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Welcome to NRPS Conference 2024

Dear Conference Attendees,

Welcome to the Nevada Recreation & Park Society Annual Conference. For over 62 years, our annual conference has been one of the premier events for parks and recreation professionals throughout Nevada and the Pacific Southwest. Conference is about finding new inspiration, techniques, and programming opportunities for the communities we serve. This year we encourage all of you to take a moment to think of your peaks and what you have learned in those moments how they felt. Then I would like you all to think of your valleys that you have delt with and how you got through those and with better programming and instructions. Breathe and rejuvenate yourselves to start new as we continue forward in new peaks and valleys.

Douglas County and the Carson Valley Swim Center welcomes the 2024 NRPS Conference. Lake Tahoe area is known for its premier valley, lake, and amazing mountain peaks. Within a short drive you can see the State Capital, Biggest Little City Reno, National Parks, Nature Preserves, and outdoor activities.

What many do not know is that what people see as Nevada is really a collaborative effort of all of us. Together we are one. This year's conference will work to strengthen the bond between all of us as a state. We welcome the opportunity to unite and create magic for our communities.

This year's conference brings us leadership development, partnership opportunities, innovative programming, the addition of cultural arts, and an opportunity to strengthen relationships. If you haven't had the opportunity to learn more about our Leadership (L.E.A.D.) Institute, please visit our website at www.nrps.org. The L.E.A.D. Institute is the first of its kind for Nevada and we are so excited to see this program grow and flourish! This year we will be rewarding the participants that have completed the 2023 L.E.A.D program.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our conference planning committee for their dedication and support in creating this year's conference while navigating the Peaks and Valleys in each of your personal and professional lives. You are all appreciated.

Lastly, if you have an opportunity to visit and thank our generous vendors, exhibitors, and sponsors, we would greatly appreciate it. Their contributions are truly vital to our organization and conference! I hope you enjoy the conference and your trip to Lake Tahoe. We welcome you to implement all the greatness from conference, not only in your own district, but throughout the State of Nevada and the country. Thank you for attending the 2024 conference, I am excited to see what you learn and take back to your areas.

Sincerely,
Chuck Ashby
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Time	Happening	Location
10:00a - 5:00p	Exhibitor Setup	Tahoe Blue Event Center
11:00a - 3:00p	PARKS Professional Workshop	Kahle Community Center
4:00 - 5:00p	NRPS Board Meeting	Edgewood Room
5:00 - 8:00p	Opening Social and North vs. South Competition	Flatstick Bar and Grill

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April 15th
5-8PM**

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Time	Happening	Location
7:30 - 9:00a	Check in, Continental Breakfast, Exhibitors	Party Zone/South Concourse
8:00 - 9:00a	LEAD Introduction Meeting (LEAD Participants only)	Balcony Meeting Room
9:00 - 10:30a	Keynote Speaker	Lapis/Sapphire Rooms
10:30 - 11:30a	Opening Remarks, Presidents Speech, Board Members Swearing in	Lapis/Sapphire Rooms
11:30a - 12:00p	Directors, Managers Forum	Balcony Meeting Room
12:00 - 1:00p	Lunch, Exhibitors Awards	Lapis/Sapphire Rooms
12:00 - 1:00p	LEAD Working Lunch	Edgewood Room
1:15 - 2:15p	Breakout Session	Cobalt, Turquoise
2:30 - 3:30p	Breakout Session	Azure, Cobalt, Turquoise
3:45 - 4:45p	Breakout Session	Azure, Cobalt, Turquoise
5:00 - 7:00p	Awards, Dinner, LEAD Graduation	Lapis/Sapphire Rooms

Dress Code: Semi-Formal

NRPS LEAD Graduation and Awards Banquet

Tahoe Blue Event Center
Tuesday, April 16

Kaizen Sponsored Cocktails
5:00-5:30p

MyRec Recreation Software Sponsored Awards
5:30-6:15p

Dinner
6:15 - 7:00p

LEAD Graduation
7:00 - 7:30p



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Opening Keynote Speaker- Donna Hartley

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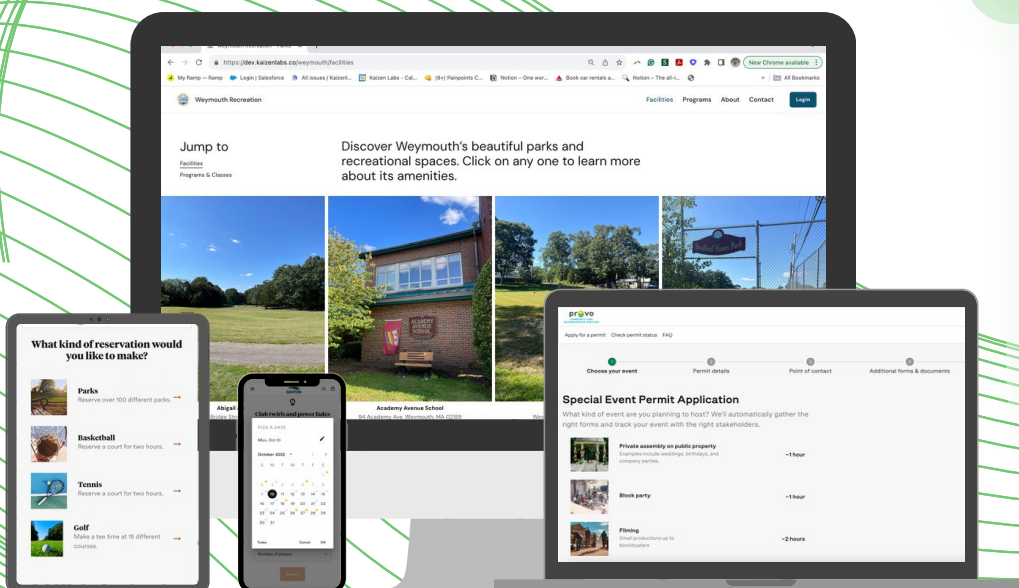
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NRPS CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Tuesday, April 16th, 2024

Peaks and Valleys!

1:15 - 2:15p

Cobalt

Moving into the Future: The Power
of Transformational Leadership
Lori Hoffner

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Turquoise

Pool Safety Hacks
Dr. Rachel Griffiths and
Dr. Tom Griffiths

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2:30 - 3:30p

Azure

Maximizing Quality of Life: Keeping
Active as we Age
Dr. Naomi Albertson

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Cobalt

If at first you don't succeed... don't
try again, DO AGAIN!
James Anderson

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Turquoise

Racial Equity and Inclusion-
Everyone Belongs
Paul Schmitz

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3:45 - 4:45p

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Professionalism and Why it Matters
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10 Steps to Creating Successful
Initiatives
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Digital Distraction- Productivity's
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Nevada Directors Forum

(Directors, Assistant Directors, and Managers)

Tuesday, April 16th
11:30a - 12:00p

Balcony Meeting



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Wednesday, April 17th

5:00 - 8:00p

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Closing Keynote Speaker- Krysta Palmer

At age 20, Krysta Palmer took up diving at the suggestion of a friend. Nine years later, she was in Tokyo representing Team USA at the Summer Olympics. The 2020 Olympic Games were Krysta's Olympic debut, and she delivered the first Olympic individual medal for a U.S. female diver since the year 2000. The road to her bronze medal was not typical for an Olympic diver. Krysta started diving at age 20. She started as an elite-level gymnast and then became one of the country's top trampoline athletes. Injuries made Krysta pivot within her sports career but her diverse background as an athlete made her an instant diving star. Krysta Palmer is currently training with hopes of making her second Olympic team in Paris 2024.

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10:45 - 11:45a

Azure

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The Power of Purpose and Passion
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Embracing Inconvenience
Jeff Wozer

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Azure

How do Good Swimmers Drown: Let
Me Count the Ways
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Beat Aging and Maximize Quality of
Life: Build Your Diet and Exercise
Program Pt 1
Dr. Naomi Albertson

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2:30 - 3:30p

Azure

Trends in Play Space Design
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3:45 - 4:45p

Azure

The Drowning Files Podcast, Dr. Tom's Lifeguard
Vision, Dr. Tom's Lifeguard Chronicles
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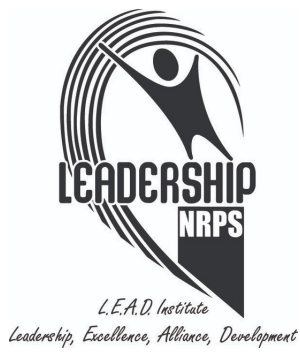


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The Nevada Recreation & Park Society’s LEAD Institute is our annual leadership development program for early, mid-career and seasoned professionals. Leadership development is critical to both public and parks and recreation employees.

It provides participants and agencies with skill sets, competencies, and a growing expertise that improves leadership ability and fosters individual and organizational success.

This two year program will enhance individual organizational leadership skills, specifically addressing leadership styles, philosophies, and competencies. In addition, the program explores and introduces emerging approaches of integrating leadership development and personal growth.

The course is designed to provide participatory and collaborative leadership and allows participants to learn from instructors and their fellow classmates. The intent is to prepare leaders with essential skills that will better prepare them for future challenges that require strategic thinking, collaboration, systems thinking, and leading change.

2023-2024 LEAD Class

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- Erin Straight
- Kendal Kerbrat
- Priscilla Scott
- Taylor Carman

Mentor

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- Jennifer Spinkelink
- Jordyn Wright
- Julien (JD) Green
- Kalie Crose
- Katie Boehme
- Kelly Lehr
- Kristen Carducci
- Lakeisha Dickens
- Latonya Lomax
- Lisa Tovar
- Paul Uhrig
- Taylor Ray
- Teresa Alvarez
- Willie Henderson

Mentee

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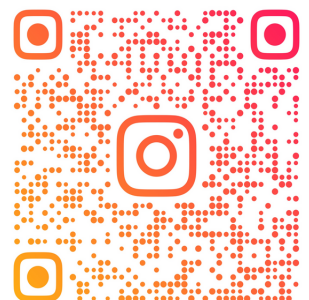
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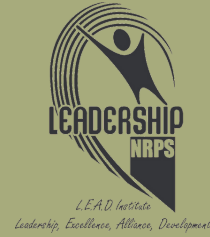
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