



2026 Annual Conference Session List

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Aquatic Facility Rejuvenation without Regret – Aquatic Vitality with Sustainable Results

Doug Whiteaker, Jordan Hayes, Katie Haldeman

Beyond Labels: Leading the Person in Front of You

Whitney Seaton

Beyond Part-Time: How to Get Full-Time Engagement from Part-Time & Seasonal Employees

Chris Stevenson

BEYOND the Playground: Access Is the Floor, Universal Inclusion Is the Goal

Damian Buchman

Building Consensus- Getting people on the same page

Chris Nunes

Building for the Future with Intentional Focus

Jason Chadock

Co-Create: Connecting with Community through Interactive Engagement

James Braam, Julianne Scherer, Leslie Pickard

Communication Strategies for Successful Ballot Initiatives

Paul Hanley, Tom Casal

CPR (Cheltenham Parks and Recreation) Breathing Life Back into a Community

Bill Salvatore

Delegation for People Who Secretly Think They're the Only One Who Can Do It Right

Hillary Roemersberger

Demand is up... Now What? The Operations Behind the Programs

Aidan Brannan, Armando Asseiss

Do you want to win or be right? The art of negotiation and persuasion

Chris Matthews, Jai Cole

Finding Focus in Parks and Recreation

Mark Snow

From Burnout to Buy-In: Re-Energizing Your Team

Savannah VanDuyn

From Leftover Lawn to Civic Green: Designing a Community Gathering Space Along 38th Avenue

James St. George-Schreder, Karen O'Donnell, Mark Taylor

From Programs to Participants: Marketing That Drives Engagement

Cate Majors, Richard Flores

From Tension to Teamwork: Making a better workplace

Chris Nunes

Funding Recreational Facility Upgrades through Energy Savings

Ashley Brasovan, Dallas Lucero

Gold Medal Service: Winning Every Guest Interaction

Luke Herron, Mark Herron

Health, Happiness, and the Great Outdoors

Jan Peterson Hincapie

How to Effectively Evaluate Ideas, Proposals, and Opportunities in Parks and Rec.

Jared Moore

In the Trenches: Building Grassroots Advocacy for Parks and Recreation

Jo Burns

Inclusive Play Design: From Vision to Community Impact

Natalie Mackay

Leading from the Deep End: Lessons in Calm Leadership from the Pool Deck

Ryan Harrison

Let's Talk: Building a Feedback Culture That Fuels Growth in Parks & Recreation

Chris Stevenson

Mastering Intergenerational Fluency to Build Stronger Staff Relationships

Amy Smith

Mastering the Six: Leadership Skills to Elevate Teams, Trust and Results

Farrell Buller

Mastering Your Memory

Tyler Enslin

More Than ChatGPT: How AI Can Help Rec Departments Deliver Exceptional Experiences

Courtney Sung

Panic-Proof Planning: We Don't Wing It, We P.L.A.N. It

Jason Chadock

Parks, Rec, Repeat: Creating Stories That Hit Different

Chris Nunes

Parks, Waterways, and Streets: Integrating Public Life and Ecology Across Colorado Landscapes

Amirah Shahid, Julianne Scherer, Kelsey Stansfield

Protecting People and Experiences: A Practical Guide to Event Safety Planning

Leah Krumpholz

Remaining Positive in Times of Crisis

Tyler Enslin

Rocking Leadership Principles: Leadership Lessons from the Music that Moves Us.

Ali Rhodes, Chris Matthews, Jai Cole

Running Into the Storm: Courage & Clarity in Fiscal Stewardship

Jamie Sabbach

Shielding Your Municipality: A Top-Down Approach to Aquatic Liability

Michael McGarr

Sports-Based Youth Development and Coaching the Kid, Not Just the Sport

Bill Salvatore

Starting Small, Thinking Big: How Rural Parks and Rec Can Build Adaptive Programs

Danielle Musser, Jeremy Master

Strength Through Struggle: Cultivating Hope in Yourself and Others

Jan Peterson Hincapie

Take Control of Your Online Presence to Boost Community Participation and Engagement

Jared Moore

The Power of Time

Ally Flanagan, Dean Rummel
