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MINI GOLF
PARK SOCIAL
BANQUET & MORE



**ROUGH
RIDER
CENTER**

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2024





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

11:00 AM REGISTRATION & LUNCH

Rough Rider Center

12:00 PM GOLF COURSE SCRAMBLE

Fox Hills Golf Course

12:15 PM BAKKEN DISCOVERY TOUR

History, Art & Local Flare

TRNP NORTH UNIT HIKE

Caprock Coulee Trail

Depart from Rough Rider Center

5:30 PM PARK SOCIAL

Food, Music, Mini Golf & More!

Kent Pelton Nature Park

501 7th St NE, Watford City

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - ROUGH RIDER CENTER

7:00 AM REGISTRATION

Breakfast & Past Presidents Breakfast

8:00 AM CONFERENCE WELCOME - MAYOR PHIL RIELY & SARA FITZPATRICK

8:15 AM KEYNOTE - TIM EGGBRAATEN OFF DUTY CHIEF

Tim knows the importance of paying attention to the rhythm of life. Having worked in law enforcement for 25 years, he is an expert at "Working the Beat"; and has learned through experience, the value of discovering the harmony in it all. We all face challenges that create our beat in life when balancing family, careers, and struggling to find time for ourselves and our physical, mental and spiritual health. Prepare to be energized, inspired and entertained as "The Off Duty Chief" shares strategies and tactics for working YOUR BEAT!

9:15 AM BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS/RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

10:00 AM ROUNDTABLES

After School/Summer Program, Aquatics, Campgrounds, Directors, Finance & Human Resources, Fitness Facilities, Forestry & Horticulture, Ice Arenas, Marketing & Special Events, Parks Maintenance, Recreation

11:30 AM LUNCH

12:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Well Being - Nikki Johnsrud Cope Counseling

Nikki will give voice to the real-life struggle between work and home that many feel; the sense of inadequacy and never being able to measure up in either environment. We often feel as though we are robbing Peter to pay Paul. If we go the extra mile at work, something suffers in our personal life or vice versa. We fall into the trap of believing that everything is our responsibility. Nikki will share her journey of self-discovery, how she found her compass and how we can too.

The Time is Now to Engage, Invite, and Inspire - Pat Bertagnolli ND Job Service

The current labor market presents challenges for all employers and there isn't a one-size-fits-all solution to solve this issue affecting every community statewide. Join Patrick Bertagnolli, Executive Director for Job Service North Dakota, as he explains his approach to leveraging partnerships for community integration. Through his gift of lifting others up and storytelling, Pat will enlighten you with an inspirational message about celebrating individuality, engaging employees, and connecting to our youth. He will provoke thought by sharing his experiences in creating a pathway to effective community building and how, by working together, we can all make a difference.

Pros and Cons of Astro-Turf - Christian Cox Mid-American Golf

Participate in this session on athletic field projects and learn how to get the best life out of your turf fields, house repairs and maintenance, the future of synthetic turf, pros and cons of turf in North Dakota, and more.

Aquatics - Cindy Dassow Red Cross

Learn about program updates and development with the Red Cross suite of programs, and best practices and guidelines to submitting classes on the Red Cross Lifeguard Certification.

1:15 PM

FINAL BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

1:45 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

NDIRF/Event Liability - Corey Olson NDIRF

Corey will review specific park and recreation loss types and trends and provide you with information about available NDIRF tools to help your entity enhance its risk management program. Also learn about the importance of capturing updated building and property valuations and recently introduced North Dakota State Fire and Tornado Fund coverage enhancements.

Maximizing Your Event - Matt Shanadore Mandan Progress Organization

Explore the art and science of creating memorable community events and attractions. Matt will discuss the impact of strategic event planning and seasonal attractions on enhancing community engagement and fostering a sense of belonging. Drawing on his extensive experience with state park programming like the Haunted Fort, the 12 Months 12 Hikes Challenge, and Mandan's signature Holiday Lights on Main, Matt offers valuable insights into developing vibrant community experiences that promote belonging and attract visitors. Discover how to use community events and attractions to bolster social connections, civic engagement and economic growth, making every season an opportunity to celebrate and establish a sense of place.

Grant Writing - Vawnita Best Long X Development Team

There are recipes for successful, vibrant, rural communities. We will cook up vibrant projects, focusing on the necessary key ingredient: community alignment. Spending time reviewing local projects and the recipes that baked them to perfection, you can add recipes to your community's VIBRANT PROJECTS cookbook. Call the hour a recipe exchange!

Sports Astro-Turf Grooming - Christian Cox Mid-American Golf

On field demonstration.

3:00 PM

FACILITY AND PARKS TOUR Depart from Rough Rider Center

6:00 PM **SOCIAL** Convention Hall

7:00 PM **AWARDS BANQUET** Convention Hall

8:30 PM **AFTER PARTY** Downtown Watford City

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - ROUGH RIDER CENTER

8:00 AM **BREAKFAST & ANNUAL MEETING**

9:00 AM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Effective (& Profitable) Tournament Management - Larry Grondahl & Jeremy Ludlum

Discuss “best practices” in tournament management, and how to maximize your success as well as improve your bottom line. Discussions will be held on philosophy, fundraising, efficiency, and how to best manage staff and volunteers. We will discuss working with the media and how to best promote your event. This will be a great opportunity for open discussion and question and answer session.

Marketing 101 - Brock White Long X Development Team

Every good story has three main parts—a beginning, a middle and an end. When thinking about how to market or talk about your events, don’t stray from the basics! Learn how to leverage storytelling in your content marketing, and maximize the utilization of assets year over year.

The Art & Science of Fundraising - Jill Nelson Grand Forks Park District

Whether you’re looking to support specific programs or build new facilities, fundraising can make a significant impact on your budget. It’s been 15 years since the Grand Forks Park District established their nonprofit foundation. Learn about the successes and challenges they have experienced along the way, the essentials of fundraising and helpful tools to start your own fundraising campaign.

Find Your Passion - Nick Ybarra Save the Maah Daah Hey

We live in a world where the average person spends 93% of their life indoors, sealed inside a home, office or climate-controlled vehicle. The need for outdoor recreation in our society has never been greater than it is right now. Finding your passion in outdoor recreation, experiencing it regularly and sharing it with the next generation is critical for the physical and mental well-being of humanity. Nick will tell some of the hilarious, and not so hilarious, stories from his own unique journey in the outdoor recreation world and offer you some practical ways to find your own unique path through the wild adventures of outdoor recreation.

10:15 AM **CLOSING KEYNOTE - BRENT SANFORD Former ND Lt. Governor & WC Mayor**

In 2010, Watford City found itself in the middle of the Bakken Oil Boom. The large scale development of horizontal drilling and fracking in the northwest corner of North Dakota brought historic growth to the area. Watford City chose to welcome the newcomers and build into a community of the size necessary to handle the new energy economy and its new workforce. Community infrastructure investments were required in water, sewer, roads, schools, daycares, hospitals, and recreational facilities. To accomplish this within a 5 year window of time, it took tremendous collaboration and cooperation among the local community leaders. Brent will share how the city navigated through this time of tremendous growth during his service as mayor of Watford City.

11:30 AM **GRAB & GO OR GRAB & STAY LUNCHES**



CONFERENCE LODGING

HOTEL ROOM BLOCKS

Room blocks have been reserved at Teddy’s Residential Suites and Little Missouri Inn & Suites. Special room block rates are available September 10-12, 2024. To book, call the hotel directly and reference Group ID: “NDRPA State Conference Block.”
Deadline to book accommodations under room block: August 10, 2024.

TEDDY’S RESIDENTIAL SUITES

113 9th Ave SE | 701-842-6480

- All rooms equipped with a kitchenette
- Fitness room, spa, lounge on premises with full food and cocktail menu

Special Block Rate: \$119

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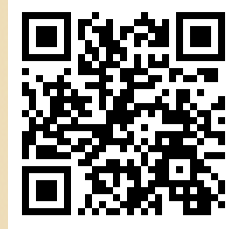
109 9th Ave SE | 701-842-6262

- Mini fridge, microwave & coffee pot in room
- Fitness room, pool and spa, lounge next door at Teddy’s

Special Block Rate: \$104

OTHER LODGING OPTIONS

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