



PRMMA Newsletter

Ole Miss

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Time to Puck Up! PRMMA Visits the River Kings

Want to go to a hockey game in Southaven, earn a few CEUs' and possibly nurture an internship or job?

All you have to do is be a PRMMA member and put your name on the list before February the 12th for the trip to the DeSoto County Center February 15th.

But what if I am not a PRMMA member? Then join! Dues are 25.00 and you can pay any of the officers or in Turner 101.

When is it going down? 7:05 p.m. at the Desoto Civic Center in Memphis.

What if my car

will not make it that far? Catch a ride from the Turner Center. We are going to car pool. We will leave at 4pm.

But I am broke. That's o.k. too, because PRMMA members are going for free. That's right I said Free (IF we get 20 or more to go!)

Wow. Sounds pretty exciting, but what if I have any questions later? Just ask any of the officers or Dr. Beason.

The sign up list will be in 215 Turner with Janet or Dale.



Events:

- **PRMMA Meeting:** Jan. 29th Turner Center
- **All PRMMA meetings** are scheduled for the last week of every month (days TBA)
- **Special Olympics, Basketball:** Feb 1.
- **Spring Deadline for Lance Duvall Scholarship:** Feb. 15th
- **Memphis Riverkings Game/Tour Feb. 15th Rebel Man Triathlon:** March 28th.
- **Special Olympics Track and Field:** April 3.
- **Double Decker Classic Car Show:** April 26th
- **PRMMA Awards Banquet:** April 29th

February PRMMA Meeting Features Guest Speaker Dianne Owen, Alaska Recreational Management, Inc.

Alaska Recreational Management, Inc. is a leader in public and private partnership with the US Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Alaska State Parks System.

Employees are needed for the 2008 summer season beginning Memorial week-end and ending the week after Labor Day.

Departure dates can be flexible to ac-

commodate back to school schedules.

Work location is 109 miles south of Anchorage, AK, near Cooper Landing.

You must be at least 18 years of age and some positions require you to be 21.

These are paid positions starting

at \$10.00 a hour.

To find out more you must come to the PRMMA meeting January 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the Turner Center. Gordon Clark and Bill Latham Jr both worked for Dianne last year and loved their work. Make sure to attend this meeting, check to see if it is mandatory for your class, and have some pizza and fellowship!



Nancy Tedford and The National Park Service

The Third Annual Rebel Man Triathlon

The third annual Rebel man Sprint Triathlon is set for March 29, 2008.

The triathlon will start at the Turner center and take place around the Ole Miss campus.

It will include a 400 meter swim, 21K bike, and a 5K run.

The start time is
Distribution of race pack-

Set for 8:00 a.m. and the event should end around 11:00 a.m.

CEU's will be offered to all members of PRMMA for each hour of volunteering. PRM 200, and 301 students are required to attend.

Volunteers are needed for the day of the event starting around 5:30

ets, course directions, and cleanup.

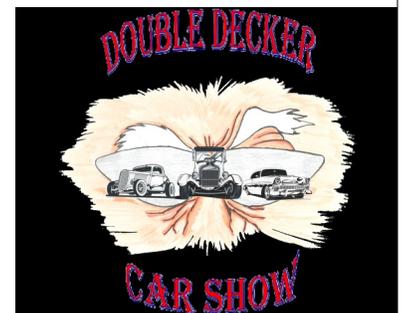
We over 250 athletes this year

Tasha Kuritz, niku-ritz@olemiss.edu, is this years Race Director and will update the PRMMA as the Triathlon date is closer. This is Recreation Programming in action!



The Rebel Man Sprint Triathlon
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The First Ever Double Decker Classic Car Show





Dr. Beason

There are several challenges and changes that will effect the PRM degree programs that the faculty will consider this spring.

First, PRM faculty will be revisiting and revising the undergraduate degree tracks to better reflect the dynamic nature of the park, recreation and leisure industry as well as meet NRPA accreditation standards. These changes will strengthen each students marketability.

Second, the PRM program will face the challenge of doing more with less. Dr. Zuefle will be leaving the PRM program at Ole Miss after May, 2008 and we wish him the best. Unfortunately, his position will not be filled with a PRM faculty. The primary reason is the inequity between the number of ES -v- PRM majors. There are over 300 ES majors and just over 60 PRM. The faculty position

will be filled by an ES faculty. The PRM faculty will evaluate the program and look for avenues to assure that we remain accredited and able to provide a robust and quality education for our students.

On a uplifting note, there will be an increased relationship with Campus Recreation Services and we will begin exploring the benefits of being associated with the National Intramural Sports Association (NIRSA).

Dr. Gilbert

Dr. Gilbert stayed busy during his break traveling to California and Indiana.

His trip to Indiana was to see his family. Dr. Gilbert has 2 daughters, 3 granddaughters, and 2 grandsons.

Dr. Gilbert's PRM 471 and 600 students will be working very closely with Richie Martin, a masters student, to plan, program

and administer the first ever Double Decker Classic Car Show this semester. the masters program.

He said it will be a major part of their grade.

Dr. Gilbert also plans to travel to the NIRSA convention in Austin, Texas to recruit students for the graduate PRM program.

Summer plans for Dr. Gilbert include a trip to France and England.

His 471 and 600 students will be required to attend all PRMMA meetings this semester.

Did You Know?

Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Recreation workers held about 320,000 jobs in 2006, and many additional workers held summer jobs in the occupation.

*About 32 percent of recreation workers worked for local governments, primarily in park and recreation departments.

Mr. Waddell

Mr. Waddell taught winter session classes, traveled to visit his sons, granddaughters, and daughter-in-laws, and did some work with a retirement home in Memphis during his break.

His 371 class will be planning an overnight camping trip for all PRM majors this semester.

Mr. Waddell's 200 class will be involved with the triathlon and car show this semester.

His 391 and 392

classes will meet in the Turner library Mondays at 1:00.

Summer plans for Mr. Waddell include teaching, traveling, and day camp work

*About 16 percent of recreation workers were employed by nursing and residential care facilities and another 10 percent were employed in civic and social organizations, such as the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts or the Red Cross.



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Dr. Beason and Belinda At Mayan Ruin in Belize



PRM Management Freshmen Quasi-Endowment Scholarship

Eligibility:

High school senior level student enrolling as an incoming freshman who elects to major in Park and Recreation management at The University of Mississippi. A scholarship stipend of \$500.00 will be awarded at the closure of the student's initial semester of enrollment upon official verification of a 2.5 GPA.

Criteria for selection:

- 1) Student must meet regular admission standards as defined in the undergraduate catalog
- 2) Student will submit a letter to the review committee illuminating goals for pursuing a degree and future in PRM.
- 3) Be currently enrolled full time in the initial semester

of entry at the University with a minimum of one three hour course in PRM.

- 4) Submit the application for scholarship prior to the initial semester's closing date for course enrollment as noted in current undergraduate catalog.

For more info. Contact Dr. Gilbert.

Did You Know?

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Overall employment of recreation workers is projected to increase by 13 percent between 2006 and 2016.

Opportunities for staff positions should be best for people with formal training and experience in part-time or seasonal recreation jobs. Those with graduate degrees should have the best opportunities for supervisory or administrative positions.