



Missouri Park & Recreation Association **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

We are excited that you are considering becoming a member of the Missouri Park & Recreation Association. Our membership structure encourages engagement with as many parks and recreation professionals as possible throughout the state. It allows for direct contact with volunteer leaders and enhanced diversity in our association's work. It focuses on member ROI - there are benefits available for every member!

APPLICATION CONTENT

- ★ **MPRA Membership Benefits**
- ★ **MPRA Membership Application**



info@mopark.org



[573.636.3828](tel:573.636.3828)



www.mopark.org

EXPERIENCE ALL THE BENEFITS FROM AN MPRA MEMBERSHIP

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MPRA members have the opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership skills as well as network with other members at numerous events throughout the year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

MPRA has education opportunities throughout each year that cover all positions within parks and recreation such as maintenance or marketing workshops, Leadership Development Institute or Executive Forum, lunch and learns as well as education sessions for specific sections of interest. Many events held throughout the year by MPRA also provide Continuing Education Units (CEUs) enabling MPRA members to remain at the forefront of their profession.

ONLINE MEMBER DIRECTORY

Only MPRA members have access to the online membership database which allows you to easily search for and communicate with other members. Members can search the database by name, city, sections of interest, and more.

MEMBER ONLY RESOURCES

Other online resources that are available especially for MPRA members are access to industry survey results, Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax resources, and Member Forums which allow members to ask questions, have conversations, and communicate easily on any topic.

CERTIFICATIONS

MPRA supports industry certifications by providing CEUs that apply to your Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE) through the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA). We also host annual Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) and Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) courses in conjunction with NRPA.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSISTANCE

The MPRA office is eager to assist you. Our goal is to be a valuable resource in advocating, communicating, and educating on behalf of our entire membership. MPRA can help you connect with other agencies, vendors, organizations, and individuals who have the answers, skills, or materials you need to make your job easier and more fun.

DISCOUNTS

MPRA members receive discounted prices on educational workshops, annual conference, job postings, and many events throughout the year.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Many leadership opportunities are available to MPRA members. The MPRA members and the leadership roles they fulfill help make the Association a success each year. These roles include the Board of Directors, Regional Committees, Section Leadership, and various committees.

MAGAZINE

Not only does an MPRA membership get you a subscription to the quarterly MPRA publication, a membership gets you the opportunity to be featured in the magazine. Whether it is a employment or retirement announcement or a feature article on achievements in your city, the magazine is here to share your stories with the MPRA membership.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial assistance is available for members to attend educational events such as the annual conference. The scholarships are available to Individual Professional members and/or any full time employee/board/commission member of Agency or Organizational members of MPRA. Members also have the opportunity to apply for reimbursements for certifications that they have obtained during the year.

EXPERIENCE ALL THE BENEFITS FROM AN MPRA MEMBERSHIP

AWARDS

Outstanding leaders and members are recognized for their contributions at the annual MPRA Conference and Expo. MPRA also administers the Missouri Recreation and Parks Hall of Fame.

SECTIONS OF INTEREST

Members can participate and be informed in specific sections of interest of the Association. Affiliation with these sections give members a more personalized membership so they are up to date on events or news within their section of interest. Members can also assist in selecting specific educational sessions for the interest areas. Up to three section affiliations are included with your membership. Sections of interest are as follows:

AQUATICS: Professionals with interests in maintaining safe practices and conditions in an aquatic environment, including recreational, instructional, therapeutic, and fitness/competitive aquatic activities within the parks and recreation community.

LEISURE EDUCATORS: Members involved with the education and development of future and current park and recreation professionals. The sections includes university professors, advisers, counselors, or those who encourage parks and recreation education programs in Missouri.

PARK RESOURCES: Members who have involvement or interests in the management, appearance, health, safety of landscapes and features, or outdoor recreation within parks which are designed to be used by members of the public.

SPORTS: Individuals and groups interested in providing the highest quality experiences possible in recreational, instructional, therapeutic, and competitive sports.

STUDENTS: Parks and recreation students seeking professional preparation in the field of parks and recreation.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: New professionals seeking a supportive environment to launch their careers in parks and recreation.

REGION AFFILIATION

Missouri MPRA members are currently separated into four regions which are the Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast regions. The regional structure allows MPRA to offer customized educational opportunities in your corner of the state.

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

MPRA is the recognized voice of parks, recreation, and leisure services in Missouri. Our goal is to represent the needs of our professionals in the Missouri General Assembly and work with policy-makers as a source of information and advice.

TICKET CONSIGNMENT PROGRAM

MPRA partners with theme parks around the state to offer a ticket sales program that allows member agencies to offer a service to their communities that cannot be found anywhere else. Along with the ability to offer their community discounted theme parks tickets, the agency earns a commission on each sale as well.

COMMUNICATIONS

MPRA staff keep members up to date and informed by sending important emails, social media updates, a monthly newsletter, and other communications. The staff's goal is to ensure each MPRA member is aware of all opportunities available and that they are continually informed of all relevant events, meetings, learning sessions, or any other occasion that benefits their professional career or helps advocate the mission of MPRA.

Missouri Park & Recreation Association

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A **Student Membership** shall consist of any individual pursuing a degree in parks and recreation or a related field. Individuals who qualify for any other membership type are not eligible for a student membership. Student members shall possess all the benefits of an MPRA membership but do not have the right to vote or to hold office.

MEMBER INFO

☐

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

☐

APPLYING FOR A NEW MEMBERSHIP

First Name _____ Last Name _____

School _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

SECTION AFFILIATIONS

CHOOSE UP TO THREE SECTIONS

Members can participate and be informed in specific sections of interest of the Association. Affiliation with these sections give members a more personalized membership so they are up to date on events or news within their section of interest. Members can also assist in selecting specific educational sessions for the interest areas. See MPRA Membership Benefits listing for a description of each section.

☐

AQUATICS

☐

PARK RESOURCES

☐

STUDENT

☐

LEISURE EDUCATORS

☐

SPORTS

☐

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

PUBLICATIONS

CHOOSE HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE MISSOURI PARKS AND RECREATION MAGAZINE (4 ISSUES PER YEAR)

☐

PRINT

☐

ELECTRONIC

MEMBERSHIP DUES

MEMBER FEE

\$ **\$25.00**

DONATION TO MPRA*

\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

\$ _____

* Many charitable donations are tax deductible. Make sure to check with your tax professional!

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx ☐ Invoice

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____ Exp _____ SEC _____

Billing Address _____ Zip _____

CONTACT MPRA

Mail application and payment to:
Missouri Park & Recreation Association
The Musco Lighting Building
2018 William St., Jefferson City, MO 65109

If paying by credit card, fax to 573-635-7988
or email to info@mopark.org

Questions? Call 573-636-3828