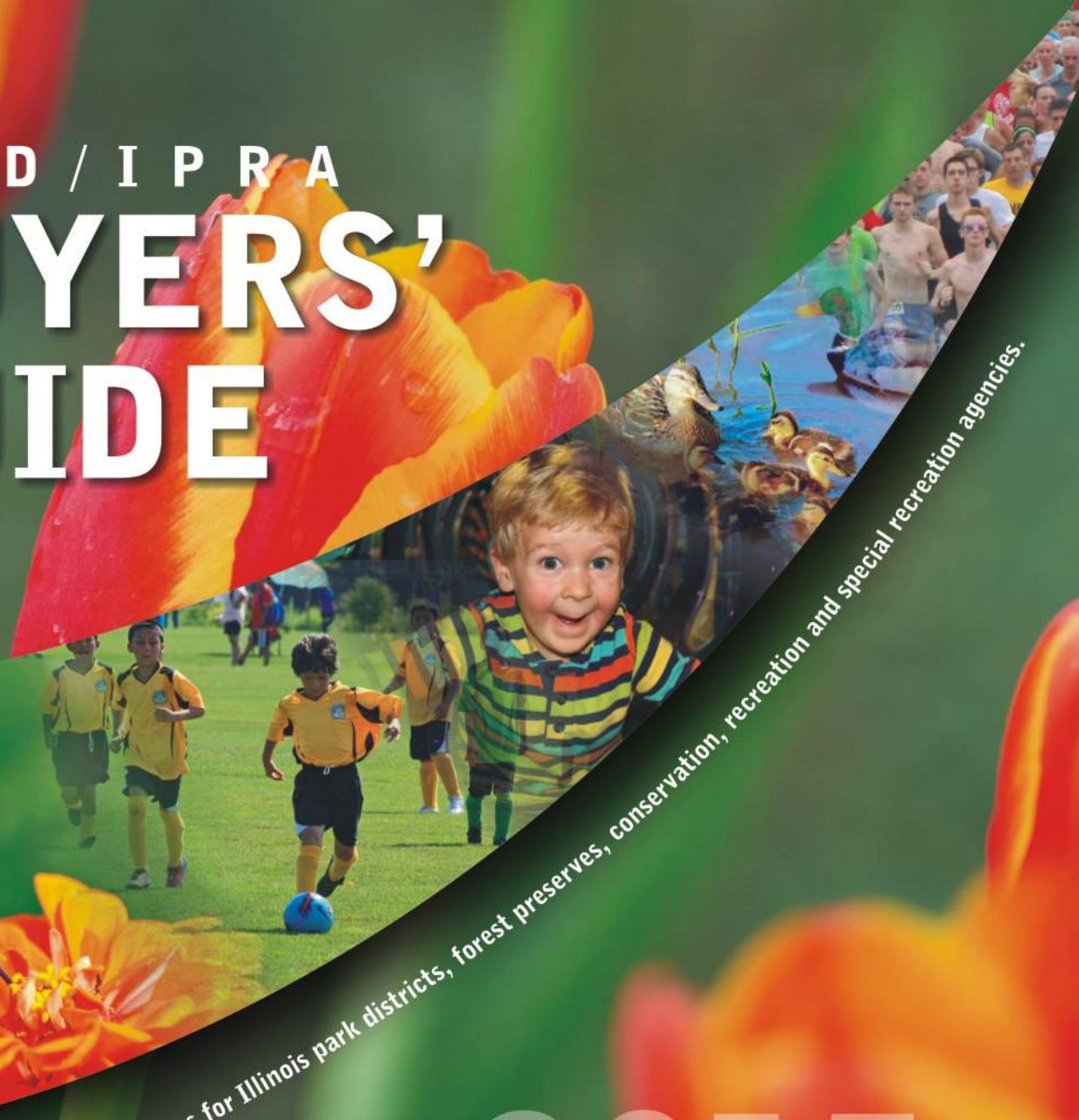


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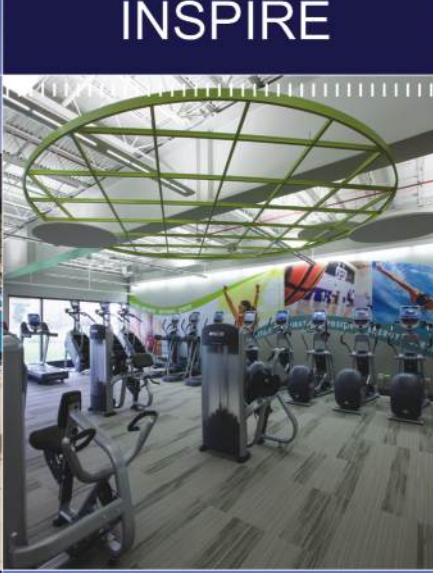


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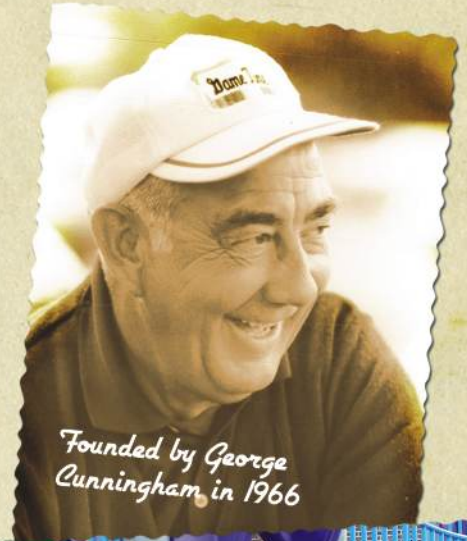
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IAPD represents more than 2,100 elected and appointed board members and is comprised of nearly 470 park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies, as well as corporate members.

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- Grassroots Legislative Advocacy
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IAPD is a non-profit service, research and education organization that serves park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies. The association advances these agencies, their citizen board members and professional staff in their ability to provide outstanding park and recreation opportunities, preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life for all people in Illinois.

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As a national leader, IAPD will provide superb association services to its members.

We will achieve our vision by:

- Strengthening our alliances with environmental, economic and human service agencies throughout Illinois and the nation
- Maintaining a strong relationship with state and national government leaders
- Establishing grants and other new revenue streams for our members
- Addressing the problem of decreasing open spaces and natural areas in Illinois
- Assisting our members in the promotion of healthy lifestyles for all ages and abilities
- Assisting our members in their ability to meet community challenges, such as youth at risk, obesity and the demands of increasingly senior and diverse populations
- Helping our member agencies thrive in spite of a shortage of tax-based revenues

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- Orientation and training programs for citizen board members;
- Citizen advocacy initiatives that direct and draw on the power of individuals to educate policymakers on issues of vital importance to the mission of park, recreation and conservation agencies;
- Educational materials such as *Illinois Parks & Recreation* magazine, books and newsletters, a dynamic website, in-depth and challenging educational seminars and annual conference;
- Technical assistance that helps member agencies increase their efficiency, meet their goals or acquire more funding;
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Legislative Reception

Illini Country Club

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Legislative Conference

Crowne Plaza, Springfield

Monday, May 18, 2015

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Bittersweet Golf Club, Gurnee
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Wednesday, May 27 2015

IAPD Boot Camp

Lockport Township Park District

Thursday, May 28, 2015

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Saturday, May 30, 2015

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Wednesday, June 3, 2015

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Thursday, June 4, 2015

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Carol Stream Park District

Thursday, June 25, 2015

IAPD Summer Golf Tour #2

Deerfield Golf Club, Deerfield
Park District

Thursday, July 16, 2015

Joint Legislative Awareness Golf Outing

White Pines Golf Club,
Bensenville Park District

Monday, August 17, 2015

IAPD Summer Golf Tour #3

Inwood Golf Course
Joliet Park District

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Park District Conservation Day

IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Legislative Awareness Picnic

Inwood Park, Joliet Park District

September 15-17, 2015

NRPA Congress

Las Vegas, NV

Monday, September 28

IAPD Summer Golf Tour #4

Glenview Park Golf Club
Glenview Park District

Friday, October 2, 2015

IAPD Best of the Best Awards Gala

Chevy Chase Country Club,
Wheeling Park District

Thursday, October 29, 2015

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ABOUT THE



The first attempt to form a statewide association dedicated to bringing park and recreation professionals together for purposes of information sharing and education was in 1944. World War II was winding down on two fronts. Back home, a conference of Illinois recreation workers was convened at the University of Illinois for the purpose of resurrecting a group dedicated to park and recreation management.

Though only 35 people attended, groundwork was established for the Illinois Recreation Association (IRA). Organizers vowed to tackle the weighty issues of taxes and legal matters plus post-war planning at a state conference scheduled for the following year.

While the group took shape, individuals added their expertise. Russell Perry, former director of recreation for the Aurora Park District, developed IRA's first constitution and helped the group establish its sliding membership fee scale. Small districts paid as little as \$2 per year to affiliate while larger ones were assessed up to \$25 per annum. In 1946, a determination was made to revise membership fees, assessing individuals rather than agencies. Professionals paid \$1 to join, while agencies paid \$5.

As most organizations are aware, communication drives progress, so Howard Copp, former Wilmette superintendent of recreation, edited the association's first newsletter in 1947. Editorial content included everything from youth programming

to the recreational use of school facilities and included pertinent legislative concerns. A year later, IRA chose to affiliate with the American Recreation Society.

Perhaps the most dynamic growth period of Illinois' IRA/ARS came during the 1950s, when such issues as sports for women, regional diversity and professional certification appeared on agendas. This diversification led to the establishment of a division of IRA dedicated to hospital professionals, as well as the group's first invitation to meet with the Illinois Association of Park Districts in Joliet.

The 1960s and 1970s were witness to the organization's expansion, which included yet another name change to IPRS (Illinois Parks and Recreation Society), a growth spurt in committee activity (30 standing committees existed in 1965), the organization's first joint meeting in St. Louis with IAPD and the launch of *Illinois Parks & Recreation*, the magazine currently serving both associations.

In 1976, a final name change recommendation made at Joliet resulted in the one we currently use: the Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IPRA). The group's 30 committees became eight special interest groups representing various career tracks and areas of expertise. They are the Administration and Finance, Communications and Marketing, Diversity, Facility Management, Parks and Natural Resource Management, Recreation, Therapeutic Recreation, and Student sections.

As the 1990s dawned, more than 1,700 parks and recreation professionals filled the IPRA roster. That figure has jumped to more than 2,500 members who are park, recreation and conservation professionals, as well as associates, citizens and students who are committed to serving a changing society as advocates for the lifetime benefits of parks, recreation and conservation.

It's a history filled with milestones and a mission that has sustained itself through more than 65 years of growth and expansion: to be an advocate in providing quality park, recreation and conservation education, resources and services to professionals and citizens throughout the state of Illinois.

As we continue to do what we do best - representing our members to the best of our collective abilities - IPRA can count among its landmarks a number of unforgettable moments. But in the end, our success is all about the relationships we've struck with every person who has signed on to avail themselves of our services.

We're proudest of the friends we've made, the careers we've helped grow and the personal triumphs we've witnessed.

Saying thank you for your loyalty, trust and friendship seems an understatement, so allow us to show our gratitude in the future by gifting you with a stronger, more professional association - one you'll be proud to say belongs to you.

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9th Annual Park Pursuit

Participants of Park Pursuit are challenged both physically and mentally as they race through the streets and parks. Clue Cards direct teams to various parks and city land marks where tasks are performed to continue on in the race. Not only are bragging rights at stake but participants get a true sense of unity while learning to work better as a team.

May 13 & 21, 2015

Skills Development Webinar Series: Staff Communication

The way you communicate greatly influences the outcome of a conversation. What you say and when and how you say it determines the conversation's success or failure. Our communication is continually influenced by individual filters

May 28, 2015

IPRA's Innovation Renovation Series: "Life Balance is Bunk: Juggling Work, Family, Relationships & Personal Health"

Gain essential skills for understanding, relating and working productively with all types of people...even the most resistant.

June 10 & 18, 2015

Skills Development Webinar Series: Social Media Strategies 2015

Using real social media success stories including West Sacramento's highly effective strategies, we'll demonstrate how to increase response, revenue and engage customers, volunteers and staff using a strategic team approach to social media management.

July 8 & 16, 2015

Skills Development Webinar Series: Profitable Non Profits

There are many models for raising financial support for parks and recreation agencies: foundations; friends groups; partners groups or operating organizations. Learn about each of these nonprofit models and what is required to start one and successfully operate it and what pitfalls to watch for.

July 22, 2015

Teen Camp Olympics

The Teen Committee is excited to hold its fourth annual Teen Camp Olympics! The Teen Committee wanted to develop a teen program that would be convenient for Teen Supervisors to offer as well as bring teens together for a fun and rewarding experience.

August 12 & 20, 2015

Skills Development Webinar Series: Corporate Partnerships

Corporate partnership has changed dramatically over the past decade. The dynamic economy has impacted corporate giving, marketing and partnerships. Today's businesses and corporations are looking for more than t-shirts and signage.

August 20, September 25, October 9 & November 6, 2015

Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) Exam Preparation - Series of Four Classes

Certification is important to demonstrate that you have an understanding of the basic competencies needed to be successful in the park and recreation profession. In addition, maintaining the certification shows you have a willingness to continue to learn and grow throughout your career.

August 26, 2015

PSC's Joint Section Education Workshop: Strategies to Prevent Burnout

Most of us are terrific at taking care of our bosses, our families, our co-workers, our friends, our neighbors, or anyone else who needs nurturing. But when it comes to taking care of ourselves, we just don't seem to have any time or energy left, right?

September 9 & 17, 2015

Skills Development Webinar Series: Brand Building through Customer Service

Unlock the secrets behind exceeding customer expectations serving an increasingly diverse audience base from different backgrounds, ethnicities, languages and even nationalities.

September 23-24, 2015
Supervisor Symposium

October 14 & 22, 2015
Skills Development Webinar Series: Conflict Resolution

This lively session will cover conflict resolution from the two sides of the spectrum we usually face in the work place: between co-workers, and with customers.

October 20-22, 2015

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October 22, 2015

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Gain essential skills for understanding, relating and working productively with all types of people...even the most resistant.

November 8-11, 2015
Professional Development School

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November 18-19, 2015

Skills Development Webinar Series: Awesome Apps and Cool Tech Tools

You'll be WOWED as you're introduced you dozens of FREE tools, applications and programs guaranteed to help you improve everything from graphic designs and presentations to productivity and marketing.

December 9, 2015

Skills Development Webinar Series: Essential Tools and Ensuring Relevance

The challenges of today are multi-faceted and can range from social ills to business models. Do we attempt to solve them all or identify what problems our agency's effectively address?

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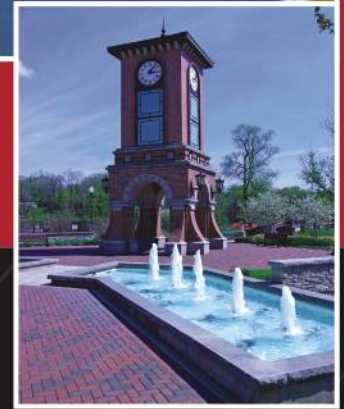
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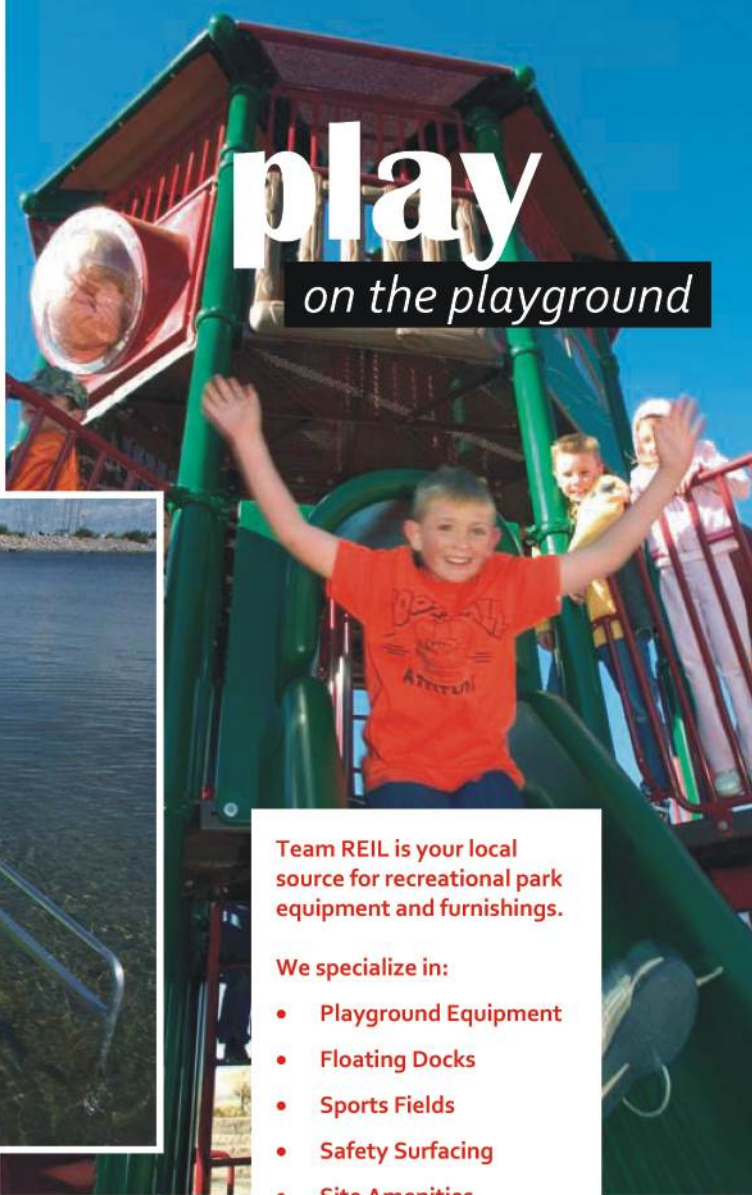
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