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RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION OF NUNAVUT

**2021 *RECREATION* and *SPORT LEADER*
CONFERENCE**

“A Year in the Life of Recreation”

October 22nd – 24th

Iqaluit, NU





WELCOME TO THE 2021 Recreation & Sport Leader Conference

Invitation from RPAN...

The last nineteen months has changed the world...and we know that how we run recreation and sport will see significant change going forward.

“A Year in the Life of Recreation” is the theme for the conference this year! Often, life in recreation is overwhelming...we don't know where to start and sometimes we don't even know what our “real” job is! But we do know everyday, the impact of quality programs on children, youth, adults and elders.

The RPAN Conference has a wonderful record of providing leadership in bringing people from diverse backgrounds together to connect, exchange ideas and learn from one another. Your leadership and guidance within your community is an important resource in building healthy and sustainable communities.

We look forward to seeing you in Iqaluit in October and together, planning for community development through recreation!

Rob Strutz, President

A Year in the Life of Recreation...is the theme for the 2021 Recreation and Sport Leader Conference.

Yay...you are now working in recreation! You've put in the hard work it takes to get this job and that deserves a celebration.

There's a lot of uncertainty that comes with working in recreation. You'll encounter people in a new role, a new environment and a new set of responsibilities. To set you up for success, we've put together sessions to help you through your first milestones.

We have designed sessions to be hands on this year, and together, we will go through your first week on the job, your first month, your first ninety days, your first year! We complete an annual plan! We will go through a “writing a funding proposal” process! We will talk “communication”...this can make or break many of the best laid plans! We will develop volunteer recruitment and retention campaigns! Finally, we will complete some “real” on-line funding applications!

Standard first aid training and certification will be hosted in advance of the conference...this is limited to twelve (12) people. If there is a demand, we will host a second course immediately following the conference.

Nunavut Soccer, Basketball Nunavut and Volleyball Nunavut will use the conference weekend to host their respective Coaches Symposiums...

And...we will host the 2021 Recreation and Sport Awards Gala, recognizing the achievements and contributions in the recreation and sport sector this past year!

The conference will host three streams of workshops, all providing training and certification including:

- ✓ Stream #1 – Community Recreation: “A Year in the Life”
- ✓ Stream #2 – Futsal Soccer Coaches Symposium
- ✓ Stream #3 – Volleyball Coaches Symposium
- ✓ Stream #4 – Basketball Coaches Symposium





✓ **Session 5: Community Needs Assessments**

To be a success, a program must be of interest and need to the community. To determine this, the recreation coordinator must know his/her community—who's in it, what programs and resources exist and what people want. Start by collecting all the information and then review the results to clearly understand the need.

In this session, we will explore different ways to do a Community Needs Assessment; provide tools, and set you on your way to making sure you are running programs that meet ALL of your community needs.

✓ **Session 6: Volunteer Recruitment and Retention**

Finding a good volunteer is like finding buried treasure. It's not always so easy to get to where X marks the spot, but it's certainly worth the work.

Volunteers are valuable in themselves, their commitment to your non-profit is key. To keep that commitment alive, we have some tips for recruiting and keeping your volunteers motivated and coming back time after time.

STREAM TWO – SPORT

Friday October 22nd

7:00PM – 9:00PM (all coaches)

Be the Coach They Need

Saturday October 23rd and Sunday October 24th

FUTSAL SOCCER – COACHES SYMPOSIUM

Sessions will support coach training in planning a practice and showcase various practice drills. This symposium will focus on:

- 1) Community coaches learning drills.
- 2) Community coaches learning how to plan practices.

Registration will include:

Airfare (Arrive Friday Afternoon - Depart Sunday Evening)

- ✓ Accommodations (Frobisher Inn),
- ✓ Meals (Saturday and Sunday)
- ✓ Ticket to Recreation and Sport Award Gala (Saturday Evening)
- ✓ RPAN Conference delegate gift

If you are interested in attending this session contact Todd at todder22@yahoo.com by Thursday September 30th, 2021.





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Registration for this Coaching Symposium will include:

- ✓ Airfare (Arrive Friday Afternoon - Depart Sunday Evening)
- ✓ Accommodations (Frobisher Inn),
- ✓ Meals (Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday)
- ✓ Ticket to RPAN and Sport Award Gala (Saturday Evening)
- ✓ VBNU Coaching Gift
- ✓ Access to VBNU coaching resources
- ✓ RPAN Conference delegate gift

If you are interested in attending this session contact VBNU at informationvbnu@gmail.com by Thursday September 30th, 2021.

Saturday October 23rd 2021 Recreation and Sport Awards Gala

The Annual Recreation and Sport Awards Gala will recognize individuals and organizations that made significant contributions to recreation and achieved excellence in sport. Your registration includes one ticket to the Awards Gala. Additional tickets may be purchased for those not participating in the conference for \$125. Group tables for 8 people can be purchased for \$850. Contact Dawn Currie to reserve a table no later than September 27th.

IMPORTANT...Due to continued change in regulations for capacity numbers in one space...we may be forced to revise attendance at the 2021 Recreation and Sport Awards Gala. Final decisions and revisions may be made at a later date!

NEED TO KNOW...

HOW TO GET THERE

Once you have fully registered, RPAN will book flights and accommodations in Iqaluit. If you require accommodations enroute to Iqaluit, you are responsible for this.

If you are a coach traveling for the Coaches Symposium, your TSO will book flights. Your accommodations will be at the Frobisher Inn.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Currie at 613.876.0491 or dcurrie@rpan.ca for eligibility criteria. All delegates traveling on a subsidy are required to attend 100% of the conference.





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HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

Complete attached registration form and email it to dcurrie@rpan.ca. The deadline to register is **Thursday September 30th**. It is important to remember that travel and seat availability is a challenge. Often flights fill up or reduced seats are not available...please ensure that you register as early as possible.

The registration fee structure is found on the registration form and is due at registration, but may be mailed in advance. Cheques are to be made payable to the Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut.

Full Conference Package includes:

- Workshops, resources and certification (where applicable)
- Welcome appetizers (Friday night)
- 4 Coffee breaks and snacks
- 2 Breakfasts (Saturday and Sunday)
- 2 Lunches (Saturday and Sunday)
- Award Gala Dinner ticket (includes dinner on Saturday)
- Delegate gift package

