

LEAD 2025

Leadership **Enhancement** and Development Program *Lead Where You Are*

PURPOSE: To equip parks and recreation professionals with the tools they need to be effective leaders within their agencies, their communities, the profession, and ultimately ARPA/ARPF.

PROGRAM CONTENT: The 2.5 day program will consist of: leadership development/enhancement activities, FISH! Philosophy for Leaders and team building exercises. All adventure programming is challenge by choice.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be **ARPA Professional Members in good standing** and have maintained membership for a **minimum of six months**. **College students** majoring in **parks and recreation or a related field** may also be considered **with a professor's recommendation**. All applicants must have a **working email address** and the ability to complete **pre-LEAD activities online**.

NOMINATIONS: Any member of ARPA may nominate a candidate for ARPA LEAD. Self-nominations are acceptable. All applications must include the signature of the nominee's/applicant's agency supervisor. Nominations will be reviewed by ARPF with no more than 10 participants being selected.

PROGRAM DATES: November 5th – 7th, location Camp Skyline, Mentone, AL.

COST TO ATTEND: \$175 (included lodging and meals)

APPLICATION PROCESS: The LEAD application needs to be filled out completely and must include the signature of the applicant's supervisor. Send the application to: rbrothersarpf@gmail.com **Invoice will be sent once candidate is accepted.**

If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Robin Brothers: at 256/844-6571, 256/996-0200 or rbrothersarpf@gmail.com

Application deadline- September 15, 2025!

Please email completed applications to: rbrothersarpf@gmail.com



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APPLICATION

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Last Middle Initial Nickname if any

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Number of years as ARPA member? _____ Membership Category: _____

Agency: _____ Phone: _____

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer: _____ Present Title/Position _____

Briefly describe your current responsibilities: _____

BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Name of Group	Position(s)/Assignment(s)	Period of Affiliation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List in order of importance the community activities in which you have participated:

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

College Attended: _____

Degree Received: _____ Date Completed: _____

College Activities, Clubs, etc.: _____

PROFESSIONAL VIEWS AND GOALS–You may attach additional sheets if required.

In your judgment, list in order the three most important issues facing the Park and Recreation Profession today.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What are your career goals? _____

STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION

Please describe why you feel you/this candidate should be selected to participate in the LEAD program.

Nominator's Signature

Date

Candidate's Signature (if different than Nominator)

Date

VIII. AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that this nomination/application has been brought to my attention and recognize that if this candidate is selected to participate in the program, appropriate arrangements will need to be made by this agency for the candidate to attend the program on the scheduled dates.

Candidate/Nominee's Direct Supervisor/Date

Candidate/Nominee's Agency Director/Date

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