

# ARPA Annual Conference 2026

DAY 1 SUNDAY FEB 1

Event Center 3

Event Center 4

Canal @ Springhill

1:00PM

Pathway to Excellence:  
Unlocking the Power of  
CAPRA Accreditation

Yellowhammer Outdoors  
- Tools and Resources for  
Outdoor Recreation

Introduction to Artificial  
Intelligence for Parks and  
Rec Professional

2:15 PM

Life Skills in Youth Sports

Trips, Travel & Tidbits for  
Seniors

Practical Applications of  
AI for Parks and  
Recreation Professionals

3:30 PM

Parks, People & Pennies:  
Navigating Economic  
Challenges with  
Confidence

Building a Park that  
Boosts Play, Pride and  
Local Prosperity

Using AI to Design  
Recreational Programs  
for Special Needs

4:45PM GENERAL OPENING 6PM LOW COUNTRY BOIL MILE MARKER 158 7PM RIDE THE WAVE.PLAY BIG - CASINO GAMES, MUSIC TRIVIA AND MORE

DAY 2 MONDAY FEB 2

Event Center 2

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9:00 AM

How To Start Your Own  
NHL Street Program

Parks and Recreation  
Marketing with AI

From Scratch to Splash:  
Building a Summer Camp  
That Works

Nurturing a culture of  
possibility: Big ideas for  
all-sized agencies

10:15 AM

Easy Aquatics  
Maintenance - Not  
Really!!!

Parks and Rec AI Security  
and Policy  
Considerations

Their Voice  
Teen Advisory Boards

Coffee & Conversations:  
The Key to Responsive  
and Resilient Parks & Rec

11:30 AM

Level of Service Planning  
for Maintaining Parks

Insights from the SCORP  
Planning Process & Using  
the Plan to Secure Grant  
Funding

Play with Purpose:  
Incorporating STEAM Into  
Your Recreation  
Programming

Recreational Sports  
Yearly Update and  
Important Information

12:30 PM LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL

1:30-3:30 CONNECTIONS

3:30 PM HAPPY HOUR IN EXHIBIT HALL

AFTER HOURS - RIDE THE WAVE. SHAKIN AT SANDSHAKER

DAY 3 TUESDAY FEB 3

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9:00 AM

Special Events from all  
four corners

Conflict & Violence in the  
Workplace

Race Day Ready: How to  
Pull Off a Smooth Youth  
Track Meet

Easy as Pie: The APIED  
Clinical Process in  
Inclusionary Strategies

10:15 AM

Low Cost Games Part 1

Coaching Difficult  
Employees

Lifelong Lessons in  
Leadership

Beyond the  
Minimum: Features to  
Positively Enhance Park  
Experiences for All Visitors

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Low Cost Games Part 2

Young at Heart: Special  
Events for Seniors

The Art of Dealing With  
Difficult People in Youth  
Sport

Seasonal Maintenance  
Strategies: Year-Round  
Park Care Planning

ORANGE BEACH FACILITY TOURS - INCLUDES GRAB N GO LUNCH AND CEU CREDIT

5:30 PM PAST PRESIDENTS RECEPTION

6:00PM CLOSING / AWARDS BANQUET

8:30 PM RIDE THE WAVE. SINGO