Round 4)

Putting the AND back in Parks and Recreation

Crestone Peak I

Presented by Jared Musil | Errin Koon

Think Like a Kid! Leveraging Youth Engagement to Elevate Our Parks and Our Communities

Crestone Peak II

Presented by Charlotte O'Donnell | Kristen Drake

Artificial Intelligence: Productivity and Pitfalls

Crestone Peak III

Presented by Ryan Hegreness

Staff Communication; Control, Filters and Perception

Torreys Peak I

Presented by Lori A. Hoffner

Officially Human - How to overcome the national shortage of officials

Torreys Peak II

Presented by Elia Martinez Jr.

Did You Say "Yes" Too Quickly? Successfully Managing Partnerships and Agreements

Torreys Peak III

Presented by Darin Barr

Reimagining Parks: Innovations Transforming Design and Maintenance Practices

Torreys Peak IV

Presented by Kurt Friesen | Robert Crabb

Thursday, October 31st

9:00 am – 10:15 am – Closing Keynote

One For All

The Colorado Rockies Ballroom

Presented by Tony Drees