



MRPA Conference
September 21-23, 2009
Holiday Inn, Great Falls, Montana

Monday, September 21

- 8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament, Eagle Falls Golf Club
\$43 per person, (includes greens fee, continental breakfast and prizes); plus \$12 per person for golf cart
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration
- 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ATV Safety Institute and Rider Course, Bruce Butler, Bull Run Guest Ranch (\$150/person, 8 maximum)
The course is the recognized ATV Safety Certification Course for Montana and most of the United States. The course will be taught by Bruce Butler. Following the safety course, participants will take a trail ride on the ranch to look at a well-planned and managed OHV Trail System.
- 2:30 p.m. Leave for Bull Run Guest Ranch
- Float Trip (45 minutes) (\$30/person)
 - Horseback Riding (\$30/person)
 - Clydesdales Wagon Ride (\$30 person)
 - Fishing (bring own equipment)
 - Mountain Biking (bikes not provided, transportation for bikes will be provided)
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner, sponsored by Dakota Fence and Associated Pools (Larry Grondahl and Doug Jaeger)
- Cocktails
 - Music by Grant Stebbins
- Awards Ceremony, Doug Habermann, President Elect

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:00 a.m. MRPA Board Meeting
- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome
- Doug Habermann, President Elect
Mayor Dona Stebbins

- 8:15 a.m. General Session: Keynote Speaker Mickey Fearn (nationally renowned)
 “You Can’t Solve a Problem until You Understand That You’re Part of the Problem You’re Trying to Solve!”
 “Mickey Fearn is currently the Manager of Community Connections for Seattle Parks and Recreation for the City of Seattle. He has been a recreation and parks professional for more than 35 years. He also has over 30 years of experience as an internal consultant, organizational development specialist and facilitator. His depth of knowledge, as well as his comfortable and engaging speaking style, makes him a sought after speaker and facilitator.”
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00-11:15 a.m. Workshop
1. Recreational Liability, Chad Parker & Bill Bronson
 2. Montana Operation Military Kids, Cindy Berg (MAFB)
 3. Facing the Future of Our Profession and Local Challenges with Intention, Mickey Fearn
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch/Business Meeting
- 1:15-2:30 p.m. Workshop
1. Concessions & Enterprise Stores
 2. Missouri-Madison Recreation: A Public-Private Partnership; Kim Bergstrom, Pinnacle Research & Consulting; LLP, Nancy Johnson, Recreation Planner, American Lands – Helena
 3. Health Code Update & Virginia Graeme Baker Act, Kasey Noonan, Montana Department of Health and Human Services; Park and Recreation Liability Issues and the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, Alan Hulse, MMIA
 4. City of Pocatello Wellness Plan, Jerry Sepich
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45-4:00 Workshop
1. Aquatics Renovations, Brian Milne, Interstate Engineering
 2. Legislative Update, Mitch Tropila & Anders Blewett
 3. Enhancing Family Readiness – Stress, Deployments and Adaptation for Military Families, MAFB Airmen and Family Readiness Staff
 4. Marketing Programs and Facilities to Kids, Janet Meissner, Executive Director, Alliance for Youth; Jane Weber, National Historic Trail Interpretive Center Director; Linda Howard, Marketing and Public Relations Specialist, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- 6:00 p.m. “It’s Child’s Play” Social (heavy hors d’oeuvres, drinks, vendor showcase, golf skills competition, silent auction concludes), Holiday Inn Convention Center, Co-sponsored by Great Western Park & Playground

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet & Business Meeting

8:00-9:15 a.m. Workshop

1. 75 Recreation Ideas in 75 Minutes, Lynette Robbins
2. Building Public Advocacy for Projects and Programs, Donna Gaukler
3. Kids in the Woods Winter Ecology Program, Lewis & Clark National Forest, Great Falls School District, National Weather Service
4. Montana Brand, Betsy Baumgart, Travel Director, Travel Montana (Montana Office of Tourism, Department of Commerce)

9:15 a.m. Break

9:30-10:45 a.m. Workshop

1. Talkin' 'Bout My Generation: Understanding Generations @ Work, Mark Willmarth
2. Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) Recreation Management Resources, Russ Ehnes
3. Funding
 - Mil Levy Designation, Mike Baker
 - Park Districts, Rick Harbin

11:00 am - 12:15 pm Workshop

1. Appreciative Parks Master Planning, Jolene Rieck, Peaks to Plains Design, and Dr. Ann Clancy, Clancy Consultants, Inc.
2. River's Edge Trails – Doug Wicks, Matt Marcinek, John Juras, Moderated by Marty Basta
3. Role of Montana League of Cities & Towns, Alec Hanson

12:30-3:00 p.m. Tour/Box Lunch

- Water Tower Pool and Spray Park, Perimeter of Malmstrom Air Force Base, Giant Springs and Fish Hatchery, Eagle Falls Golf Course, Veteran's Memorial, Centene Stadium, West Bank Park, Riverside Railyard (skate park), Electric City Water Park, Gibson Park, Community Recreation Center

Total Available CEU's: 1.00

1 hour, 15 minutes = .1 CEU, Tour counts as .3 CEU's, General Session counts as .1 CEU

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MRPA Conference Committee

Patty Rearden, Deputy Park & Recreation Director

Rebecca Richards, Community Recreation Center Supervisor

Cindy Stein, Park and Recreation Senior Administrative Assistant

Giles Salyer, Parks Superintendent (Park & Recreation)

Kathy Desy, Airman & Family Services Flight Chief (Malmstrom Air Force Base)

Matt Marcinek, Park Manager Giant Springs State Park

Dave Cunningham, Public Affairs Officer, Lewis & Clark National Forest

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