



## **A KRPA Professional Development Institute**

**September 12-14, 2017, Tall Oaks Conference Center**

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**Who should attend?** – KRPA's professional development institute is open to anyone who wants to enhance their leadership skills, network with other professionals in a relaxed atmosphere and gain management knowledge that relates to the park and recreation industry.

**Where is Tall Oaks Conference Center?** – The Tall Oaks Conference Center is located on 350 woodland acres two miles east of Linwood. The beautiful woodland setting is 15 miles from both the western boundary of the Greater Kansas City Region and the northeast corner of Lawrence. Attendees will be housed in the air-conditioned Lifelong Learning Center Lodge with two people per room.

### **Three Days of Professional Development That Will Impact Your Career!**

#### **Day One**

One of the primary goals of Tomorrow's Leaders is to learn professional development skills and how to enhance your network of professionals in parks and recreation. The first day is dedicated to team- building with your fellow classmates through a series of fun learning opportunities. First up on the schedule is a presentation from Andy Huckaba, who will lay the groundwork for the Kansas Leadership Center's basic leadership principles. Following his presentation and lunch, attendees will trek to the nearby woods for the OAK Adventure Learning Challenge Ropes Course for a team-building exercise that will set the tone for your experience at Tomorrow's Leaders.

The day will conclude with the keynote presentation by Rachel Keck, Coaching for Excellence. Learn how to make a 60 second connection with speed reading skills.

#### **Day Two**

The focus will be on management skills and approaches to becoming a leader in the park and recreation profession. Emphasis will be on budgets, types of communications, learning and working styles, and boards/city councils. The day will be divided into six parts – four training sessions, team competition in an obstacle course challenge and a final team strategy meeting session for Thursday's presentation. Educational training will start with morning presentations by Jana Dawson, who will discuss different learning and working styles, then Hillary Badger who will explain a park and recreation budget.

Following lunch, the class will be divided into teams for a little outdoor competition at the Tall Oaks Learning Center obstacle course. The afternoon breakout sessions will include Amy Conkling, who will discuss branding and not just your logo! The final session will be presented by Andy Huckaba, City Councilman for Lenexa. He will lead a discussion on ways to prepare for controversial topics and how staff can best prepare for these presentations to City Council.

### Day Three

Your final day at Tomorrow's Leaders is where you put everything you've learned to the test. The group will be divided into teams representing their own park and recreation administrative staff and be asked to make a presentation – solving an issue – in front of a mock board or panel of community leaders.

## **2017 Tomorrow's Leaders Schedule**

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### **Tuesday, September 12**

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| 9:30–10:00   | <i>Check-in at Lifelong Learning Center (LLC)</i>  |
| 10:00–11:30  | <i>Opening Presentation: Andy Huckaba, Lenexa City Council<br/>Learn the framework of tested leadership behaviors.</i> |
| 11:30–12:15  | <i>Lunch (DH)</i>  |
| 12:30 – 4:45 | <i>OAK Adventure Learning Challenge Ropes Course</i>   |
| 5:30 -6:00   | <i>Dinner in Dining Hall</i>   |
| 6:30 – 8:15  | <i>Keynote Speaker (LLC) –<b>Rachel Keck- Excellerant, Inc.</b><br/><i>The 60 second connection</i></i>                |

### **Wednesday, September 13**

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| 7:30– 8:15 | <i>Breakfast (DH)</i>   |
| 8:30– 9:45 | <i>Morning Training, Part I (LLC) – <b>Jana Dawson, Leadership<br/>Lawrence What's Your Comfort Zone?</b> Understanding Your<br/>Learning &amp; Working Style</i> |

- 10:00–11:15 *Morning Training, Part II – **Hillary Badger, Assistant Director of Finance with the City of Manhattan***  
**Budget, Banter, and Badgering: Five Tips to Convince Others to Spend**, This session will cover the basics of local budgeting in Kansas from the staff level through approval by the governing body. We will focus on preparing budgets and developing consensus for quality of life services within communities
- 11:30–12:00 *Lunch (DH)*
- 12:00–1:30 *Obstacle Course Team Challenge*  
 2:00– 3:15 *Afternoon Training, Part I – **Amy Conkling, Hutchinson Recreation Commission, Building Your Brand***  
 Your brand is more than the logos, graphics, and visual look of your organization. Learn how to create a positive, inviting culture that aligns with your organization’s values, mission, and vision that flows over to your customers and the community.
- 3:30–4:45 *Afternoon Training, Part II – **Andy Huckaba, Turning up the Heat***  
 A discussion on ways to prepare for controversial topics and how staff can best prepare for these presentations to City Council.
- 5:00– 5:30 *Dinner (DH)*
- 6:00– 8:30 *Team Meeting/Presentation Development*

**Thursday, September 14**

- 8:00 - 8:30 *Breakfast (DH)*
- 8:45-11:30 *Team Presentations (LLC)*
- 11:30-12:15 *Closing Luncheon/Presentation of Awards (DH)*
- 12:30 *Depart*

***Lodging Details***

*Participants will be staying at the Lifelong Learning Center, a hotel-like lodge, located on the grounds of Tall Oaks Conference Center. Special Accommodations will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed. A “to bring” list will be sent to all participants prior to the start of Tomorrow’s Leaders.*

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**Registration Deadline to KRPA: August 12, 2017**

Register Online at [www.krpa.org](http://www.krpa.org)