

# ARPA NEWS YOU CAN USE...



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## **2009 LEAD PROGRAM**

ARPA would like to recognize those that have been accepted for this year's Leadership Enhancement and Development Program (LEAD). This program will take place December 7-9 at Camp Skyline in Mentone, Alabama. The following ARPA members have been accepted:

Bill Brooks – Ozark Dept. of Leisure Services  
Kris Culey – Prattville Dept. of Leisure Services  
Chad Daniels – Dothan Dept. of Leisure Services  
Pam Darwin – Scottsboro Parks and Recreation Dept.  
Latricia Gardner – Prattville Dept. of Leisure Services  
Lacy Garnett – Hartselle Parks and Recreation Dept.  
Randall Hill – Ozark Dept. of Leisure Services  
Rusty Holley – Homewood Parks and Recreation Dept.  
Jennifer Smith – Jasper Parks and Recreation Dept.  
Brent Solberg – Hoover Parks and Recreation Dept.  
Tiffany Wade – Center Point Parks and Recreation Dept.  
Carla Wilson – Gadsden Parks and Recreation Dept.



## **2010 ARPA STATE CONFERENCE**

The 2010 Conference planning is well underway and this year's event is sure to be a success in Orange Beach. The theme for the upcoming conference is "Sail into New Directions"! Special events have been planned, including an Opening Golf Tournament, 5K Fun Run/Walk, and a Draw-Down with the chance to win \$2000. Not to mention a great line-up of education that ensure you are up-to-date on all the latest in the parks and recreation field. A full list of education sessions will be available soon, so be sure to keep checking the ARPA website for more information. A registration form is available to download now at [www.arpaonline.org](http://www.arpaonline.org) – click on "Annual Conference". Your hotel reservations may also be made now by calling the Perdido Beach Resort at 800-634-8001, be sure and mention that you are with the Alabama Recreation & Parks Association to receive the discounted rate of \$113 per night. The 2010 Conference will be held, January 24-27<sup>th</sup>.



## 2010 TRADE SHOW ALMOST SOLD OUT

The Trade Show, held in conjunction with the Annual ARPA Conference, is almost sold out. As of Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, there are only 15 booths still available. The early-bird registration deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup> – so to ensure you receive the discounted rate be sure to get your exhibitor contract and payment to the office soon! If you have any questions regarding which booths are still open, please contact the State Office at 334-279-9160.



### **FROM NRPA Create Healthier Communities Obtain Funding Through NRPA-CDC ACHIEVE Grants**

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) support local communities to implement Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and EnVironmental ChangE. (ACHIEVE). IN 2010, NRPA will fund ten park and recreation agencies at \$35,000 each to develop coalitions of local stakeholders and community leaders to address chronic disease risk factors of physical inactivity, poor nutrition, and tobacco use.



With an ACHIEVE grant you will:

- Reduce the incidence of chronic disease through policy, systems, and environmental changes strategies at the local level.
- Create partnerships with community stakeholders.
- Attend meetings with national leaders to learn more about tools, resources, and strategies to build healthier communities.
- Create awareness of the vital services that parks and recreation offer.
- Enhance the overall health and livability of your community!

Park and recreation members are invited to apply for an ACHIEVE grant – it will remain open until December 11, 2009. For more information on the grant program or application process, contact Heidi Melancon at 800-626-6772 or via e-mail, [hmelacon@nrpa.org](mailto:hmelacon@nrpa.org). Visit ACHIEVE at [www.achievecommunities.org](http://www.achievecommunities.org) to learn more.