



Trailblazer DECEMBER 16, 2011

Happy Holidays!

The Arizona Parks and Recreation Association's offices will be closed from Friday, December 16, 2011 until Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

APRA Administrators Branch Meeting

- When: January 12, 2012 from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- Location: City of Avondale - Avondale City Hall / Sonoran Room (1st Floor Lobby) 11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Avondale, AZ 85323

This is the second of six Administrators Branch meetings to take place throughout Arizona in 2011/12. Some of the exciting topics of discussion include:

- Emerging Leaders Workshops
- APRA (CEU's, Webinar, Information Distribution, Legislative, Professional Expectations)
- Branch Participation Levels
- Annual Conference
- Event Sponsorships

It is the goal of the Administrators Branch Chair, Kirk Haines, to take the branch meetings on the road. The next meeting is scheduled for Southern Arizona on March 8, 2012.

Future meeting are expected to take place in northern, southern, eastern and western Arizona. Times and dates will be determined soon. If you are interested in becoming a host site, please contact us.

For more information, please contact Mike Gregory, Administrators Branch Vice Chair, at 623-930-2652, or contact Tim Barnard, APRA Membership Chair, at 480-312-2357.

Lunch & Learn Series - Fees Roundtable

Join us for this three hour roundtable to get updated information on fees within your departments/organizations. We will be asking participating agencies for specific information ahead of time, so be on the lookout for that list to come out soon.

- When: January 18, 2012 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Location: APRA Office @ North Mountain Visitor Center

Registration Fees

- Lunch & Learn Workshop & CEU Fee - \$15.00 (USD)

Coordinated by the APRA Recreation Professionals Branch, the fee covers costs of lunch, workshop and CEUs.

- Lunch & Learn Workshop Fee - \$10.00 (USD)

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To register, go to the AZPRA website: www.azpra.org/

Leisure Benefits Branch Meeting

- When: January 19, 2012 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Location: Oscar Yrun Community Center, 3020 E. Tacoma, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

You're invited to scenic Sierra Vista for a tour, lunch, and a meeting!

Tour an Arizona Centennial Project, the "Centennial Pavilion Outdoor Performing Arts Center" as well as the "Cove" Aquatics Center, the only indoor wave pool in Southern Arizona.

LUNCH IS PROVIDED!

To ensure an accurate lunch count, please Email Ken James, City of Sierra Vista at: kenneth.james@sierravistaaz.gov



APRA Board of Directors Meeting/Workshop - South Region

- When: January 20, 2012 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Location TBA (Tucson Area)

FREE – FREE

The first Board of Directors meeting/Workshop of 2012 will be hosted by South Region Representative, Lynanne Dellerman, in Oro Valley. Watch for more information. Agenda to follow. Lunch will be on your own.

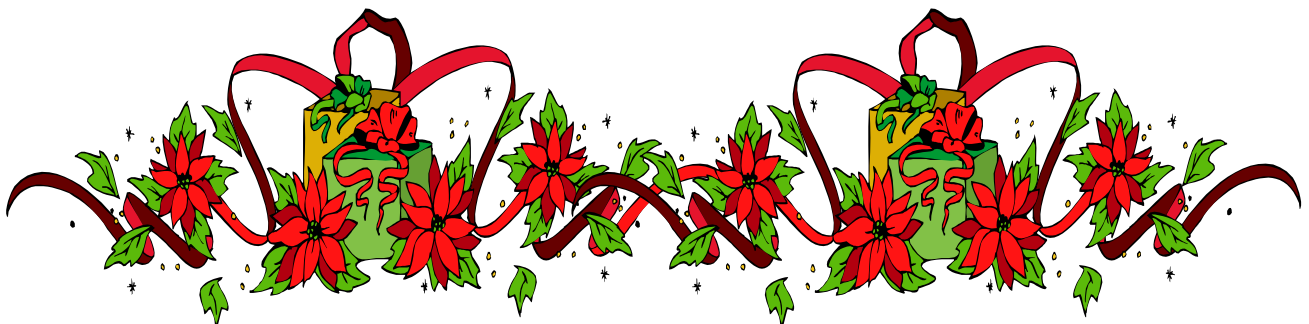
CPSI Course & Exam

Sponsored by NRPA and APRA, the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods offered. The CPSI course and exam is scheduled for March 26-28, 2012 in Phoenix, AZ at the North Mountain Visitor Center.

Sign up through the NRPA website at www.nrpa.org. You must register with their site before you can register for the class/exam.

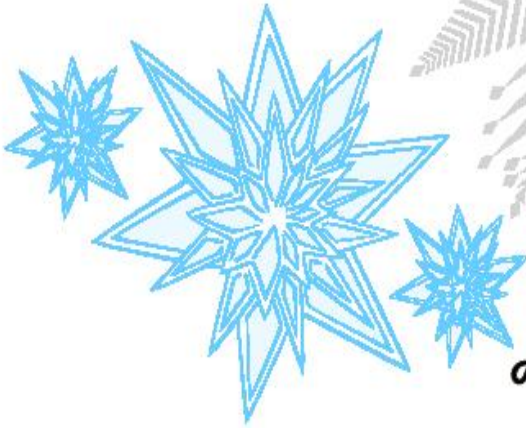
Check out the winter edition of the APRA Magazine:

<http://www.azpra.org/news?mode=PostView&bmi=755965>





*Of all the gifts
bestowed this year,
first be
the gift of
loved ones near.*



*Happy Holidays from the
Executive Board and staff at
Arizona Parks and Recreation
Association*

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