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May 3
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May 9
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Schaumburg Park District's
Schaumburg Golf Club

May 12
IAPD Leadership Institute
Redefining Leadership Workshop
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Downers Grove Park District's
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June 6
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June 16
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Connect Webinar

July 14
IAPD Leadership Classic
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Pines Golf Club

July 21
IAPD Leadership Institute
Transformational Leadership
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August 15
IAPD Summer
Golf Tour #3
Byron Forest Preserve District's
Prairie View Golf Club

August 18
IAPD Leadership Institute
Leading Community Engagement
Webinar

August 20
Park District Conservation Day
IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield

September 19
IAPD Summer
Golf Tour #4
Park District of Highland Park's
Highland Park Country Club

September 22
IAPD Leadership Institute
Leading Through Turbulent Times
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Downers Grove Park District's
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October 6-8
NRPA Congress
St. Louis, MO

October 21
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Chase Country Club

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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, and Therapeutic Recreation.

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 70 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.

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**May 5, 2016**  
10th Annual Park Pursuit  
Park Pursuit is modeled after the TV show “Amazing Race”. It allows members of IPRA to engage in a day-long race where team building, healthy competition and recreation take center stage.

**May 11 & 19, 2016**  
Skills Development Webinar Series  
This session will give an overview of different types of planning projects that can be completed, what they contain, which plan is relevant to which situation, and how to obtain a high quality plan with the least amount of resource investment.

**May 20, 2016**  
Arlington Park Racecourse Joint Section Social  
Spend the afternoon networking with your parks and recreation colleagues while enjoying a day at the track.

**June 8 & 16, 2016**  
Skills Development Webinar Series  
**PURPOSE DRIVEN PROGRAMMING**  
Learn to use Purpose Driven Programming and Evaluation tools developed by presenter, Dr. Keith Fulthorp. These tools will elevate the impact of recreation programs, and expedite the efforts of staff utilizing the tools in their daily programming efforts.

**July 8-21, 2016**  
Senior Games

**July 13 & 21, 2016**  
Skills Development Webinar Series  
**SPIRIT OF CULTURE**  
Since 1965 the ethnic composition of the country has changed more rapidly than any other time in history. How do you define yourself? How do you define yourself culturally? The way we answer these questions say a lot about the way we approach the ever-growing diversity of our communities.

**July 20, 2016**  
Teen Camp Challenge  
The Teen Committee is excited to hold its fifth annual Teen Camp Challenge! The Teen Committee wanted to develop a teen program targeted at 5th - 8th graders that would be convenient for Teen Supervisors to offer as well as bring teens together for a fun and rewarding experience.

**August 10 & 18, 2016**  
Skills Development Webinar Series  
**LEVEL STAFF**  
In this session we will discuss barriers associated with recruiting and retaining entry level staff members – of all ages. We’ll explore some of the social and socioeconomic barriers associated with staff retention, communication and training.

**August 10 & 18, 2016**  
Skills Development Webinar Series  
**FROM COORDINATOR TO DIRECTOR LEADERS SET THE TONE**  
People are an organization’s greatest asset. How a leader leads, inspires, supports and interacts with their people can be the difference between an average workplace and one where staff show up ready to change the world. Through good times and bad, leaders set the tone.

**August 24, 2016**  
Joint Section Education and Social

**September 12, 2016**  
1st session of the 2016-17 Leadership Academy

**September 14 & 22, 2016**  
Skills Development Webinar Series  
**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS MANAGING ENTRY LEVEL STAFF**  
In this session we will discuss barriers associated with recruiting and retaining entry level staff members – of all ages. We’ll explore some of the social and socioeconomic barriers associated with staff retention, communication and training.

**October 12 & 20, 2016**  
Skills Development Webinar Series  
**TIME MANAGEMENT**  
Learn real, proven and practical tips to manage time and priorities that will give you the power to take control of your resources. Focus your efforts and energy in order to increase productivity and reduce stress.

**November 9 & 17, 2016**  
Skills Development Webinar Series  
**RESILIENCE: ENHANCING YOUR SKILLS TO LIVE A HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE**  
Stress and adversity is a normal part of everyday life. It’s not the negative incidences that matter the most, but rather how we choose to tackle and overcome them. This webinar will help you identify your strengths and build a plan for living a healthier and happier life.

**November 14, 2016**  
Recreation & Facility Management Sections Awards Luncheon

**December 14 & 15, 2016**  
Skills Development Webinar Series  
**I'M TOO YOUNG FOR A SENIOR CENTER**  
Even many 80-year-olds think that they are too young to go to the traditional senior center. And as boomers age this trend is not going to fade. How do we rebrand, redesign and remarked our programs to attract the ballooning population of older adults and retirees.

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