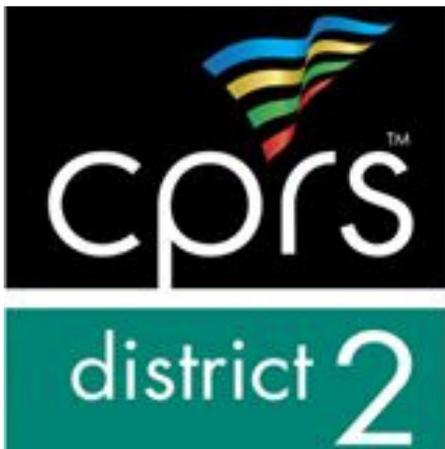


CPRS D2 SPRING NEWSLETTER 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings District 2! I am honored and humbled to serve as your President in what I hope to be a major comeback year. As CPRS celebrates 75 years, we have a lot to look forward to in 2021. I'm most excited that our board is full of talented and motivated people who are eager to connect and serve our members. One of our many goals this year is to connect with ALL of District 2, which will be a big task being that we are the largest district geographically. We have plans to visit Lake Tahoe, Chico, and all around the greater Sacramento Region to be more easily accessible to you all. Our special event lineup for the year includes our famous Equipment Expo, Lunch n' Learns and a new Recreation Software Symposium for agencies who would like a firsthand experience shopping for new program software. More than anything, the District 2 Board wants to assist and help in any way possible. After the brutal year we encountered last year, it is more important now (than ever) to unite as a network and get our profession back on its feet TOGETHER. I encourage everyone to reach out to our board at any time to let us know how we can best serve your needs, and for you to remember we are in this together! Let us all be great and make lives better.

Danny Curtola

D2 PRESIDENT



Youth & Teens Recreation Services (YTRS), meets virtually on the first Thursday of each month to discuss youth and teen programming, trends, and to create and implement projects, events, workshops and trainings that address issues and act on making a positive impact on the community. The current YTRS board consists of President, Eric Buechler of the City of Woodland; Vice President of Communications, Kourtney Hobart of Sunrise Recreation & Park District; Youth Representative, Shelley Romer of Cordova Recreation & Park District; and Teens Representative, Adriana Pedroza of the City of Woodland.

YTRS meetings give recreation professionals the opportunity to network with other recreation agencies to gain knowledge of what is currently trending in the recreation industry by discussing a variety of topics that are relevant to recreational programming. Our next couple of meetings will cover the prep and execution of summer programming following CDC guidelines. For more information visit the D2 YTRS page on Facebook or contact Eric Buechler at eric.buechler@cityofwoodland.org.

2021 NCAMA

Northern California Aquatic Management Association (NCAMA) Updates NCAMA hosted their annual Workshop on February 18th via zoom. This was the first year offering this Workshop on a virtual platform and attendance was great. There were 45 participants ranging from Lead Lifeguards to Recreation Supervisors with 29 agencies in attendance overall. NCAMA Workshop featured seven (7) educational sessions divided into two (2) tracks: one for part-time staff and the other for full-time staff. NCAMA has three upcoming events for the 2021 summer season, which include- TOTAL Guard on Friday, June 11th, the 5th annual Water Polo Tournament on Sunday, June 27th at the Antelope Aquatic Complex and the 19th annual Lifeguard Palooza on Sunday, August 8th.

MEET THE NCAMA STEERING COMMITTEE



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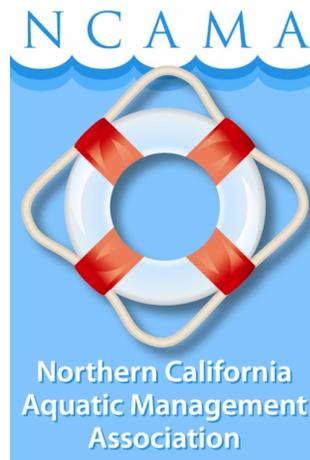
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SAVE THE DATE

SOFTWARE SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 10TH

CPRS District 2 will be hosting a recreation software symposium on November 10 at the City of Woodland Community Center. The event will feature twelve to fifteen of the most popular recreation software companies in the United States. This symposium will allow for Park and Recreation professionals the opportunity to discover what registration software will be the best for their community. Stay tuned for more information on the symposium and make sure to save the date for the upcoming event!

EQUIPMENT EXPO

2021 CPRS D2 Parks & Recreation
Equipment Expo!

Date: September 10

Time: TBD

Location:

Elk Grove Regional Park near
Rotary Grove,
9950 Elk Grove Florin Rd,
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Fee: TBD

District 2 is proud to present the Parks and Recreation Equipment Expo. The expo is a fun and exciting day full of vendors, the always exciting expo rodeo, raffle prizes and a delicious lunch! This event is perfect for Administrators, Supervisors, Managers, Park Maintenance, and all recreation professionals! Check back soon for registration information!



RECREATION AND RESILIENCE IN RIO LINDA–ELVERTA: THE REIMAGINATION AND RECONFIGURATION OF ANNUAL EVENTS

BY: ALISSIA DE SALLES

RECREATION COORDINATOR

Proficiency in pandemic perseverance was not a skill previously required of recreation and park personnel. It was not included in the responsibilities section of our job descriptions. It was certainly not a competency we had practiced, predicted, or performed in prior positions. Fortunately, folks who work in recreation and parks share a certain natural resilience that is necessary to the success of our collective mission. To achieve our mission and vision, even in the best of times, we are asked to display this resilience and perseverance for the good of the people that we serve. We are practiced professionals in finding new ways to create programs, operate facilities, and unveil events. This work requires resilience, even without difficulties of pandemic proportion. So, in a sense, each of us has been preparing to meet this challenge since our first day on the job. It is our daily commitment to our communities, our pride in the performance of public service, and our conviction that “parks make life better” that has refined in each of us the resilience required to achieve in spite of Covid-19. At Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District, this resilience has taken shape in our determination to keep our community events alive.

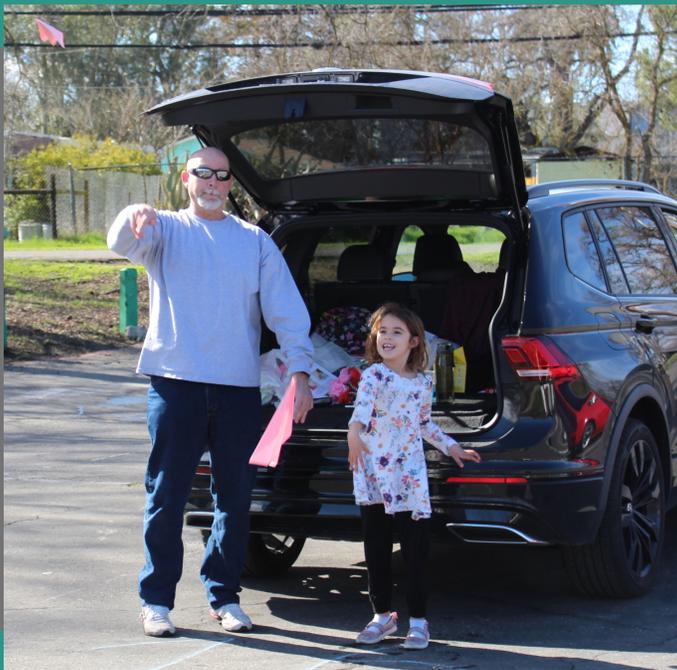
Here at RLERPD, our miniscule but mighty recreation team chose to use this pandemic as an opportunity to prove our commitment, pride, and conviction directly to our community members. With the consultative advice and approval of the Sacramento County Public Health Department, we navigated regulatory roadblocks to reimagine and reconfigure the annual events our community members have come to know and love. From Fall 2020 to present, we have been proud to offer revamped and rejuvenated annual events that adhere to all Covid-19-related regulations and guidelines.

Our fear of providing services fell away with the leaves in Autumn. We chose to blaze forward and convert our Halloween Trunk-or-Treat into a socially distanced, drive-thru event. We joined forces with Sacramento County Regional Parks, partnered with non-profits and community groups, and enlisted our local police and first responders to serve upwards of 3000 community members at the massive Gibson Ranch Property in Elverta. Candy, costumes, and community camaraderie characterized the evening!



In response to approaching winter days, we fired-up our internal furnaces and transformed our Christmas Breakfast Event into a Letters to Santa Drive & Drop that took place at the Rio Linda Train Depot. Our local kids met Santa's elves, received sleigh bells, and dropped-off letters to decorated North Pole mailboxes. Each child received a personalized response from Santa, letters which our recreation personnel felt honored to write in-house!

With hearts full of hope that the pandemic would soon subside, we morphed our Father-Daughter Valentine Formal into an Outdoor Family Tailgate that was socially distanced by household. In their time of greatest need, we sought to bring business to our family-owned food joints by encouraging attendees to pre-order and pick-up their tailgate lunches. We purchased and distributed 100 pre-packaged sundaes from our local Creamery to offer as Valentine gifts. No one was left screaming for ice cream!



Hippity hopping into the Spring, we redesigned our Easter Eggstravaganza organizational plan to include enormous egg hunts areas that could accommodate social distancing by household. Take-home crafts for each child were designed and packaged by recreation personnel. 2700 easter eggs were sanitized, bagged, and hidden throughout RLE Community Center Park by staff and volunteers. Six lucky children found golden eggs and took home trophies and goodie bags. The hundreds of smiles made all the work worthwhile!



Looking forward, we are excited to partner with our local historical society and library to offer seed planting for annual Farm and Tractor Days. As we continue to nurture and practice our pandemic-related skills, we are excited to see our entire community's resilience and perseverance grow mature and resolute. Here at RLERPD, we are hardy perennials. We continue to withstand the pandemic physically and psychologically, for we refuse to allow it to stagnate us. We refuse to allow it to separate us from our duty to our community. We are proud to continue to offer the refreshing rush of community activity to the people of Rio Linda and Elverta. We stand alongside our recreation and park colleagues in District 2— we stand resilient, steadfast, and honored to serve.

2021 LUNCH N LEARNS

The Lunch n' Learn series is returning in person again in August but don't fret if you live or work outside of the Sacramento region or can't join us in person because we will be on Zoom as well!

How will this work? Well the in person lunch n' learns will be one day and Zoom two days later!

Can I attend both? ABSOLUTELY!

When will this begin? August 24 in person and August 26 on Zoom
What time should I save? 11:30am-1pm

Who should I reach out to with questions? Kaisa Miller at kaisam@cityofwestsacramento.org

What are the topics? Topics are still being discussed. If you have a great idea please email Kaisa, she'd be happy to hear ideas!



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



KEVIN HUNTZINGER
Deputy Director of Parks
& Recreation

1. **Where do you currently work and what are your job responsibilities?** I currently work with the City of Rocklin as the Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation. I oversee the management of our 37 parks, recreation programs, community courses, special events, venue rentals, Quarry Park Amphitheater and the Adventure Park.
2. **Tell us a little bit about yourself?** Family, hobbies, etc. I enjoy spending time with my fiancé and our 4 kids. We enjoy camping and many other outdoor adventures. If I am not exploring with the family, I am most likely out duck, deer or pheasant hunting.
3. **How long have you been in the Parks and Recreation field?** I started working in the Parks and Recreation field when I was 19, with the City of San Jose as a Rec Leader.
4. **What got you into the field?** When I started college at San Jose State I was not decided on a career path. It was when I started working as a Rec Leader that I realized parks and recreation was the career for me. While continuing to work part time, I studied Recreation at San Jose State.
5. **What is the best part of your day at work?** I love watching all of our hard work pay off when we successfully provide the community with positive and memorable experiences. I love coming to work and collaborating with our staff, who are very dedicated to Rocklin.
6. **Why do you think Parks Make Life Better?** Parks provide a place for people to do what makes them happy. They can come to a park and have a picnic with their family, play a baseball game, or attend a large event. Parks provide the community with several options that allow them to get outside, exercise and enjoy some fresh air.
7. **Tell us about YTRS?** I participated with the group when I was involved with teen programs. I was new to teens, and YTRS gave me the opportunity to learn from colleagues.
8. **Anything else you'd like to share?** Thank you for this opportunity! I enjoy having the opportunity to brag about Rocklin Parks and Recreation 😊! Go Team Rocklin!

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