Membership Benefits

Stay Connected

- 4 Magazines per year will be mailed to you. They are designed to be professional resource guides with articles from around the state that assist and unite our profession. One of these magazines annually will include a directory of members.
- 6 Newsletters will be emailed to you annually. They are designed to keep you involved in the activities of the Association that occur through our branches, committees and districts.
- A bi-weekly e-update entitled SC SNAPSHOTS is a quick hitting link oriented update that range from grants, educational opportunities, meetings, and other time sensitive matters that will assist you as a member of your professional association.
- Web Site maintained for important information and links to be utilized for our profession.

Grow Professionally

The Association offers various educational programs for the development of the park and recreation profession. In excess of 100 hours per year are offered for continuing education, they include:

- Annual Conference with an exhibit hall of companies that service the park and recreation industry. The conference also includes a minimum of 40 hours of specialized sessions for all levels of the park and recreation field.
- The Programming Summit, a specialized training for recreation programming staff.
- Sports Management Institute designed for all athletic staff.
- Southern Leisure Management & Trends Institute is designed for upper level management.
- Parks Maintenance Institute designed for all parks and maintenance personnel.
- South Carolina Leadership and Development, offered every even numbered year is a 9 month program for individuals wishing to further their careers in the management of public parks and recreation.
- Certified Playground Safety Institute, which can also include a national certification.
- Numerous district and branch workshops held throughout the year on timely issues.

Advocate

Issues regarding parks, recreation and tourism or SC at the state and national level. SCRPA has been an effective ear and voice for our issues in the state and nationally. The stronger our membership; the louder your voice.

- In 2014 we permanently reduced the cost of SLED checks for volunteers from $25 to $8 per person.
- Parks And Recreation Development (PARD) fund, in 2014 we added $1 million in general appropriations to this program we established in 1989. In 2016, we increased the guaranteed to $3 million per year Since then, it has distributed over $50 million to local P&R agencies and over $31 million to Sr. Citizens.
- Maintain 2 seats on the SC State Trails Advisory Board which has distributed over $30 million for trail projects throughout our state.
- Currently have a seat on the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee (TERC) one of 13 statewide Appointments.
- Helped establish the State’s Accommodations Tax funds and maintained public Parks and Recreation eligibility for projects. Also established the enabling legislation for the local A-tax program.
- Established and maintained the local Hospitality Tax funds for construction and operations of your projects.

...and many more

- Networking Opportunities
- Awards Recognition Program
- Scholarships for College and University Students majoring in the parks and recreation profession
- Job Board
- Online Membership Directory
- SC Athletics Guide
- Statewide Athletic Tournaments
- Guidelines for South Carolina Agencies offering Summer Day Camps and Out of School Time
- Affiliations with numerous state agencies and allied organizations
- Substantial discounts to every SCRPA event including education and training