MWR Speaker for October

Our second PRMMA meeting will be held at the Turner Center Auditorium (Rm. 205). Be there at 6:30 pm. We will have food and drinks for everyone.

We will have a brief meeting to discuss several topics and upcoming events. We will talk about the MRPA Conference that was recently held in Vicksburg as well as the upcoming NRPA Conference that will be in Baltimore. Our organization’s shirt styles and designs need to be voted on and we want EVERY-ONE’S input on it. We want to hear your opinions and suggestions about possible locations for future PRMMA meetings and special events. The Avant Park Haunted trail will also be a likely topic of discussion. After our meeting is concluded, we will have a guest speaker. Jane Westbay is coming from the Navy MWR department. MWR stands for Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. She will be talking about internships available through the MWR where you can test the concepts, skills, and theories that we’ve learned at Ole Miss and in real-life situations. The Navy Fleet and Family Readiness Internship Program can put you in Naval Departments and Facilities WORLDWIDE! If you attend the meeting she will tell you what type person she’s looking for, where to go, and how to apply. Not only will this look excellent on your resume, but you could also get college credits for it.

All PRMMA members are strongly encouraged to participate. If you are not a PRMMA member, but would like to join, contact Janet McBride in the front office of the Turner Center or one of the officers at the meetings.

Events:
- PRMMA Meeting
  October 6th Turner Center Auditorium
  6:30 pm
- NRPA Conference
  Baltimore, MD
  October 14-18
- Halloween Trail Expedition October 24
- Haunted Trail (Class Assignment) October 29th and 30th
- PRMMA Meeting
  November 3
- November 14–RiverKings Hockey Game/TOUR

If you are in need of some extra points in your Park and Recreation classes, attending these meetings and our other special events will help you earn CEU points. If you keep up with these points (on a form in the carousel in the front office of the Turner Center) and have an instructor or officer sign off on them, our PRM professors turn them into bonus points at the end of the year. It not only helps us build a stronger program, but it also gets you some extra points in the classroom. Just something to keep in mind while you are trying to think of what you want to do on a Monday night anyways.
Several PRM students attended the Mississippi Recreation and Parks Association conference which was held in Vicksburg this year. There was a full schedule of CEU accredited classes being offered throughout the whole conference. A lot of the classes were offered at the same time, so students and other professionals attending the event had to choose the classes they wanted to attend.

Speakers came from many different walks of life, from fellow park and recreation professionals to college professors to highly paid public speakers. The overall atmosphere was generally relaxed, with clothing ranging from cut off blue jeans, sandals, and sleeveless shirts to full suits and ties. The food and drinks were plentiful, and everyone seemed to get their share. There were dozens of vendors set up down stairs, displaying the latest gadgets and innovations of the park and recreation world. When walking around to the different booths, it was very educational and interesting to see the different elements that go into shaping all aspects and every field of our major. A scenic boat ride, fireworks, and the casinos on the river were the main source of entertainment and nightlife. It seems to me that anyone who attended the conference would have pulled away at least some information to better prepare them for the ever-changing world of parks and recreation in which we live and that is a success in itself.

Mary Wheat, Rob Hoff, Brandon Gooch and Mitch Switzer will be attending the National Recreation and Park Association conference in Baltimore, MD on October 14-18. These students will be representing the PRM program from Ole Miss. Dr. Beason and Dr. Gilbert will be attending the conference as well.
The 19th iteration of the Avant Park Haunted Trail will be planned, programmed, and staffed by the students of the PRM 194 and PRM 302 courses. The Haunted Trail is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday October 29 & 30 from 6-930pm.

The Haunted Trail is a cooperative partnership between the Oxford Park Commission and the Park and Recreation Degree Program. OPC constructs the trail and provides logistical support while the PRM students and faculty make the trail come alive as cast members. Each year, since 1989 the PRM program has worked to make the experience the “best scare for their buck” in Oxford.

Proceeds from the event are split 60/40 between the PRMMA and the OPC. These funds are the foundation of the PRMMA budget and help fund meetings, trips, and conference attendees. This year, we will spend about 2300.00 to provide these opportunities to PRM students and the funds will come from the 2008 event.

The trail theme will be established shortly and construction of the trail will begin on October 28th. All PRM students are requested to participate, participation is mandatory for PRM 194, 302 and 425 students.

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Memphis RiverKings Game/Tour

Where: Desoto Civic Center

When: November 14, 2008

Time: Be there @ 5:00pm
    Leave Turner @ 3:45

Join us in going to see the Memphis RiverKings play against the Oklahoma City Blazers! This will be a fun experience and an opportunity to earn CEU's.
Mississippi State Parks: Facts About Legion State Park

The fourth of the original state parks developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Legion State Park remains as unspoiled today as when the Choctaw Indian Nation first inhabited the area centuries ago. Hidden in the red hills country of Mississippi, Legion State Park strikes the perfect balance of natural beauty and modern comfort with all man-made structures in the park designed to complement the pristine beauty of the area. Of particular interest is Legion Lodge, a hand-hewn log structure that has remained unaltered since its construction in the 1930s. The park, located in Louisville, Mississippi, is full of outdoor activities including: camping, archery, hiking, wildlife viewing, historic sites, fishing, boating, picnicking, and other activities. The cabins, which are still in tact, were built hundreds of years ago which gives this park a sort of “timeless” feel to it. Anyone interested in historic Mississippi and enjoying the great outdoors needs to check Legion State Park out.