



2007 Institute Program

Monday, February 19

3:30 p.m.

Board of Regents Meeting

3:30 p.m.

Registration

7:00 p.m.

New Attendees Welcome and Orientation

Become acquainted with the Great Lakes Park Training Institute by meeting and greeting our Board of Regents and the Institute's Director. You will gain a better perspective about the Institute and will be able to anticipate what to expect for the remainder of the conference.

7:30 p.m.

The Daniel Flaherty Park Excellence Recognition Program

Recognizing outstanding projects and programs completed within the last five years. Sponsored by the Great Lakes Park Training Institute.

Tuesday, February 20

8:15 a.m. General Session

Healthy Parks, Healthy People

This session is designed to promote and improve public health, by providing opportunities for visitors to participate in health related activities while encouraging visitor involvement and philanthropy.

- **Ginger Murphy**, *Assistant Stewardship Director, INDNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs*
- **Eric Neuburger**, *Executive Director, Indiana Governor's Council for Physical Fitness & Sports*

10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (repeated Wed. at 10:00 a.m.)

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Cool Cites: Solving Global Warming One City at a Time

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- **Lisa Tokarz-Gutierrez**, *Administrator, the Hoosier Conservation Chapter, Sierra Club*

Fundraising, Foundations and Parks; Oh My!

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- **Stephen Wolter**, *Executive Director, Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands*
- **Jeff Nix**, *Assistant Instructor, Department of Recreation, Park, & Tourism Studies, Indiana University*
- **Katie Finch**, *Graduate Student, Eppley Institute for Park & Public Lands*

1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Gadgets

There are common problems we all face at the workplace, some of which may seem to require enormous effort to solve. In this session we will discuss problem solving ideas and innovative approaches for dealing with typical and atypical work-related difficulties.

- **Tom Solo**, *Park Manager and Bob Hall*, *Park Technician, Geauga Park District, Chardon, Ohio*
- **John Greene**, *Groundsperson, Deerfield Park District, Deerfield, IL*
- **Shane Ultsch**, *Mechanic Supervisor, Batavia Park District, Batavia, IL*
- **Jesse Felix**, *Superintendent of Parks, West Chicago Park District, West Chicago, IL*
- **Glenn Hussey**, *Maintenance Supervisor, Woodbridge Park District, Woodbridge, IL*

Alternative Fuels & Technologies

From one who has years of experience with alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles, you will hear, how you can help clean up the environment, help cut the U.S. dependency on foreign oil and save money at the same time.

- **John W. Walton**, *Fleet Services Manager, Forest Preserve District of Dupage County*

Specialty Gardens: Creating Magical Spaces

While organizations traditionally offer arts and cultural programs, this session is designed to learn the art of parks by getting involved with kids and interacting with specialty gardens and nature.

- **Norman Lownds**, *4-H Children's Garden Curator and Assistant Professor, Michigan State University*

Shooting Ranges: Development and Management

This session is a discussion of the recreational demand, benefits and issues relating to shooting range developments, including a case history of the world shooting complex.

- **Rick Patterson**, *Executive Director, National Shooting Sports Foundation.*
- **Randy Mitchell**, *Chief Architect, Illinois Department of Natural Resources.*

3:30 p.m. General Session

Diversity & Cultural Groups

This session will examine outreach strategies, programming elements, programming styles, adaptations, and the benefits of adopting a multi-cultural philosophy, and findings from “Cultural Competencies of Park and Recreation Professionals: A Case Study of North Carolina.”

- **Dr. Denise Anderson**, *Assistant Professor, Clemson University*

6:30 p.m. Vendor Social

Enjoy an evening of refreshments, entertainment and door prizes while interacting with other attendees and regional vendors. Food and fun for everyone as you try your luck against the house casino for fun and prizes!

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 a.m.

Morning Bird Hike

Grab a cup of coffee and meet in the Inn Lobby to see what birds might be in the park this morning. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. We plan to be back by 8:15.

8:15 a.m. General Session

K-9 Law Enforcement in Park, Recreation and Wildlife

Who wouldn't fight for parks? This session will provide information, insight and training into the uses of K-9's and K-9 officers in park, recreation and wildlife areas.

- **Jerry Hoerd**, *Indiana Conservation Officer K9 Unit, IDNR Law Enforcement Division, District #1.*

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Interpretive Signage

This presentation will answer your questions about the physical aspects of interpretive signage; what size, orientation, location, and mounting structures are a best fit for the subject being interpreted.

- *Lise Schools, Owner, Interpretive Ideas*

The Environmental Impact of Materials in Parks

Learn about common materials used in parks and playgrounds that have devastating, long term environmental consequences. Huge corporations are eliminating them from their manufacturing process, are you?

- *Tim Madeley, President, Big Toys Inc.*

Beyond Public Retirement Funds: Planning for Your Future

Got a financial plan? This session will give you ideas on what to think about as you plan for your retirement.

- *Scott Smith, Senior Advisor, Ameriprise Financial Services*

Cultural Resource Management

Attendees will learn about managing cultural resources to include historical structures maintenance and rehabilitation following the Department of Interior standards. Also included will be a discussion on managing displays and artifacts following the Smithsonian Institute requirements.

- *Mark Young, Property Manager, Spring Mill State Park, Indiana Department of Natural Resources*

3:30 p.m. Round Table Discussions

State Parks

This session will explore issues related to state park operations in the Midwest.

Regional & County Parks

This session will examine issues specifically related to regional and county parks.

Municipal Parks

This session will examine issues specially related to municipal parks.

Pokagon State Park Tour

This session will involve a tour and discussion of Pokagon State Park facilities. In addition to the overall treatment of park operations, the session will include a more focused look at the Toboggan Run and Nature Center.

- *Sam Boggs, Assistant Park Manager, Pokagon State Park*
- *Fred Wooley, Interpretive Naturalist, Pokagon State Park*

6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Reception with Tom Turpin

Our awards dinner guest speaker takes us back to the “New Good Old Days.” Relive those days when outhouses, `coon hunting, telephone party lines, and school consolidations were a way of life.

- *Tom Turpin, Professor, Purdue University*

Thursday, February 22

8:15 a.m. General Session

Government Employees: Conduct, Accountability, and the Public Trust

Explore the development of governmental ethics and codes of conduct and their distinction and comparison with personal work ethics.

- *Lynn Jondahl, the State of Michigan Board of Ethics Chairperson, Department of Civil Service*

10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Concurrent sessions

Managing Energy Costs

With the rising cost of energy and the dependency of fuel it has become increasingly important to optimize the management, procurement and distribution of energy. The session will discuss issues and solutions related to managing energy cost.

- *Mike DeSantiago, President, Primera Engineers*
- *Erin Aiello, Vice President, Primera Engineers*

IT Issues

The increase in information management technology has led to many challenges and community expectations. In this workshop learn about the hot issues regarding IT and how your agency can solve these problems.

- *Jed Gerstein, Schaumburg Park District, Illinois*
- *Geoff McKim, Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands*

Hazard Trees Identification and Evaluation

Having nice trees around your park and recreation areas is a dream of many people. However, somewhere between the dream and the nightmare a tree goes from being an asset to a hazard. Learn how to effectively manage, identify and evaluate hazardous trees.

- *Jim Jenkins, Urban Forester Davey Resource Group*

Land Trusts: Parks as Partners

Land trusts can provide you with resources for land acquisition, green space planning, stewardship projects and more. Find out how land trusts work and hear examples of how land trusts have partnered with parks for mutual benefit.

- *Peter Ter Louw, Director of Nature Fuller, Stewardship Coordinator, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy.*
- *Ronda DeCaire, Board Member, Trillium Land Conservancy.*
- *Ted Heemstra, Board Member, ACRES, Inc.*

3:30 p.m. General Session

Meth Labs

This session will provide instruction and information on history, identification, safety and site management of Methamphetamine lab, production processes and equipment and employee safety.

- *Paul Harrison, Trooper, Indiana State Police*
- *Robert Smith, Trooper, Indiana State Police*

7:00 p.m. Tobaggon Run and Bon Fire

Take a ride down the toboggan run and tell your fellow attendees about your daring experience around the warm camp fire.

Friday, February 23

8:15 a.m. General Session

Life Balance

Are you overworked and find yourself over-scheduling? Learn how to balance work, home, and family while meeting your personal needs.

- *Pegi Boswell, MS LMFT, the Sante Group, Inc.*
- *Daphine Durbyshire, the Sante Group, Inc.*