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## Tri-State Recreation, Parks and Trails Conference

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### Call for Presentations:

The **Tri-State Recreation, Parks and Trails Conference** will be held in **West Yellowstone, Montana** on **October 6-9, 2010**. With the theme of "Parks, Pathways and Partnerships", we plan to highlight strategies and alternatives for providing high quality park, recreation and trail programs, facilities and services to our public. This will serve as the annual conference of the Idaho Recreation and Parks Association and the Montana Recreation and Parks Association and as supplemental training provided by the Wyoming Recreation and Parks Association.

Your conference committee is now planning the agenda. We are seeking speakers and presentations that can provide information and proven alternatives to successfully administer, manage and maintain parks, recreation and trail facilities and programs. This is an invitation to not only inform students and professionals but also to brag about your program!

Program tracks include 1) Parks 2) Recreation 3) Trails and 4) Intersection/Interagency Cooperation and 5) Getting Children Outside. Topic ideas include, among others: environmental practices for maintaining parks/facilities, innovative ways to provide recreation/resource education, managing/reviving athletic fields, successful donation programs, alternative funding, cost recovery, facility and/or program planning, recreation's importance to youth, aged and disabled; safety in park or program operations, collecting citizen input, aging aquatic facilities, playground design, effective communication between commissions, staff and the public; cooperative programs among agencies; introducing children to park, recreation and trails activities; safely connecting and transporting people between communities, parks, schools and cultural sites; ongoing research, new technologies, and success stories!

Sessions will be 60 to 75 minutes in length. Please submit proposals in electronic format via email (preferred) or mail by **July 1, 2010** and include the following:

1. Cover sheet with your name, contact information (address, phone, e-mail), and topic title, equipment needs.
2. One page proposal including (prefer MS Word)
  - a. Presentation description/session (maximum 50 words for the program guide)
  - b. Speaker biography (not to exceed 30 words)
  - c. Approximate length of time requested
3. Program format: one speaker, panel (# of speakers). If panel, include names and biographies

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