

# Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association Spring Workshop

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**February 26th, 2009**  
**Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells**

*Wednesday night get together 8 p.m.  
Market Fresh Bar, Chula Vista*

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Schedule	Recreation Section	Parks Section	Therapeutic Rec Section
7:00 to 8:00 a.m.	<i>REGISTRATION</i>		
8:00 to 9:00 a.m.	Introduction to Experiential Education	Disaster Management for Parks	Disabilities Toolbox
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.	<i>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST BREAK</i>		
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Introduction to Experiential Education continued		
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.		Disaster Management for Parks cont.	Disabilities Toolbox cont.
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.		Disaster Management Round Table	Interactive Art Activities
11:30 to 12:30 p.m.	<i>HOT LUNCHEON BUFFET</i>		
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.		Safety and Environmental Training for Parks	
12:30 to 3:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.	Safety & Risk Management Outdoor Program Accreditation Grants		Aquatics-Learning to Make Adaptations
2:45 to 3:45 p.m.		Park Section Annual Meeting	

## The Educational Sessions: Recreation Section

Introduction to Experiential Education  
Safety & Risk Management  
Outdoor Program Accreditation  
Grants

**Presenter:** Rita Yerkes, Ed.D., Owner/Director of Yerkes Consulting.

Rita Yerkes is the former Dean of the School of Experiential Leadership at George Williams College of Aurora University where she taught Administrative Practicum in Outdoor Experiences, Outdoor Experiential Education, Outdoor Pursuits Administration and Research Methods for Recreation Services. During her thirty eight years of experiential education work she has created innovative programs at Towson State University, Miami of Ohio University, State University of New York at Cortland and Aurora University.

She is a co-founder of the Coalition of Education in the Outdoors, past president of the Council on Outdoor Education, past Association of Experiential Education board member, president and volunteer interim executive director, accreditation council chair and member and former chair of the Women's Professional Group. She has served as an editorial board member of Camping Magazine, ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools and the Journal of Experiential Education. She has authored book chapters, numerous journal articles and conference presentations.

This interactive workshop will feature an overview of outdoor experiential education methodology and programs used in parks and recreation settings. Activities and locations for programming, program resources, featured programs, staffing, safety & risk management resources, program accreditation and grant resources will be covered. Participants should bring examples of what they are doing in their own parks with them for sharing.

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## The Educational Sessions: Park Section

### Disaster Management for Parks

**Presented By:** Diane Kleiber, State of Wisconsin Supervisor of Disaster Recovery  
Roxanne Gray, State of Wisconsin Hazard Mitigation Officer  
David LaWhall, State of Wisconsin Public Assistance Officer

This team of Disaster Professionals will provide details on how to prepare for disasters, how to manage disasters, and how to recover from disasters. This Wisconsin based team of disaster professionals provide training that will allow your municipalities to create a checklist procedures and documents for disaster readiness.

### Disaster Management for Parks with Round Table Discussion

Round Table discussion will be Co-Chaired by Sue Black, Director of Milwaukee County Parks, Jack Schumann, Manager of Parks for the City of Racine & Cyndi Keller, Director of City of Jefferson Parks and Recreation. The Disaster Professionals Team and Special Guest, Dan Roeglin Fire Service Specialist with Minnesota State College and Universities will also be available to add their expertise to the round table discussions. Professionals from other flood damaged communities will also be encouraged to present their experience at the round table discussion. Each of the Co-Chair People will be presenting a brief summary of how their departments handled the flooding in June 2008. Round table discussion will follow.

### Safety and Environmental Training needs for Parks

Presented by: Ken Harenda, President

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## The Educational Sessions: Therapeutic Recreation Section

### Disabilities Toolbox

Presented by: Kristin Ruprecht and Erin Winch

### Interactive Art Activities

**Presented by:** JoAnn Ripp

JoAnn Ripp graduated with a liberal arts degree from UW— Eau Claire. She has completed graduate work in Therapeutic Recreation and Leisure Education from UW—La Crosse. She has worked at Central Wisconsin Center since 1991, and is the Therapist Supervisor for Therapeutic Recreation, Music Therapy, and Pre-Vocational Services. She has worked at CWC as a QMRP, and as a Recreation Therapist. She also worked as a Resource Teacher for United Cerebral Palsy in the Extended Day Care and Teen Outreach programs. Jo Ann is a trainer in Active Treatment both within the facility and at adult program sites in Madison.

Participants will receive several interactive art activities to use with clients that are developmentally disabled. Ideas of adapting equipment and activities will be shared with group. Handouts, including lesson plans, will be distributed. Each activity is divided into three skill levels. The activities focus on sensory integration skill development.

### Aquatics-JUMP into the MAINSTREAM I Can do it!

**Presented by:** Georgia Yanicke

She received her BA in Elementary Education and Psychology at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Her masters degree was in Exceptional Education from UW-Milwaukee and her Ph.D. in Behavior Disabilities was from UW-Madison.

She is presently a Special Services Supervisor with the Milwaukee Public Schools and also teaches swimming in Milwaukee Recreation's Therapeutic Recreation Program. She has worked with children with special needs since 1967 in schools as a classroom teacher, in camps, and in swimming.

She began teaching swimming when she was 18 and worked at a Milwaukee area Girl Scout camp. Later, she introduced units for girls with handicaps into two Girl Scout camps. In one camp, they had girls with mild handicaps (CD, SLD, ED) and in the other camp, girls with physical disabilities from mild to moderate. While challenging, it was also fun to see the girls do things the other girls did including outdoor cooking, boating, and swimming.

Since then she has worked in the water with children having all types of disabilities including those who are blind and deaf. Over the years she has learned that each individual comes to swimming with their own challenges and abilities but with patience and time they all learn to swim.