

ARPA NEWS YOU CAN USE...



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THANKS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINDSAY WRIGHT

I just wanted to send out a quick thank you for your patience and especially your kind thoughts and prayers over the past few weeks while I was out on maternity leave. I am now back in the office full-time, so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (334-279-9160) or e-mail (arpa@knology.net).

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP IN ORANGE BEACH

Registration forms for the upcoming workshop in Orange Beach will be e-mailed shortly. The fall workshop will be held September 9-10 at Perdido Beach Resort. The registration fee is only \$75 per person and includes a welcome reception on Wednesday evening the 9th and breakfast and three hours of education on Thursday morning, September 10th. Reservations must be made at Perdido Beach Resort by August 7th to ensure that you receive the discounted rate of \$141 per person. To make your reservations please call 1-800-634-8001 and mention that you are with the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association.



The registration form will also be available on-line once this has been e-mailed at www.arpaonline.org.

ARPA CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

ARPA is planning on hosting a District/Agency softball tournament on Saturday, August 29, 2009, at Lagoon Park Softball Complex in Montgomery. This will be a great opportunity for you to play as a team with your peers from across the state! The entry fee for each team is only \$100 and each team must consist of 5 girls and 5 guys. **ONLY ARPA MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT.** More information will follow, but be getting your team together!



REVENUE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 7TH

ARPA will host a Revenue Management Workshop on Wednesday, October 7th at the State Office. This event will be the day after the COPP in Montgomery. A \$5.00 discount will be applied for all COPP participants! In today's economy this workshop couldn't come at a better time. The workshop will include four one-hour sessions, including topics such as, "Making your Own Budget", "New Streams of Revenue", "How to Squeeze your Dollars", and "ADECCA Grants". Please mark your calendars now – cost to attend is \$25.00 per person or \$20.00 per person for those participating in the COPP tournament.



ARPA LEAD PROGRAM

The 2009 LEAD information and applications are now available on-line. The deadline to apply for this program is Tuesday, September 1st. To download the information please visit the ARPA website at www.arpaonline.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Professional Development Chair, Mike Sullivan, at mike.sullivan@homewoodal.org.



PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Don't forget that July is Parks and Recreation Month - so be sure and get outside and get active! Parks and Recreation Agencies continue to touch the lives of individuals around the state. We should always strive to set a good example for those around us! And remember:

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up"

~ John Andrew Holmes

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Nicole Wilson Cook, Director of Haleyville Parks and Recreation, has resigned her position, effective July 24, 2009. She has decided to teach Special Education at Double Springs Elementary for K, 1st, and 2nd grades. ARPA would like to wish Nicole continued success in her future endeavors.