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# Spring Education and Training Symposium

**April 15 - 18, 2019 Humboldt, Saskatchewan**

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**Registration Deadline: March 31, 2019**

The SPRA Spring Education and Training Symposium will be held **April 15 - 18, 2019** at the **Humboldt Uniplex**. The Symposium will provide recreation, facility, parks practitioners and volunteers with the latest information and trends in the parks and facility industry.

## Why Should You Attend the 2019 Spring Education and Training Symposium?



### Professional development opportunities taught by certified instructors

Enjoy courses taught by certified instructors and experts in the field.



### Opportunities to connect with colleagues and experts from across Saskatchewan

Join SPRA and 1 Stop Playgrounds on Monday, April 15 (6:30 p.m.), at the Bella Vista Inn, for a Meet and Greet Social. Prepare for an evening of fun and networking. A hospitality room will also be available in the Bella Vista Inn each evening of the Symposium.



### Courses on topics that matter most to practitioners and volunteers

Symposium Streams include Parks, Arena, Parks and Recreation, Facilities, Supervisory and Landscape Maintenance.



## Accommodations

### Bella Vista Inn (Main Host Hotel)

Location: 1815 - 8th Avenue, Humboldt

Phone: 1-800-667-0790

Website: [www.bellavistainn.ca](http://www.bellavistainn.ca)

Reference: SPRA

Book by March 15, 2019 for discounted rates

### Canalta Hotel

Location: 2421 8th Avenue, Humboldt

Phone: 1-888-831-1331

Website: [www.canaltahotels.com](http://www.canaltahotels.com)

Reference: SPRA

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## Symposium Streams at a Glance

Course Focus	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18
Parks		Saskatchewan Parks Worker Course			
Arena	Arena Operator Level 2 Refrigeration Course				
Parks and Recreation		Tree Appraisal	Tree Pruning	Turf Management, Maintenance and Irrigation	
Facilities		Building Maintenance Level 1		Building Maintenance Level 2	
Supervisory		HR and Leadership	Employee Training and Safety Awareness	Asset Management and Capital Planning	Fundraising and Sponsorship (½ day) and Waste Management (½ day)
Landscape Maintenance		Landscape Applicator Program			

# Session Descriptions

\*Unless specified in course description, all courses run from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily.



## Arena Operator Level 2 Refrigeration Course (Certification)

**April 14 - 18, 2019**

Instructor: Bill Cote

This intensive five-day course will provide participants with an overview of modern industrial refrigeration systems. This course starts a day earlier - Sunday, April 14 - to cover the course content. Topics include: thermodynamics, operation and maintenance of refrigeration plants, refrigeration components, equipment and controls, and refrigerants and brines. Participants will write the Provincial Refrigeration Operator Exam at the end of the course to become a Licensed Refrigeration Operator in the province, qualified to supervise a refrigeration plant from 45 – 100 tonnes. The Refrigeration Operator Exam: Thursday, April 18 at 3:00 p.m.

## HR and Leadership

**April 15, 2019**

Instructor: Laura Soparlo, Soparlo Consulting

Leadership is an essential ingredient for successful supervisors. This course will provide a fundamental view of leadership styles and practical advice on how to become a better leader. The learning objectives for this session include: understanding the importance of leadership in a dynamic and changing work environment, appreciating the different types of leadership styles, identifying traits of exceptional leaders, knowing the difference between leadership and management, understanding when to lead and when to follow, identifying personal leadership strengths and weaknesses using Colour Spectrums, and establishing a leadership action plan. This session will help you create and maintain a high performance recreation team.

NEW

## Saskatchewan Parks Worker (Certification)

**April 15 - 18, 2019**

Instructor: Patricia Hanbidge, Saskatoon School of Horticulture

This course provides an overview of a typical parks system and its maintenance practices including plant physiology, soil health and best practices for park landscapes in Saskatchewan, from design and construction to maintenance of parks and park features. The Saskatchewan Parks Worker Course was developed by SPRA in partnership with the Saskatoon School of Horticulture in response to SPRA Member needs for a single course that would provide municipal and park staff with the understanding of best practices related to parks. Successful completion of the course exam provides participants with a Certificate of Completion issued by SPRA.

## Tree Appraisal

**April 15, 2019**

Instructor: Verna Mumby, Mumby's Arboriculture Consulting

This course will introduce you to the history of tree appraisal, its application and the methods used. You will conduct an appraisal in the field as a group and will assess trees to determine plant condition, plant site rating, plant contribution rating and placement rating. Classroom discussion will include determining the value of the tree data collected in the field, outlining how the appraisal is documented in a report and discussing case studies. Participants are required to wear appropriate clothing for being outside as the class has multiple indoor and outdoor components. Tools such as diameter tape, clipboard, and binoculars are helpful.

NEW

## Building Maintenance Level 1

**April 15 - 16, 2019**

Instructor: Kameron Kiland, Manager of Facility Services, Horizon School Division #205 and Craig Geisler, CAO, Town of Balcarres

This course has undergone a significant content upgrade. The course will cover all areas of facility operation including mechanical and structural maintenance, preventative maintenance, risk management and boiler operation, HVAC maintenance, energy efficiency and custodial care. Participants will receive the Building Maintenance Level 1 certificate upon completion of the course.

NEW

## Landscape Applicator Program (Certification)

**April 15 - 18, 2019 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)**

Instructor: Saskatchewan Polytechnic and Carlton Trail Regional College

This course will discuss how to control pests to maintain ornamental plants and turf on outdoor, residential, commercial and public lands - including the use of herbicides, fungicides, insecticides and vertebrate control products in nurseries for propagation of landscape and garden plants. Course topics will include Pesticide Safety Practices and Federal and Provincial Legislation. The program provides basic knowledge for commercial pesticide applicators and meets the provincial requirements for pesticide applicator certification. The Provincial Certification Exam will be written on Thursday morning following a course material review period.

# Session Descriptions



## Employee Training and Safety Awareness

**April 16, 2019**

Instructor: Joel Friesen, Operations Manager - Town of Fort Qu'Appelle and J.F. Occupational Health and Safety Assist

This course will assist supervisors and workers in identifying and controlling workplace H&S concerns and hazards. Topics include: understanding and meeting provincial legislation, identifying and dealing with hazards faced daily by workers including slip and falls, chemical safety, safe lifting, ladders, sprains and strains, weather, fatigue and dehydration, confined space awareness training, facility chemical and fossil fuel audit, and incident reporting.

## Tree Pruning

NEW

**April 16, 2019**

Instructor: Verna Mumby, Mumby's Arboriculture Consulting

This course will review: tree anatomy, tree biology, pruning, tree identification and general insect and diseases of trees on the prairies. This course will involve a combination of indoor and outdoor activities. Participants are required to bring safety glasses and hand pruners. Hand pruning saws (not power saws) are beneficial but not required.

## Asset Management and Capital Planning

NEW

**April 17, 2019**

Instructor Gordon Sparks and Darian Brown, Asset Management Saskatchewan

Learn from the experts how to properly manage your assets. Learn about the lifecycle costing process and how the levels of service impact your asset management decisions. Use this valuable information to plan your capital budgeting. This session will focus on case studies, best practices, and provide practical tools to help you get started with asset management or revive your process.

## Turf Management, Maintenance and Irrigation (Certification)

NEW

**April 17 - 18, 2019**

Instructor: Sports Turf Canada

SPRA is proud to be able to offer this course in collaboration with Sports Turf Canada. This is the first time this course has been offered in Saskatchewan. This two-day course introduces the latest principles and techniques of managing and maintaining natural sports turf. The course includes 1.5 days focused on turf with the remaining half focused on irrigation. Course topics include: turf species, soils for turfgrass, cultural practices for encouraging good playing conditions, an overview of turf weeds and pests, poorly performing fields, field construction and irrigation and water considerations. Following successful completion of the course exam, participants will receive a certificate issue by Sports Turf Canada.

## Building Maintenance Level 2

NEW

**April 17 - 18, 2019**

Instructor: Kameron Kiland, Manager of Facility Services, Horizon School Division #205 and Craig Geisler, CAO, Town of Balcarres

Like Building Maintenance Level 1, this course has been significantly revised and updated. The course builds upon the Level 1 course. This course is designed to help operators have a deeper understanding of the workings of their facilities. Topics include: painting, electrical systems, plumbing, control systems, building envelop (foundation, cladding, windows and roofing), fire suppression systems and troubleshooting. Participants will receive the Building Maintenance Level 2 certificate upon completion of the course.

## Fundraising and Sponsorship

**April 18, 2019 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m)**

Instructor: Stephanie Hughes, DCG Philanthropic Services Inc.

This course will focus on structuring a fundraising and sponsorship program for your community. Participants will be provided with tools and resources, such as feasibility studies, writing and testing a case for support, proposal development and training volunteers. DCG will share best practices from numerous projects (large and small) that have been successful in Saskatchewan.

## Waste Management

NEW

**April 18, 2019 (1:00 pm. - 4:30 p.m.)**

Instructor: Connie Anderson, Molok North America

Parks and recreation facilities host many visitors and participants each year generating tons of waste. What can our industry do to better manage waste and be greener? This course will focus on practical ways to manage waste in parks and recreation facilities. Municipal parks and recreation facilities should aspire to be leaders/stewards in properly managing waste in our communities. Learn about waste management best practices, products and services designed to help, and what you can do to make your facilities greener.

## Registration

Complete the enclosed Registration Form and return it to SPRA at:  
100 - 1445 Park Street  
Regina, SK S4N 4C5

Online registration is also available at  
[www.spra.sk.ca/symposium](http://www.spra.sk.ca/symposium)