



Saskatchewan  
Parks and Recreation  
Association

# 2017 SPRING EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

*Providing recreation, facility, parks practitioners and volunteers with the latest information and trends in the parks and facility industry.*



April 10 - 13, 2017 Humboldt, Saskatchewan

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Registration deadline: April 4, 2017

# Three Reasons You Can't Miss the 2017 Spring Education and Training Symposium

## Professional development opportunities taught by certified instructors



Enjoy courses taught by certified instructors and experts in the field. Many of the courses are certified components of the Western Facility Operator Master Certification Program.

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



Join SPRA and Park N Play Design on Tuesday, April 11 (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 1, Parks 2, Supervisory, Aquatics, Arena and Parks/Facilities.

## Accommodations

**Bella Vista Inn** (Highway #5 West)  
Phone: 1-800-667-0790

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

Book by March 10, 2017 for discounted rates (reference the SPRA Symposium)

### Canalta Hotel

Phone: 1-888-831-1331

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

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**The Symposium will be held April 10 to 13, 2017 at the Humboldt Uniplex - the main recreation facility in Humboldt - located on Highway #5 West.**

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## Hockey Night in Humboldt

**April 12 (5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)**

Join us at the Elgar Peterson Arena for Hockey Night in Humboldt! Bring your equipment and have some fun on the ice. Register for the event on the attached registration form.

## Testimonials

*"The Symposium is very valuable for operators like myself to network with other people in my field of employment and to have knowledgeable instructors on hand to offer valuable information for attendees."*  
- Spring Symposium Participant

*"The Symposium was fantastic! I would recommend it as a 'must' to all new Recreation Directors!"*  
- Spring Symposium Participant

*"After attending the Symposium and learning new information and techniques regarding the care of community green spaces and outdoor facilities, we will be implementing the practices throughout the upcoming months."*  
- Spring Symposium Participant



# Symposium Streams at a Glance

Parks 1	Parks 2	Supervisory	Aquatics	Arena	Parks/Facilities
Monday, April 10					
Saskatchewan Parks Worker Course	Landscape Applicators Program	HR Boot Camp™	Aquatic Programmer	Arena Operator Level 2 Refrigeration	Invasive Weeds of Saskatchewan
Tuesday, April 11					
↓	↓	Event Planning and Management	↓	↓	Trail Building and Development
Wednesday, April 12					
↓	↓	Janitorial/Custodial	Provincial Pool Operators	↓	Janitorial/Custodial
Thursday, April 13					
↓	↓	Employee Safety and Awareness Training	↓	Arena Operator Level 2 Exam (1:00 p.m.)	Employee Safety and Awareness Training



## Session Descriptions

\*Unless specified in course description, all courses will start at 8:30 a.m. daily.

### HR Boot Camp™

**April 10, 2017**

**Instructor:** Knibbs/associates

HR Boot Camp™ is meant to provide training and understanding to those that are new to or less experienced in HR and those that deal with HR matters besides their regular duties. This is Module one of the four Module Camp.

This Module - Legal, Ethical and How Would You Like to be Treated? - will explore:

- Employment Standards, including overtime, leaves, work week, etc.
- Human Rights, including duty to accommodate and equal pay
- Occupation Health and Safety, including harassment
- Labour Relations, including management's rights to impose rules
- Termination, including with or without cause and upcoming legal issues

Space is limited to 25 seats so register early to avoid disappointment.

### Invasive Weeds of Saskatchewan

**April 10, 2017**

**Instructor:** Renny Grilz, Meewasin Valley Authority

Invasive plants are a growing problem in both urban and rural Saskatchewan. This course will focus on the most common invasive plant species found in the province. It is increasingly important for municipalities and land owners to manage invasive weeds due to environmental and safety concerns.

Course topics will include:

- Plant identification
- Effects of invasive plants on the environment
- Prevention, management and control strategies

This course is presented in partnership with the Association of Saskatchewan Urban Parks and Conservation Agencies.

### Aquatic Programmer

**April 10 to 11, 2017**

**Instructor:** Canadian Red Cross-Alberta

With the increasing demands from patrons and regulatory sectors, it is important that today's aquatic professionals have a clear understanding of current situations and trends.

This course is a Canadian Red Cross Certification Course that covers:

- Community Mapping
- Risk Management
- Program Planning
- Leadership
- Staffing
- Marketing and Administration

Participants will learn how to provide a better service to their clients by understanding if the project-at-hand is feasible and what human, facility and financial resources are required for event success.

# Session Descriptions Continued

## Arena Operator Level 2 Refrigeration (Certification)

**April 10 to 13, 2017 (8:00 a.m. start)**

**Instructor:** Bill Cote, CIMCO Refrigeration

This intensive course will provide the essential refrigeration theory to give participants an overview of modern industrial refrigeration systems.

Course topics include:

- Thermodynamics
- Operation and maintenance of refrigeration plants
- Refrigeration components
- Equipment and controls
- Refrigerants and brines

As a certified course component of the Western Facility Operator Master Certification Program, participants will have the opportunity to test their knowledge and receive their Arena Operator Level 2 Certificate as well as write the Provincial Refrigeration Operators Exam to become a Licensed Arena Operator in the province, qualified to run a refrigeration unit 100 tonne and under.

The Refrigeration Operators Exam: Thursday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.

## NEW Saskatchewan Parks Worker (Certification)

**April 10 to 13, 2017 (9:00 a.m. start)**

**Instructor:** Patricia Hanbridge, Saskatoon School of Horticulture

This course provides an overview of a typical municipal parks system, its ecological components and its maintenance practices.

Course topics include:

- Parks history
- Park management and design
- Soil health
- Plant biology
- Parks maintenance
- Park challenges

Discussion will be focused on these topics in relation to the operation, maintenance and development of a park system within Saskatchewan. Successful completion of the course exam will provide the participant with their Parks Operator component for the Western Facility Operator Master Certification Program. The Saskatchewan Parks Worker Course is newly developed by the Saskatoon School of Horticulture and SPRA and is offered in place of the former Urban Parks Worker Course.

## Landscape Applicator Program (Certification)

**April 10 to 13, 2017 (9:00 a.m. start)**

**Instructor:** Carlton Trail 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 include:

- Pesticide Safety Practices (label Information, personal hazards, protective clothing and equipment, environmental hazards, safe use and handling and emergency procedures)
- Legislation (Federal and Provincial)

The Landscape Applicator Program provides basic knowledge for commercial pesticide applicators and meets the provincial requirements for pesticide applicator certification.

Provincial Certification Exam: Thursday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.

## Event Planning and Management

**April 11, 2017**

**Instructor:** Karen Turner-Turner Event Management

This course provides event managers and program managers, with clear, concise methods as well as the tools and guidelines to assist in the planning of events.

Course topics include:

- Program development
- Marketing and promotion
- Volunteer management
- Sponsorship and fundraising
- Project management

Participants will learn how to provide a better service to their clients by understanding if the project-at-hand is feasible and necessary human, facility and financial resources that are required for event success. By the end of this phase you and your core organizing committee will know how to address key questions and plan an amazing event.

## Trail Building and Development

**April 11, 2017**

**Instructor:** Larry Golby

If you've decided to build a recreation trail in your community – congratulations! Of all outdoor recreation facilities, a trail can be one of the most rewarding and one of the most versatile. Unlike other facilities which appeal only to specific interest groups or fitness buffs, everyone can enjoy a trail – senior citizens, young families, people with handicaps and groups and clubs. Your trail will offer an exciting outdoor experience to all. It will also add a valuable asset to your community. This course will assist you in the development and construction of a new trail in your community.

## Janitorial/Custodial (WHMIS Certification)

**April 12, 2017**

**Instructor:** Joel Friesen, J.F. Occupational Health and Safety Assist

Participants will learn the basics of proper janitorial maintenance and the importance of a clean facility.

Course topics include:

- Workplace Hazardous Material Information System Training (WHMIS)
- Restroom cleaning procedures
- Disinfecting vs sanitizing
- Hard floor care,
- Carpet care
- Cleaning using biologicals
- 'Green' cleaning

Participants will receive WHMIS Certification as well as recognition of completion of course component of the Western Facility Operator Certification.

## Provincial Pool Operators (Certification)

**April 12 to 13, 2017**

**Instructor:** Terry Gadzala, U of S Aquatics

This course provides theoretical and practical experience for those involved in pool operations.

Course topics include:

- Pool chemistry
- Filtration and mechanical
- Management/programming

As a certified course component of the Western Facility Operator Master Certification Program, participants will have the opportunity to test their knowledge and receive their Provincial Pool Operators Certificate.

## Employee Safety and Awareness Training

**April 13, 2017**

**Instructor:** Joel Friesen, J.F. Occupational Health and Safety Assist

The course will assist supervisors, managers and worker's identify and control work place H&S concerns and hazards.

Course topics include:

- Provincial legislation
- Hazards faced daily by workers, including slip and falls, chemical safety, safe lifting, ladders, sprains and strains, ect.
- Confined Space Awareness Training
- Facility Chemical and Fossil Fuel Audit
- Patron Accident/Incident reporting

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