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The Illinois Association of Park Districts, headquartered in Springfield, has been serving park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies since 1928.

IAPD represents more than 2,100 elected and appointed board members and is composed of nearly 400 park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies, as well as corporate members.

The Illinois Association of Park Districts offers exclusive programs designed to maximize our members' resources and advance their mission, goals and objectives. IAPD's core service areas include:

- Grassroots Legislative Advocacy
- Board Training and Development
- Legal Services
- Education
- Research
- Technical Assistance
- Public Awareness
- Affinity Programs

The Illinois Association of Park Districts is the oldest and most successful statewide association of its kind. As a grassroots organization, IAPD's voice for parks, recreation and conservation is strong and respected throughout Illinois and the United States. Since 1980, legislation initiated by IAPD has passed 92 percent of the time.

Thanks in large part to the work of IAPD, Illinois citizens enjoy more than 560,000 acres of open space for recreation and parks.

IAPD Mission

IAPD is a non-profit service, research and educational organization that serves park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies. The association advances these agencies, their citizen board members and professional staff in their ability to provide outstanding park and recreation opportunities, preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life for all people in Illinois.

IAPD Vision

As a national leader, IAPD will provide superb association services to its members.

We will achieve our vision by:

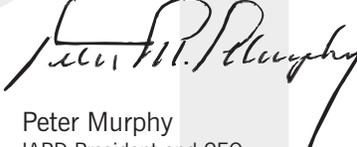
- Strengthening our alliances with environmental, economic and human service agencies throughout Illinois and the nation
- Maintaining a strong relationship with state and national government leaders
- Establishing grants and other new revenue streams for our members
- Addressing the problem of decreasing open spaces and natural areas in Illinois
- Assisting our members in the promotion of healthy lifestyles for all ages and abilities
- Assisting our members in their ability to meet community challenges, such as youth at risk, obesity and the demands of increasingly senior and diverse populations
- Helping our member agencies thrive in spite of a shortage of tax-based revenues

- Educating elected and appointed officials to work in cooperation with fellow board members to promote a stronger community through public parks, recreation and conservation

IAPD organizational strengths include, but are not limited to:

- Orientation and training programs for citizen board members
- Citizen advocacy initiatives that direct and draw on the power of individuals to educate policymakers on issues of vital importance to the mission of park, recreation and conservation agencies
- Educational materials such as *Illinois Parks & Recreation* magazine, books and newsletters, a dynamic website, in-depth and challenging educational seminars and an annual conference
- Technical assistance that helps member agencies increase their efficiency, meet their goals or acquire more funding
- More opportunities for member agencies to save costs on such budget items as utilities, insurance and other operational expenses

The IAPD will continue to achieve these results in a fiscally responsible manner that ensures the association's viability and makes membership a cost-effective necessity.



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State Capitol, Springfield

May 2, 2023
Legislative Reception
Illini Country Club,
Springfield

May 3, 2023
Legislative Conference
Crowne Plaza, Springfield

April-May 2023
Flying 4 Kids Months
Statewide Kite Fly

May 22, 2023
IAPD Boot Camp #1
Naperville Park District

May 23, 2023
IAPD Boot Camp #2
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May 31, 2023
IAPD Boot Camp #3
Hoffman Estates Park
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June 1, 2023
IAPD Boot Camp #4
New Lenox Community Park
District

June 8, 2023
IAPD Boot Camp #5
Peoria Park District

June 13, 2023
Virtual Webinar Boot Camp
Via Zoom

Aug. 19, 2023
**Park District Conservation
Day**
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As a member of IPRA, you are part of a community of nearly 3,000 park, recreation, and conservation professionals – and backed by IPRA staff with several decades of experience serving this incredible industry. We are so thankful for each and every one of you – and the hard work you do to provide outstanding opportunities in your communities.

We are excited for what we have in store for you in 2023!

- Our team is already working on a complete upgrade to our member database and website. We're eager to show you how this new platform will **improve the ways you'll access information and connect with one another**. First, you will notice a completely modernized and reorganized web presence. This should ease the process of finding the information you need quickly. You will also notice a new member profile where you can keep track of all your continuing education credits even if they are not issued by IPRA. We're hoping this meets a need for our members who would like to have one place to store their history. We're focusing on providing tools to enhance your member experience and meet your evolving needs.
- In April & May, your feedback will be critical as IPRA begins our **Strategic Planning** process. We will be seeking input from members, leaders, partners and the greater park, recreation, and conservation community to develop a new set of goals and initiatives for the next five years. Keep an eye out information on how to participate!
- We hope you'll join us in celebrating the **5th Annual Unplug Illinois Day**. On Saturday, July 15, 2023, we encourage Illinois residents to take a break from their electronic devices and "unplug" to enjoy everything that their local park, recreation, and conservation agencies have to offer. Events will take place throughout Illinois – and we encourage you to participate! Unplug Illinois promotes the value that parks, recreation and conservation play in creating healthier communities and encourages people to get out, unplug, play, and engage with one another through experiences at local agencies.
- Benjamin Franklin once said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." As we look ahead, we want to ensure you do not fail to prepare for your time with IPRA this year and beyond. Included here is **The IPRA Experience**, a unique trail map designed to show you the wonderful opportunities that can assist in your professional development at any point in your career. Decide on a starting point that works best for you, and if you're already on the trail, continue referencing the map for more features of interest to you. If at any point you need assistance, call the IPRA team because we are here to ensure your journey is a memorable one.



The IPRA experience offers an array of opportunities for all levels of experience and needs within a broad range of roles in the field of parks, recreation, and conservation. The goal is to support the on-going process of improving performance by building competency and strengthening the support system to help raise achievement for professionals.

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2023 IPRA Upcoming Events

June 14 & 15

Intersectionality: Exploring the Impact of Overlapping Identities and Experiences Webinar

What exactly is intersectionality and how does it impact your self-perception and how you relate to others? Learn how your intersectionality affects who you are and how you are valued in society today. The concept of Intersectionality was originally coined by Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw to show how multiple forms of diversity segments can be compounded and create barriers for, especially marginalized groups of people.

Speaker: Tracey Crawford, Executive Director, Northwest Special Recreation Association

June 23

Placemaking: Creating Play & Recreation Destinations that Thoughtfully Promote Community Health & Well-Being Webinar

The research is clear- high-quality play and recreation destinations can serve as catalysts for creating a healthier, happier communities. Explore innovative design best practices that encourage social and environmental change, meet the diverse needs of society, and create sustainable, innovative outdoor spaces that delight and surprise visitors. Communities can capitalize on local assets, inspiration, and potential by thoughtfully engaging stakeholders to dramatically transform outdoor spaces into vibrant community assets. Presented by Bill Patterson of Cunningham Recreation, this session will explore projects of distinction that exemplify how communities have mobilized resources to turn research into practice and unite diverse communities.

July 12 & 20

Recruitment and Retention: Today and Tomorrow's Challenge Webinar

In the post pandemic world recruitment and retention for all employees (seasonal, part time and full time) has become a huge challenge for parks and recreation professionals. This session will explore several methods in which to find applicants, develop a streamline approach to interviewing and establishing a culture to retain high quality employees.

Speaker: Chris Nunes Director of Parks and Recreation, The Woodlands Township

July 15

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For details and registration, please visit the IPRA event calendar at ILipra.org

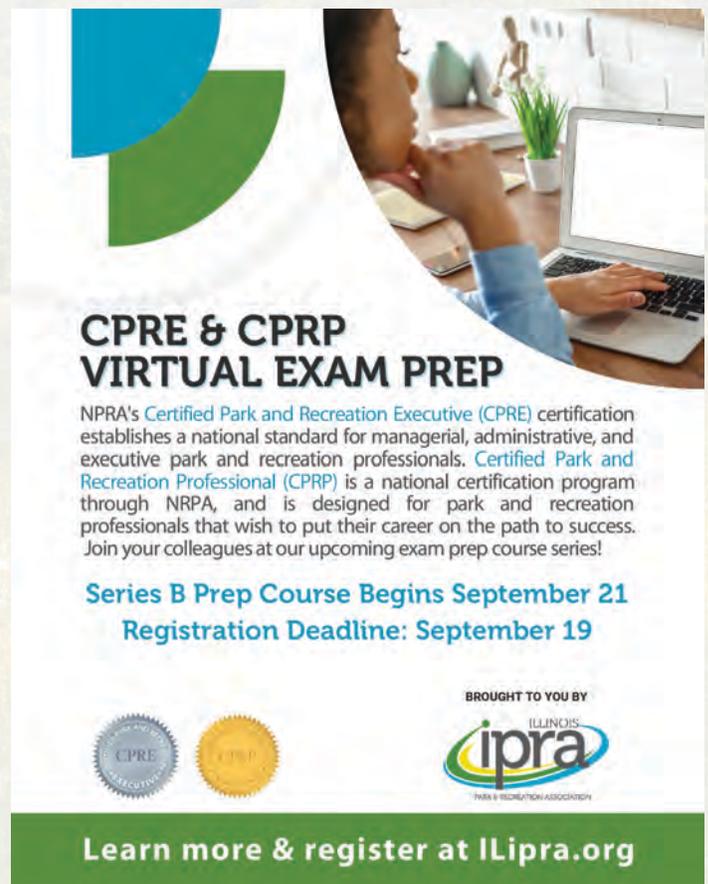


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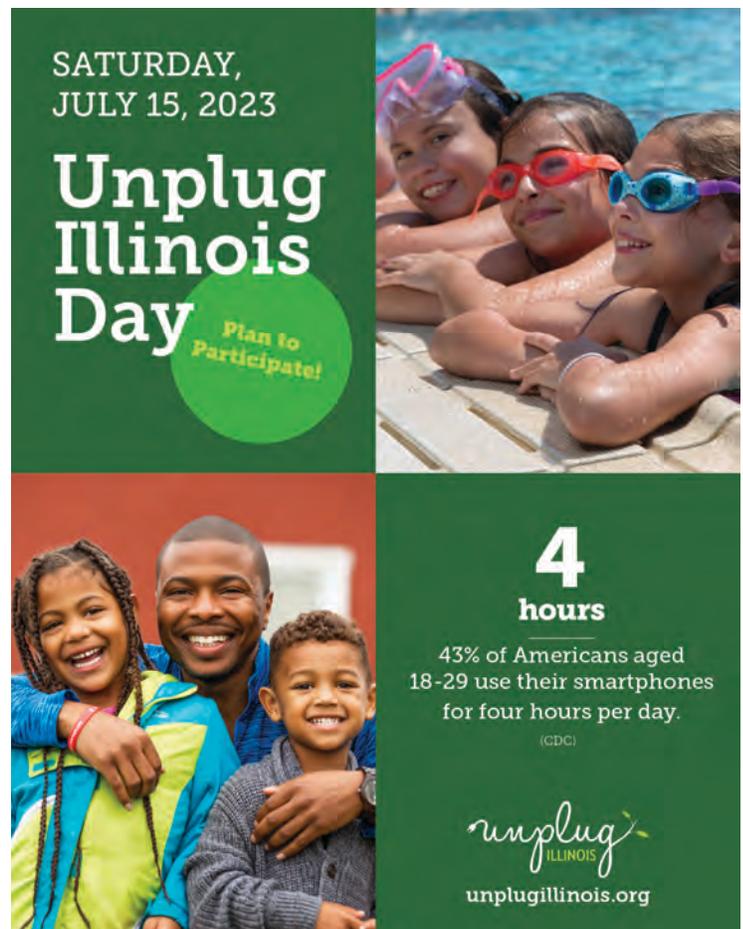
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