



SCHEDULE of events



MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA · SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2022

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - Multiple Sites

8:00 AM EXHIBITOR BOOTH SETUP

11:00 AM LUNCH & ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

Souris Valley Golf Course

12:00 PM GOLF OUTING

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1:00 PM ROOSEVELT PARK ZOO TOUR

1:00 PM DOWNTOWN MINOT HISTORY & SPIRIT WALK

5:30 PM SOCIAL & DINNER - THE ALLEY

do what you can
with what you have

WHERE YOU ARE.

Theodore Roosevelt

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - Clarion Hotel

7:00 AM ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

Exhibit Hall & Raffle/Silent Auction Open

Breakfast & Past Presidents Breakfast

8:00 AM CONFERENCE WELCOME - RON MERRITT

8:15 AM KEYNOTE

"I So Declare It!" - Theodore Roosevelt's Conservation Crusade for America - Theodore Roosevelt as portrayed by Kurt Skinner

T.R. imprinted his love of the natural world onto America - as our "wilderness warrior" president, he redefined the executive branch of government as he fought tirelessly for our natural treasures and left a legacy of federal resource conservation and wildlife protection.

9:15 AM GENERAL SESSION

"Thriving Through Lifes Journey" - Terry Eckman

Embrace your daily tasks, opportunities and challenges with a perspective that can enhance your personal and professional life. Survive the ups and downs with tools and strategies that can help you make the most of every day. Recognize the power of a positive attitude.

Explore the power of simple choices to maximize your life journey. This session is "you time!" A humorous and thoughtful presentation filled with research-based practices.

10:00 AM BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - Clarion Hotel

10:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Prairie Grit – Krystal Butgereit

Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports is a nonprofit organization with the mission of providing sports opportunities for youth and adults living with physical and mental disabilities to enhance their quality of life. Our goal is to create opportunities for youth, adults and their families through adaptive sports. They level the playing field by removing barriers in order to give everyone opportunities to do what they love. Prairie Grit offers a variety of activities and events year-round.

Teddy Roosevelt “Parks & Rec” Team Trivia – Kurt Skinner

Hosted by Teddy Roosevelt, our “parks and rec” president. T.R. federally protected over 230 million acres of public lands and cherished outdoor recreation. Join with your friends at this fun and engaging Teddy Roosevelt-themed trivia event and test your knowledge of his outdoor life and legacy.

North Dakota Open Records and Open Meetings – Annique Lockhard

This presentation will provide an overview of the open record and meeting laws found in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 44-04. The first part of the presentation identifies and explains key definitions relating to the open records and meeting laws. The second part is intended to instill confidence in properly responding to open record requests, posting appropriate meeting notices and handling executive sessions. The final part of the presentation identifies common open records and meeting violations and explains the Office of Attorney General’s review process of alleged violations.

11:30 AM LUNCH

12:30 PM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

This session will feature roundtable discussions on a variety of topics. There will be five tables which will each feature a different topic: marketing, trails, facilities, operations, and aquatics. Each table has sub-topics to choose from with discussions lasting 15 minutes. After each segment attendees will be able to rotate to another topic of interest or stay at the same table.

1:30 PM FINAL BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

2:00PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Fundraising – Thor Nelson

Thor Nelson is a lifelong resident of the Magic City. He started officiating USA Hockey in 1990 and was hired to officiate in the NHL in 1994. Thor officiated over 1,000 NHL games and officiated at both the Winter Olympics in Italy (2006) and Canada (2010). He is now the president of Magic City Fast Pitch Inc. and serves as vice president for USA Softball of North Dakota Junior Olympic Fastpitch. He played an integral part of the fundraising efforts for the new South Hill Softball Complex in Minot. Thor will discuss his fundraising efforts and the importance of being a vital partner to Minot Park District.

Keep Your Employees Safe: Self-Awareness & Defense – Dan Merc

The most important thing to learn regarding self-defense is to prevent an attack from occurring before it starts. Attendees will learn methods of physical awareness and verbal presentation that will improve their ability to prevent an attack.

Safe Community – Detective Robbie Sumlin

This session will cover the importance of having a good relationship with your local police department and being aware of how you can keep your parks safe. Detective Sumlin will share his knowledge of crime patterns and signs to look out for in your own parks and communities.

3:15 PM FACILITY TOUR

6:30 PM SOCIAL

7:00 PM AWARDS BANQUET

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - Clarion Hotel

7:30 AM BREAKFAST & NDRPA ANNUAL MEETING

8:30 AM CLOSING KEYNOTE

Synchronicity Connecting Your Team for Optimal Results - Shannon McKain

Today, we have a plethora of artificial intelligence, data and analytics yet still feel phenomenally disconnected in the workplace. Let's create better interoffice relationships where each team member feels supported, encouraged and valued, where it's more likely that interoffice relationships will improve, customer connections will grow stronger, and your team's productivity and performance will reach new heights.

9:45 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Safe Sports - Dr. Dawn Mattern

This session will offer discussion of guidelines and recommendations for keeping sports participants safe while playing. This presentation will also cover the evaluation, treatment and triage of the acute injury based on the individual's condition.

Leadership Building Blocks, What Kind of Leader are You? - Shannon McKain

Sharing both her successes and failures including living on a canoe for two weeks (studying Situational Leadership), Shannon integrates how Four Pillars of Leadership can make or break any team and includes fun interactive communication exercises!

1,000 Trees for Minot - Tim Bauman

1,000 Trees for Minot aims to advance community development, improve quality of life, strengthen biodiversity, maintain air quality, create windbreaks and shelters, and educate the public through the goal of planting 1,000 trees in Minot by 2026.

11:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Title VI Training - Char Langehaug

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs and activities of any entity that receive federal assistance. This presentation will discuss the Title VI program and how it applies to the Recreational Trails Program.

Cyber Security - Greg Larson, Pro IT

How protected is your organization against cyber threats? Learn the dos and don'ts to protect you and your organization.

Recruitment And Retention - Shannon McKain

Explore the intricacies of recruiting and retaining parks and recreation staff. We've all heard about generational differences, the Great Resignation and labor shortages, but how can you deliver an exceptional workplace to recruit and retain the best staff. This session covers the latest recruitment practices, best practices for employee retention and how to reimagine the workplace for success.

12:00 PM GRAB AND GO LUNCHES

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