



Dear Potential Speaker of the 22nd Annual Downstate Conference:

The 22nd Annual Downstate Conference Committee is actively seeking abstracts from professionals willing to share their knowledge and experience with other park, recreation, leisure service professionals and students. Our annual conference is being held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the Westchester County Center located in White Plains, NY.

This one-day Downstate Conference has become one of the biggest and most popular Recreational Conferences within New York State. Each year we draw over 200 delegates from Long Island, New York City and the Lower Hudson Valley. Due to the generosity of professionals willing to share of their time, talent, and wisdom we are able to offer twenty five, one hour, diverse educational and beneficial sessions to our members. This conference will be led by METRO and co-sponsored by WRAPS, HVLSA, NYSTRA and NYSRPS.

This year we are pleased to announce our theme, "**Find Your Fun!**" Initially inspired by this year's National Parks' 100th Anniversary (*Find Your Park*) we hope to this year's theme is the springboard for a program intended to help park, recreation and therapeutic professionals get back to the basics and remember they can still keep the *fun* in their work from *fundamentals* in programming, to *functioning* and finding *funding*.

If you are interested in presenting at this years' 22nd Annual Downstate Conference, please complete the attached form and return with your resume to the 2016 Downstate Chair Thomas McDonald no later than Monday, July 8, 2016 so that we can consider your submittal in a timely manner.

If you are planning to attend the conference before and after your presentation please indicate it on your abstract. If your abstract is approved by the program committee your registration fee will be waived and your co-speaker (if applicable) will receive a discounted conference attendee fee. Once again, I would like to thank you for your consideration and hope that you will choose to submit an abstract to us for consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas McDonald MPH, CDP, CTRS

2016 Downstate Conference Chair

ArchCare at Terence Cardinal Cooke

Director of Therapeutic Recreation and Volunteer Services

2016 Downstate Recreation Conference Program Abstract

22nd Annual Downstate Recreation Conference

“Find Your *Fun!*”

Tuesday, November 15, 2017 • Westchester County Center • White Plains, New York

Co-Sponsors: METRO, HVLSA, NYSRPS, NYSTRA AND WRAPS

Submission Deadline: July 8, 2016

TITLE OF PROGRAM (5 word limit) _____

NAME of PRESENTER(S) _____

SESSION DESCRIPTION:

Describe the educational needs this session will be addressing:

LEARNING OUTCOMES (List three learning outcomes)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Topic Area(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal/Professional Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Session Format:

- ☐ Lecture ☐ Discussion/Interactive ☐ Physical Movement ☐ Other _____

Room Design

☐ Lecture style (Rows of Chairs)

☐ Open Space

☐ Tables for projects

Length of Session: ☐ 60 Minutes

Time Preference: ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon

(NOTE: The Downstate Committee will try their best to schedule your desired time preference; however, due to the complexity of scheduling preferred times may not be guaranteed).

A/V Equipment: ☐ LCD PROJECTOR* ☐ SCREEN ☐ NO A/V NEEDED

- Mac users must provide their own adapter for LCD projector
- Presenters must supply their own Laptop, CD players, Flip Charts and other A/V equipment

Presenter's Name & Title: _____

Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ **Home Phone:** (____) _____ **Fax:** (____) _____

Email: _____

- ☐ I will only be speaking, and will not attend sessions nor have lunch at the Conference
- ☐ I will be attending some sessions or will be enjoying lunch at the Conference (\$0)

1) Additional Presenter's Name & Title: _____

Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ **Home Phone:** (____) _____ **Fax:** (____) _____

Email: _____

- ☐ I will only be speaking, and will not attend sessions nor have lunch at the Conference
- ☐ I will be attending some sessions or will be enjoying lunch at the Conference (\$40)

Please attach Resumes for ALL presenters.

Session Introduction: Each session will have a moderator for introductions, CEU's, and evaluations. If there is someone you would like to ask to moderate your session please indicate below.

☐ I will provide my own moderator. Name _____
Contact # _____

☐ No, Please provide my session a moderator.

All abstracts MUST include a current RESUME for ALL SPEAKERS in order to be considered.
All handouts are the responsibility of the speakers, including photocopies.

Send to:
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Questions Please Call:
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