

2021 CENTRAL REGION WORKSHOP

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Welcome to the 2021 Texas Recreation & Park Society Central Region Workshop and Rodeo in Temple, Texas. The City of Temple Parks & Recreation Department is very proud to host this annual event for the second year in a row. We hope you enjoy your time in our city, meet new professionals in the field, and learn something new.



SPEAKERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

City Manager Brynn Myers Workshop Welcome

Charles Jenkins Keynote Speaker

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Mayor Tim Davis Maintenance Rodeo Welcome



CHARLES JENKINS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Charles Jenkins, also known as Skeeta Jenkins, is a native of Plaquemine, Louisiana and a current resident of Temple, Texas. He is married to Tanya Jenkins and they have 2 beautiful daughters, Kierra and Bella.

Skeeta holds a master's degree from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Marriage and Family Christian Counseling and a bachelor's degree in Social Work. He is also Motivational Speaker, Author, Consultant and an Actor. You can watch him on the big screen in the Amazon Prime original hit television show "Vindication" Season 1, Episode 8 and several movies and commercials.

Skeeta uses his past experiences of overcoming difficulties and hardships in football and life to help participants realize their dreams and reach their goals.

CEU INFORMATION

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

	NORTH ROOM	SOUTH ROOM	MAIN HALL A	MAIN HALL B
7-8:15AM	REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN			
8:15-9AM	BREAKFAST & KEYNOTE SPEAKER			
SESSION 1 9-10:15AM	Tackling Senior Loneliness and Social Isolation in Your Community	Host with the Most: Developing Budget Friendly Events and Programs	The Forgotten Demographic: Reaching Youth and Young Adults through Alternative Recreation	What Happened to My Dad's Job?
10:15-10:45AM	SNACK BREAK & VENDOR VISIT			
SESSION 2 10:45-12PM	The TikTok Generation	Got Aquatics? Colin's Hope Has Tips and Resources to Prevent Drowning	Park Operations and Planning Roundtable*	Hosting Special Olympics Games/ Programs in Partnership with Parks and Recreation
12-1:30PM	LUNCH & AWARDS			
SESSION 3 1:30-2:45PM	Operational Inefficiencies in Small Businesses and Agencies	How to Start a Tool Library	Services for Ages 50+: It's A Balancing Act	Importance of Emergency Response Training and Preparedness
2:45-3:15PM	SNACK BREAK & VENDOR VISIT			
SESSION 4 3:15-4:30PM	Nature Play & Plants for Play	Safety and Maintenance Considerations for Successful Splashpad Design	STOP THE BLEED	The Power of Play
5PM	SOCIAL			

*CEUs are not available for the session



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SESSION 1

9 AM - 10:15 AM

NORTH ROOM

Tackling Senior Loneliness and Social Isolation in Your Community

Corey Abbate, City of Leander Parks and Recreation Department

Senior citizen loneliness and social isolation are community problems that were spiraling out of control in a pre-covid world, and the past two years have only compact the problem. In this session, participants will learn the root causes for social isolation and loneliness, reviewing data from state and national sources to grasp the scope of the issue, and finish off the class with an exercise in program building around National Day events. **.1 CEU**

SOUTH ROOM

Host with the Most: Developing Budget Friendly Events and Programs

Elizabeth Marzec, City of Elgin Parks and Recreation Department

Emerge from the impacts of COVID-19 bigger and better than before with these practical and creative ways to implement low-cost, high impact events. **.1 CEU**

MAIN HALL A

The Forgotten Demographic: Reaching Youth and Young Adults through Alternative Recreation

Miranda Maloy, City of Temple Parks and Recreation Department

Are you missing a giant target audience in your own backyard? In this engaging presentation, we will learn about the increasingly popular field of alternative recreation including e-sports, anime/comic books, and more. Learn how appealing to the niche clientele may increase your program offerings for the next generation. **.1 CEU**

MAIN HALL B

What Happened to My Dad's Job?

Charley Ayres, Workforce Solutions of Central Texas

How are technology, demographics, and immigration affecting our workplace and impacting our ability to hire? This session gives an overview of the influencers driving change in the labor market and helps identify key areas to manage, develop and plan. **.1 CEU**

SESSION 2

10:45 AM - 12 PM

NORTH ROOM

The TikTok Generation

Josh Rodrigue, Missouri City Parks and Recreation Department

Learn about Generation Z employees, their characteristics, and what drives them to be the best they can be. Generation Z employees are not just our part-timers, they are some of our best entry-level professionals in the parks and recreation industry. In this session, we will gain a better appreciation for the first digital natives and learn how to create work place atmospheres that are positive for all generations. **.1 CEU**

SOUTH ROOM

Got Aquatics? Colin's Hope Has Tips and Resources to Prevent Drowning

Alissa Magrum, Colin's Hope

Alissa Magrum, ED of Colin's Hope will consolidate 11+ years of drowning prevention wins and fails to share real stories of those impacted by drowning. Texas Fatal Child Drowning statistics, Water Safety Resources and Helpful Tips will be shared in this interactive session. **.1 CEU**

MAIN HALL A

Park Operations and Planning Roundtable

Tim Speyrer, Travis County Parks

Jonathan Hanson, City of Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department

This roundtable session will focus on skills and knowledge to create goals for professional growth for park maintenance employees. Topics will include: How maintaining parks affect the visitor experience, how the structure of your organization relates to your opportunity for growth, future planning for yourself and the organization, and more!

MAIN HALL B

Hosting Special Olympics Games/Programs in Partnership with Parks and Recreation

Alex Hubbard, Special Olympics Texas | Shauna Radke, Special Olympics Texas

We will discuss a few topics that are beneficial to providing games/programs for our athletes. Our discussion will include how partnering with PARs is beneficial to the department itself as well as SOTX or other organizations needing venues to hold sports practices and competitions, what programs we offer in Area 12 (Greater Waco area), how schools are becoming involved, inclusion aspects of Special Olympics, and a highlight of athletes and the benefits that they have received from being involved in the Special Olympics. **.1 CEU**

SESSION 3

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

NORTH ROOM

Operational Inefficiencies in Small Businesses and Agencies

Dr. Vinay Gonela, Texas A&M University Central Texas

This session focuses on identifying operational inefficiencies in small businesses and agencies by using DMAIC (define, measure, analyze, improve, and control). In addition, different lean and quality tools such as process maps, value stream maps, and spaghetti diagrams will be used to identify wastes and bottlenecks in the processes and solutions to these problems will be identified or proposed through mutual discussions. The session will be hands-on and therefore, attendees are recommended (but not required) to think about their own processes so that their inefficiencies can be identified and improved.

.1 CEU

SOUTH ROOM

How to Start a Tool Library

Nancy Glover, City of Temple Housing and Community Development Department

This session will detail the benefits of having a Tool Library in your community, along with step-by-step instructions that you can follow to start one in your community. The program will also detail funding options. **.1 CEU**

MAIN HALL A

Services for Ages 50+: It's A Balancing Act

Kelly Gaydos, Round Rock Parks and Recreation Department

Working with older adults can be a balancing act. Do they want to be called “seniors” or “active adults”? Will they participate in a group exercise class or do they only want cards & games? Are members willing to pay for a program, or will they only participate if it is included in their membership? This session will showcase the programs and operations of the Allen R. Baca Center in Round Rock and how it is possible to juggle the needs and wants of this older population. **.1 CEU**

MAIN HALL B

Importance of Emergency Response Training and Preparedness

Joseph Lozada, Strategic Trauma Solutions

Aaron Jackson, Strategic Trauma Solutions

Discuss the importance of safety planning and preparedness by reviewing case studies of natural disasters, malicious intents to harm, and everyday accidents. We will discuss different types of preparedness training and offer resources to obtain training. **.1 CEU**

SESSION 4

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

NORTH ROOM

Nature Play & Plants for Play

Michelle Bertelsen, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center,
The University of Texas at Austin

Nature play, particularly unstructured play, provides a host of benefits to children. Learn how simple design techniques and carefully selected plants can be used to enhance the developmental value of play. What characteristics encourage interaction, close observation, sensory play, physical movement, and support for socio-dramatic play? How can spaces be arranged to encourage exploration, physical activity, cognitive development and cooperation? Learn about the difference between risk and hazard and how that relates to nature play benefits. **.1 CEU**

SOUTH ROOM

Safety and Maintenance Considerations for Successful Splashpad Design

Karine Trudel, Vortex International

There's no denying the popularity of Splashpads in large and small communities across the nation. In many cases Splashpads are replacing old wading pools. In others, a Splashpad is being introduced to a community in lieu of a swimming pool, or as a brand-new attraction. While their play value has broad appeal to families of all ages, they are equally attractive to parks and recreation departments.

Beneath the eye-catching features of your attraction is an intricate system that controls water usage and quality, and ensures that your attraction is safe, efficient and sustainable over time. When it comes to sanitation, and chemical, mechanical and preventative maintenance, water management and a well-thought-out maintenance program is at the heart of every successful Splashpad design project. **.1 CEU**

MAIN HALL A

STOP THE BLEED

Joseph Lozada, Strategic Trauma Solutions
Aaron Jackson, Strategic Trauma Solutions

STB is leading the effort to save lives by teaching everyday people to provide vital response to stop bleeding in emergency situations. This is accomplished by comprehensive and sustainable bleeding control education targeted to inform and empower everyone. **.1 CEU**

MAIN HALL B

The Power of Play

Belinda Garcia, City of Temple Parks and Recreation

Odell Lyons Harris, City of Temple Parks and Recreation

Terri Holloway, City of Temple Parks and Recreation

This session will start with a discussion and presentation on the importance of play, what resources there are when it comes to finding games, and how to adapt games to different demographics. We will then showcase a variety of games and demonstrate how to effectively run large group games so come prepared to move in this interactive, engaging session! **.1 CEU**



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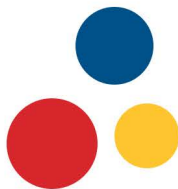
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RODEO SCHEDULE

6 AM VENDOR SET UP

7-8:15 AM REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN

7:30-8:30 AM BREAKFAST

7:45-8:15 AM JUDGES MEETING
NORTH ROOM

8:15-8:45 AM WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MAIN EVENTS

9 AM BACKPACK BLOWER COMPETITION

9 AM PLANT & WEED IDENTIFICATION COMPETITION

9:30 AM IRRIGATION ASSEMBLY

10 AM TRUCK & TRAILER COMPETITION

10:30 AM NAIL DRIVING COURSE

11 AM MOWER OBSTACLE COURSE

11:30 AM BACKHOE COMPETITION

12:30-1:30 PM LUNCH

1 PM AWARDS & RAFFLES

