

# 2011



## Conference, Trade Show & Awards Ceremony

Join us for a wonderful day of learning,  
networking & recognizing our 2010  
Award Recipients

Friday, March 18th  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Roger Williams University



**RIRPA Conference Committee:**

John Taylor, Scott Sevegny, Carol Meruddu, Walter Burke, Andrew Wade

# Conference Itinerary

**8:00am - 9:00am**     **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WITH THE VENDORS**  
*Please support those who support the Association*

**9:00am**                 **WELCOMING REMARKS - Dan Mazzulla, RIRPA President**

**9:15am - 10:30am**                 **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**

**Session 1**                 **THE NEW WAVE IN SPORTS “ULTIMATE FRISBEE”**

**Matthew Stein, Roger Williams University/ Barrington Recreation Department**

Mr. Stein has been in the forefront of the Ultimate Frisbee wave and brings to the conference the basic organization and principles of the sport. His presentation will contain highlights of the College Championship, organization of practices, the logistics, safety, and competitive aspect of the game. Matthew Stein holds a level two coaching certificate in Ultimate Frisbee and is a College Professor at Roger Williams University in the Engineering Department with college experience as a player in Ultimate Frisbee and has continued to participate in this sport in a Rhodelsland League. Mr. Stein was instrumental in starting a program for the Barrington Recreation Department by organizing a team that has grown over the past couple of years to thirty-five participants. His program has competed in A & B Tournaments in New England. Presently, he is developing a high school team to compete this spring with other high schools in the area and tournaments.

**Session 2**                 **DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PARENTS IN RECREATION SETTINGS**

**Dianne Mailloux, CPRP, MPA, American Red Cross**

Dianne Mailloux brings a great number of years of experience at dealing with all types of parents while working in the East Hartford Recreation Department as a Recreation Supervisor from 1997-2009. She has been affiliated with the RIRPA as a Vice President, a chair-elect, chair, and past chair of New England Regional Council of NRPA, and Aquatic Committee Chair of the Connecticut RPA. She holds her highest degree as a Master of Public Administration and is currently working with the RI American Red Cross Chapter. Dianne will provide important “strategies” in dealing with difficult parents. What we do and what we say when we meet and are being confronted depends greatly on what to say and what not to say. When meeting these parents we need effective communication tools to defuse any confrontations that can occur over the situation. The session will include role-playing scenarios and an evaluating process to determine the out come of such meetings.

**Session 3**     **INNOVATING PROGRAMMING IDEAS TO CREATE COMMUNITY FITNESS**

**Cheryl Hancin is a program supervisor for Groton Recreation that oversees summer camps and fitness and wellness programs. She holds a Master’s degree in Sport Management, MBA bussiness degree, and is a Nutrition Coach and a presentator at a number of confrences in related fields.**

The latest figures in from the government statics indicated that we have a nation of over weight and obese adults and children. Many of Recreation programs across the country are starting to offer community fitness program. This session asks the question of, “Want to create a fit community”? Of course we are all looking to get into the mix. This session is an interactive on learning how to start a successful adult fitness programs by creating programs such as, “The Biggest Loser,” “Weight Loss Challenge, Wellness, and Nutrition.” The best part of this presentation is that you can learn how on a tight budget. So get year exercise gear on and come on in and have some fun.

**10:30am - 11:15am**  
**Visit Your Vendors Who Support**  
**RIRPA**

**11:15am – 12:30pm**

## **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**

### **Session 4 DO YOU NEED AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM?**

**Cordelia Dawson, Operation Director at Williwaw Adventures, G.M.I. Architecture Company.**

Cordelia Dawson is Operations Director at Williwaw Adventures, a wilderness travel camp for youth 12-17 years of age. Their program offers one to three weeklong summer expeditions in New England and the Pacific Northwest. Camp programs offer a safe experience in a challenging adventure of exploration and fun. Cordelia has had additional outdoor experience working four years as an educator and a crew member of a sailing ship that provides experimental education at sea in both the Pacific Northwest, Caribbean, and South America. Her presentation in an Outdoor Adventure program will provide information on; participants developing confidence, self-reliance, a sense of personal responsibility and the respect for nature. At this session she will discuss the benefits and challenges associated with Outdoor Adventure Programs in addressing critical components, directional leadership, cost, equipment, insurance and liability.

### **Session 5 DON'T LET A BULLY TAKE OVER YOUR CAMP**

**Stephanie Briggs - Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center**

Stephanie Briggs has been with the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center for ten years. She is currently the education advocate that facilitates violence prevention intervention programs in the Blackstone Valley and Pawtucket School Districts. These programs include Cyber Bullying, Date Violence, Bullying, Healthy Friendships, Internet Safety, and Media Education. Jessica Walsh is with the youth violence prevention department of the Women's Resource Center at the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center. She facilitates partnerships among teens and adults to build activities and prevention projects. She utilizes the Empowerment Evaluation Model in her prevention programs to train agency staff and community teams. She has been active in delivering prevention education to local schools along with after school programs, curriculum design, and a summer Peace Camp. This session will be a workshop that explores the many faces of bullying in addition to exploring ways professionals can facilitate effective interventions that will help all parties dealing with Bullying.

### **Session 6 GROWING GRASS IN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS**

**Brian Boesch, Turf Research Associate, University of Rhode Island**

Brian Boesch is a turf management specialist for URI. He is part of the University Turf Grass Management System within the Department of Plant Science. Brian's focus in his field is to produce a high quality turf for golf courses and sport turfs. His research has centered on turf management methods to improve turf quality, reduce maintenance cost, and implement friendly environmental methods of managing turf.

**12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

## **AWARDS LUNCH**

Please join us as we honor individuals and communities for their outstanding contribution to the advancement of the parks and recreation field in Rhode Island. Award recipients TBA

**\* Department of the Year \* John "Jack" Cronin Award \* Settimo Ricci Award \***

**\* Walter Henry Award \* Step Up to the Plate Award \***

**2:30pm – Closing Remarks – Dan Mazzulla, President, RIRPA**



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Cranston Parks and Recreation Department  
1090 Cranston Street  
Cranston, RI 02920**

# RHODE ISLAND RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

## Professional Day and Awards Luncheon

March 18, 2011

Roger Williams University,  
1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol RI

### Vendor Registration Form

6' display tables are available for \$125 (includes one lunch)  
Special Sponsorships are available \* First come, first serve as space is limited

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$125 (6' display table - includes one lunch)	Number of Tables _____	X \$125 = _____
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\$25 - extra lunch	Number of Tickets _____	X \$25 = _____
\$100 – Additional Sponsorships	Number of Sponsorships _____	X \$100 = _____

- Breakfast Program - \$100
- Coffee Break / Vendor Showcase - \$100
- Step Up To The Plate Award Sponsor - \$100

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to RIRPA. Registration forms and payment can be sent to:  
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**RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!**  
**MORE INFORMATION ON SET UP TO FOLLOW**



## RIRPA Conference / Awards Luncheon Reservation Form



Please complete form, attach fee, and return **by March 5th** to:

RIRPA Conference  
c/o Andrew Wade  
100 Old River Rd, PO Box 100  
Lincoln RI 02865  
401-333-8416

**Registration form can be faxed to 401-333-8416 or e-mailed to [awade@lincolnri.org](mailto:awade@lincolnri.org)  
Check, Cash or PO# must be received prior to March 5th to confirm attendance.**

**Checks and/or Purchase Orders payable to: RIRPA**

### 1. General Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Fees

\$65 (RIRPA Members) \$75 (non members) - (includes sessions and luncheon)

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$65/\$75 = \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 – Student (includes sessions and banquet) Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X\$25= \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 – Banquet ticket only (guests) – Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: =====**

### 3. Payment Method – payable to RIRPA

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cash (please enclose)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase order # \_\_\_\_\_