

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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Canal @ Springhill

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

11:30 AM

Lowe Cost GamesPart 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