

What do I get from my Membership?

Our organization is only as strong as its members! Your membership with MPRA provides a number of benefits. Our current members say that some of the biggest benefits are the educational and networking opportunities, legislative representation, discounts, and their voice within the organization.

Professional Development

Association members have the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills and network with other members at numerous events throughout the year. These events provide continuing education credits for our members to remain at the forefront of their profession.



Leadership Opportunities

You will have numerous opportunities to develop leadership abilities and build credentials in the parks, recreation, and leisure services field. Leadership opportunities are available through a variety of categories as a member of the MPRA board of directors, regional directors, section directors, and valuable committees.



Members Only Resources

Only our members have access to our membership database, industry survey results, and our Did You Know/ Friends of the Park Resource Tool Kit.



Publications

The Missouri Parks and Recreation magazine is published three times a year (Jan, Mar, Oct) and the Membership Directory & Buyers Guide is published annually (Feb). Your membership not only allows you to receive these publications but it gives you the opportunity to be published in them as well.



Certifications

MPRA provides opportunities for Continuing Education Units through the many educational workshops and conferences it offers members each year. The Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE) are available through the National Recreation & Park Association.



Awards & Scholarships

Outstanding leaders and members are recognized for their contributions at the annual MPRA Conference and Expo. In addition, MPRA administers the Missouri Recreation and Parks Hall of Fame and assistance is often available for member conference fees.



Professional Assistance

The MPRA office is eager and anxious to assist you. Our goal is to be a valuable resource in advocating, communicating, and educating on behalf of our entire membership. MPRA can help you connect with other agencies, vendors, organizations, and individuals who have the answers, skills, or materials you need to make your job easier and more fun.



Interest Sections

We invite you to participate as a section member and have the opportunity to assist in selecting specific educational sessions for your interest areas. Up to three section affiliations are included with your membership at no cost. Current sections are: Aquatics; Health and Wellness; Leisure Educators; Park Resources; Sports; and Student/New Professional.



Discounts

MPRA members receive discounted prices on educational workshops, annual conference, and other events throughout the year. In addition, events in Kansas offer reciprocal discounts for MPRA members.



Legislative Representation

MPRA is the recognized voice of parks and recreation and leisure services in Missouri. Our goal is to represent the needs of our professionals in the Missouri General Assembly and work with policy-makers as a source of information and advice.

