



# 2021 Leadership Forum

August 23-24

Pigeon Forge Community Center

## Monday 8/23/2021

### **9:00-9:30am Check In and Networking**

Bring your coffee and join us for a conversation on what is happening in parks and recreation today.

### **9:30-10:30am Feasibility Studies: First Things First (0.1 CEU)**

The session will highlight the importance and key components of a park and recreation feasibility study. Presenters will outline how a feasibility study functions differently than a traditional master plan as well as why this step is critical to better understand and estimate project constraints, budgets and timelines. Lose Design will provide several examples of how feasibility studies have been recently used to improve project flow, from a concept plan vision to real world built spaces. Speaker: Daniel Boutte, Senior Landscape Architect, Josh Gulick, Senior Landscape Architect, and Sean Guth, Associate Vice President, Architecture, Lose Design

### **10:40-11:40am When Plants Attack (0.1 CEU)**

This presentation will discuss the importance of native plants along with information on Non-native plants and how to possibly eradicate them. Speaker: Diane Warwick, Forestry Program Specialist, Tennessee Department of Ag and Forestry

### **11:40-2:00pm Lunch on Your Own**

We will provide you with a list of close local options at the event.

### **2:00-3:00pm All Ages, All Abilities, All the Time (0.1 CEU)**

Parks today face the challenge of providing environments where all visitors can feel safe, secure and fully engaged. Universal design increases usability, safety, health and social participation. In this presentation, participants will discover how applying the principles of universal design ultimately contribute to social equity and social sustainability in parks. Speaker: Jill Moore, Landscape Structures

### **3:10-4:10pm Access for all: ADA and What it Means for Us as Park Professionals (0.1 CEU)**

With the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) behind us, we still see many non-compliant facilities in our communities. The Department of Justice and other federal and state agencies have recommitted to focus on ADA, putting pressure on communities to be in compliance. We will share the importance of ADA, how it affects Park Departments, and many common examples of barriers to access that we find in completing ADA Transition Plans throughout the state. Speaker: Alisha Eley, PLA, LEED AP, ASLA & Michael Shelton, ASLA, PLA, AICP, Kimley Horn

### **Dinner on Your Own**

## Tuesday 8/24/2021

### **9:00-11:00am Modern Management 101 (0.2 CEU)**

Managers face different challenges on entering leadership roles. Today we will discuss topics such as workplace inclusion, workplace performance, planning and organizing, and finally, motivation and workplace culture. Speaker: Abb Oglesby, Training and Development Manager, Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS)

**11:10-12:10am Reimagining Public Engagement (0.1 CEU)**

In the midst of a global pandemic and with schedules maxed out, gone are the days of well-attended week night public meetings. Public engagement has become even more difficult with demographic changes and the way people are used to interacting in this digital age. This session will cover unique ideas and success stories of public interaction techniques, both virtual and in-person. Speakers: Alisha Eley, PLA, LEED AP, ASLA & Michael Shelton, ASLA, PLA, AICP, Kimley Horn

**12:10-1:10pm Box Lunch & Current Issues Roundtables (only available on-site)**

We will provide the box lunch. Bring your thoughts and solutions for current issues and learn from your peers. Topics will be decided by the participants.

**1:20-2:20pm Real Budgeting for Parks & Recreation: Proven Tools for Better Results (0.1 CEU)**

We all know the story; no matter our size and economy, we are challenged to do more with less. The key to make it work is knowing how to measure, evaluate and convey your budget to your governing body. Come and learn what works and take real solutions back to your communities to foster better parks and recreation. Speaker: Michael Walters Young, Budget & Strategic Innovation Manager, City of Franklin

*Recorded education sessions will be available to registered participants until September 14, 2021*

**Hotel Information**

No hotel blocks have been secured for this event. TRPA encourages everyone to stay at a place they feel comfortable. For your convenience the following hotels are near the event site.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham 865-908-6633

Clarion Inn 865-868-5300

Courtyard by Marriott 865-366-3201

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**Registration** deadline 8/9/2021 Noon CT

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