



2025 LRPA Conference Agenda

November 17-21, 2025

Hilton Capitol Center, Baton Rouge, LA



Monday, November 17

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Conference Registration - Hilton B.R. Capitol Center
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Exhibitor set-up – Hilton B.R. Capitol Center
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Check-in for Maintenance Rodeo & Beautification Project – BREC Memorial Sports Complex
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Maintenance Rodeo & Beautification Project at a BREC Memorial Sports Complex
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Awards, Prizes, and Networking

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Conference registration - Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center	
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Exhibitor setup – Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center	
8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Building & Maintaining Natural Grass Fields	Letting Go of the Box: Rethinking the Programming Paradigm
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open/ Meet with Exhibitors	
9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Turfgrass Irrigation & Water Resource Management	Parks to Prosperity: Balancing Local Recreation, Sports Tourism, and the Business of Youth Sports
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Meet with Exhibitors	
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Managing Natural Resources for the Public in SELA	Modern Marketing Essentials for Engaging Residents in Recreational Programs
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Fire Safety & Heat Hazards on your Playgrounds	Park Management & Standard Operations of a Mega Park
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	BREAK - Meet with Exhibitors	
3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Roundtable: What is LRPA working on for 2026?	
4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	BREAK - Meet with Exhibitors	
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Welcome to Baton Rouge Social – Located at Red Stick Social – includes bowling, food, and beverages <i>**Special Guest Entertainment to be announced soon!</i>	

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Meet with Exhibitors
8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	What NRPA Can Do for Your Department Speaker: NRPA Executive Director Kristine Stratton
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	BREAK - Meet with Exhibitors
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	WELCOME – NRPA Executive Director Kristine Stratton
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION Keynote Speaker: John David – ETA Sports President Title: Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism: Uniting for a Healthier, More Equitable, & Prosperous Future
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	LUNCH W/EXHIBITORS/DISTRICT MEETINGS

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Trends in Play space Design	Servant Leadership Principles For Your Organization
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	BREAK - Meet with Exhibitors	
2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Cut Costs & Gain Control w/ Smart Technology	Parks With Purpose: Elevating Public Trust Through Engagement
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	BREAK - Meet with Exhibitors	
3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Transformational Leadership 101: You Are The Transformation	“Meets Expectations” Standing out & Showcasing Your Impact in Performance Reviews
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	“80th Anniversary Celebration” Expo Reception and Silent Auction at the Old Governor’s Mansion ***Entertainment: Live Musical Guests to be announced soon!	
Thursday, November 20		
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open	
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Meet with Exhibitors	
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	NRPA Executive Director Kristine Stratton Leadership Roundtable	
9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	TBD	You Don’t Say: Becoming a Pro at Body Language Skills
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	BREAK - Meet with Exhibitors	
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH LOTTERY! LINK UP WITH A NEW WORK FRIEND FOR LUNCH	
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	How Louisiana Agencies Can Access MLS Support and Funding	Conquering the NRPA CPRP Exam: Why & What to Know?
2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Federal Funding for Local Parks, You Still Have Options	Honoring Our Veterans
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	BREAK	
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Fortifying Real Growth in Rural Recreation	Bringing Community Together through Event Planning
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Banquet Cocktail Reception – Baton Rouge Hilton	
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Banquet - Located at the Baton Rouge Hilton Capitol Center **Guest Speaker: NRPA Executive Director Kristine Stratton and other special guest speakers Awards, Installation of Officers, Hall of Fame Inductees, and Recognition of Past Presidents.	
Friday, November 21		
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Board Meeting – TBD	
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