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2009 RECREATIONAL SPORTS MANUAL AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The 2009 ARPA Recreational Sports Manual is now available on-line, at www.arpaonline.org. To download this from the website, please click on "Reference Materials".



ARPA EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Senior Leader Workshop to be held APRIL 1st at the State Office in Montgomery. The workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with lunch included. This is an excellent workshop that will cover a wide range of topics, including: Speed Dating for Seniors, Cooking for 1 (or 2), drum circles, and an idea swap, such as marketing, publications, new trends, etc. Registration is only \$25.00 per person and this includes lunch! If you have any questions please contact the State Office at 334-279-9160.

ARPA DISTRICT III EDUCATION WORKSHOP

District III Summer Camp Workshop will be held Wednesday, May 27th in Gadsden at Academy Sports & Outdoors. The fee is only \$20 per person, lunch, snacks and other prizes are included in the fee! Greg Catalano (Dr. Phun) will perform his "are you ready for summer" program. For more information please contact, District III Chair, Mike Sullivan at 205-332-6709.

MLB PITCH, HIT & RUN

Give youngsters in your community the FREE opportunity to participate in Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run. Your local winners could advance to a Major League ballpark! Open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14; can be hosted on a baseball diamond or any open field; only takes a handful of volunteers to organize the Local Competition; 4 levels of competition – Local, Sectional, Team Championship & National Finals;

Local Competitions take place from March 1 – Mid May. Please visit www.mlb.com/phr to find more information on this free program and sign up to host a competition today.

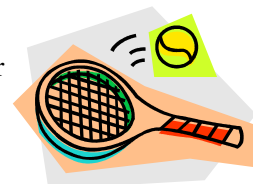


2009 TENNIS IN THE PARKS (TIP) REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

The new and improved 2009 TIP online registration process has begun for renewal agencies and new agencies. All TIP agencies/organizations must re-register each year to continue participation in this FREE initiative and to continue to receive available resources.

Tennis in the Parks is a partnership between NRPA and the United States Tennis Association that provides resources and support to communities who are committed to growing and improving tennis programs, infrastructure and advocacy efforts in their local communities.

Benefits include marketing support for your programs, expert technical assistance from USTA, complimentary tennis training equipment for new agencies, discounts on tennis training equipment, training support for coaches, facility construction and maintenance support, access to public facility assistance and funding, information on USTA events and trainings in your area and MORE!



To get started, visit www.nrpa.org/usta.

NRPA LEGISLATIVE FORUM – WASHINGTON DC

The NRPA Legislative Forum will be held next week, March 17-20 in Washington DC. The forum provides a unique opportunity to inform our nation's leaders about the essential services provided by park and recreation agencies within local communities. With a new administration and new Congress promising everything from energy and climate change to the surface transportation reauthorization and healthcare reform, the opportunities to advance our legislative agenda are immense. ***Please note the State Office will be closed during this time due to travel to Washington DC.***



ARPA BOARD MEETING

The ARPA Board of Directors will meet in Montgomery at the State Office on Wednesday, March 11, 2009.