

# APRA

## MEMBER ENGAGEMENT GUIDE



A guide on APRA involvement to help you get the most of your membership!

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# INTRODUCTION

APRA's mission is to connect, educate, and inspire all who enhance the quality of life through the profession of parks, recreation, and the protection of natural resources. We encourage you to invest in your personal and professional excellence by taking full advantage of the many opportunities your association offers.

With countless ways to engage as an APRA member, we hope this guide inspires you to embark on the next chapter of your journey in this remarkable industry.



From TEAMS and Committees to exciting events, APRA gives you limitless ways to learn, lead, and connect. Make this the year you get the most out of your membership!

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## MEMBER BENEFITS



### Stay Connected

Build meaningful connections that inspire growth and innovation in the parks and recreation industry. Learn from peers, ask questions, and discover new pathways to make your mark alongside professionals who share your passion.



### Take Inspiration

Stay connected and inspired with the latest in parks and recreation! Explore industry trends through APRA's newsletter, APRA Magazine, social media, and ongoing learning opportunities.



### Continued Education

Enhance your professional development by staying current on career advancement and CEU opportunities through APRA's direct connection to the parks and recreation industry.

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## YOUR MEMBER INFO HUB

### Manage Your Account & View the Directory



Add a photo and bio to your profile to personalize your listing! Explore the Directory to connect with other members!

### Plan Your Calendar and Register for Events



View all upcoming events on the info hub homepage. Register and view all events you're registered for.

### Manage your CEUs, View Members only Swag, and other APRA Resources



View your certification status, your CEU activity, and search the CEU catalog. Explore exclusive members only swag, and APRA resources and official documents.

**[Watch the Info Hub Tour Here!](#)**



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## WAYS TO ENGAGE

### Register for an Event

Explore and register for an event on our website. Whether its continuing your education through CEUs or mingling with your peers our events bring us further. Want to host your own event? Submit an event on the members only info hub!



### Submit an Article for the APRA Magazine

Magazines are released quarterly. See the latest release for the next submission due date. Submit your content to [rking2@apachejunctionaz.gov](mailto:rking2@apachejunctionaz.gov). See all past magazines here or on our website.

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## WAYS TO ENGAGE

### Volunteer on a Committee!

A great way to get involved is to volunteer on a committee! Fill out the committee interest forms linked below to get involved!

#### **Program Committee**

Committee Chair: Becky Kuiper  
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**[Committee Interest Form](#)**

#### **Membership Committee**

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**[Committee Interest Form](#)**

#### **Marketing Committee**

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#### **Awards Committee**

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**[Committee Interest Form](#)**

#### **Conference Committee**

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**[Committee Interest Form](#)**

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## WAYS TO ENGAGE

### Join a TEAM

Want to make the most of your membership? Join an APRA TEAM! You can join a team in the Members Hub. See below or visit [our website](#) for more information on each team and committee.



*Young Professionals TEAM Meet-Up*



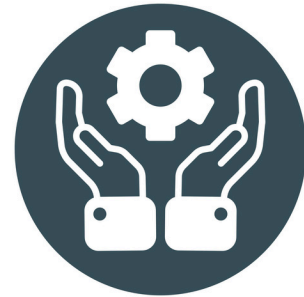
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## GET INVOLVED IN TEAMS

### TEAMS OVERVIEW

APRA has created TEAMS that best support our member's unique job functions and personal interests. With active participation at its core, TEAMS can generate exciting new opportunities for engagement, professional development and industry collaboration.

#### Administrative & Support Professionals TEAM



The "IT" team! We say it, spell it, generate it, edit it, answer it, order it, collect it, schedule it, facilitate it, manage it, disseminate it, track it, pay it, organize it, file it, and do it all over again, before noon. Superpower = herding cats.



#### Aquatics TEAM

A champion of health, fitness, fun, and water safety for all ages and abilities. Make a splash sharing best practices, search for innovative aquatics programming, and stay connected.



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## GET INVOLVED IN TEAMS

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion TEAM



If you're ready to see your world through a new lens, grab your rose colored glasses, step out of your comfort zone and join us for connections and conversations that dig deep. Warning! This TEAM may provoke individual thought and long-lasting meaning.



### Directors & Administrators TEAM

Prepare to engage, learn, and take your career to the next level! We are a solid group of agency leaders; steadfast in our mission to advance the industry through advocacy, innovation, best-practices, and mentorship. We're ready to help, if you're ready to go.

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## GET INVOLVED IN TEAMS

### Recreation & Facilities Management TEAM



Responsible for maintaining parks, facilities, open space, trails, and landscape assessment. Administers service contracts, managing capital projects, resolving customer complaints, coordinating compliance with agency ordinances, and performs a variety of technical tasks relative to assigned areas of responsibility. Exercises direct supervision over maintenance, professional, technical, and administrative support staff. In a word....we do it all!



### Outdoor & Natural Resources TEAM

If protecting the world around you keeps you up at night, join our trek to hunt for innovative ways to support, protect and restore Arizona "Au naturel."

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## GET INVOLVED IN TEAMS

### Park & Facility Maintenance TEAM



Parks are like superheroes! Underneath each unique exterior lies a set of extraordinary abilities. Each has an inherent mission to serve, shares a great sense of responsibility, protects everyone equally, and is tolerant of all pain and abuse. Join the movement to be a superhero sidekick!



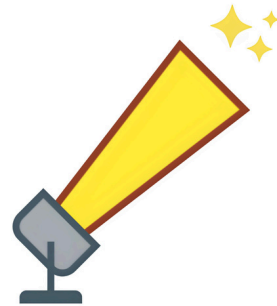
### Senior & Active Adults TEAM

Age is unimportant unless you're a cheese! Our comedic TEAM shares laughs alongside professional ideas and strategies for continuous improvement; however, equally as important, we share a human connection. Be there or be square!

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## GET INVOLVED IN TEAMS

### Special Events TEAM



We mix a splash of "ooohhh", a handful of "ahhhh" and a round of applause into everything we do. We're the fun factory, the smile generators and the long-term memory makers of Arizona. Hey, making people happy is hard work; make it easier on yourself and join the fun.



### Athletics TEAM

We plan, organize, lead and control sports events, programs, personnel, and facilities. Members of the recreational sports profession who focus on designing and managing sports programs for the primary purpose of encouraging active participation. Sport management and marketing professionals in other areas of the sports industry focus on managing and marketing sports opportunities for elite athletes or staging events for spectators.



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## GET INVOLVED IN TEAMS

### Technology Engagement TEAM



We are more than just IT! We set it up, back it up, update it, support it, learn it, test it, like it and share it. Truth be told, IT'S everything.



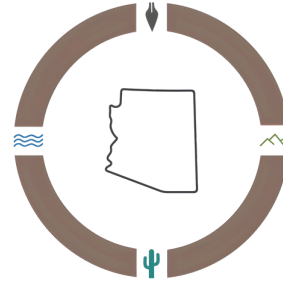
### Therapeutic Recreation TEAM

Therapeutic Recreation, also known as recreation therapy, is a unique profession that uses recreation and activity-based interventions to help improve people's physical, emotional, cognitive, social, spiritual and leisure functioning to enjoy life more fully. Recreational therapists help others get better by leading them in activities they love to do.

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## GET INVOLVED IN TEAMS

### Tribal TEAM



Our Tribal TEAM focuses on the needs of the parks and recreation professionals who work in or closely with Native American Communities.



### Young Professionals TEAM

This network is intended to be a forum and networking TEAM for discussion, sharing of knowledge and unique to the needs and interests of members under the age of 35 working in the park and recreation field or students currently pursuing a degree in parks, recreation, or other related fields.

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## 2026 APRA TEAM LEADS

### **Administrative & Support Professionals:**

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## VOLUNTEER AT CONFERENCE

Volunteerism is a fantastic strategy to connect with APRA and to network with professionals across the state. Hang out with us to meet new people, build your network and learn first-hand what goes on behind the scenes.

A minimum of 4-volunteer service hours qualifies you for a discounted rate of \$350 on your full conference registration package or \$175 for a single day registration.



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