

77th Annual Vermont Conference on Recreation
September 23rd & 24th
“Creating Our Vision”

A Letter to our valued conference attendees -

Dear VRPA Conference attendees, supporters, and volunteers,

We hope you all have been well during the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges we all have been facing since the beginning.

As you are aware, many states and national conferences for 2020 have been shifting to Virtual options due to an array of circumstances preventing many from being able to gather in person this year. Though Vermont has been impacted less by the virus, we have felt many economic impacts from the pandemic. Many departments have seen drastic budget cuts & reduction of staff, all while performing other essential functions such as childcare, food delivery, and keeping parks open. Due to these challenges and budget reductions, our Conference and Executive Committees have made the decision to also shift our 2020 Conference to a Virtual platform this year.

Our conference attendee brochure will be released shortly, and will provide more details about how the conference will run this year. We made this decision early so that we have time to plan and implement a truly valuable, unique, educational, fun, and worthwhile conference for all that are involved! We hope you will join us this year!

We are all truly in this together, and we hope that you will see the value in joining us again this year, even though the format and in-person connection will be different.

With all of that being said, we would like to invite you to join us this year for the 77th Annual Vermont Conference on Recreation which will be held virtually over the course of two days on Wednesday & Thursday, September 23rd & 24th, 2020.

We are offering Attendee registration at a reduced cost this year because again, we are all in this together, and want to help bring everyone together in the most financially friendly and possible way! For the \$77 (VRPA member) registration fee, you will be able to attend all of the virtual education sessions being offered over the course of 2.5 days, along with special “coffee talk” times with Exhibitors, Keynote & Endnote speakers, and a virtual Social Hour!

Please take a look through our brochure once it is released and consider joining us virtually this year! If you’d like to participate in the planning process or help at the conference itself, the planning committee can always use more volunteers. Contact Adriane Martin, Conference Chair at AEMartin@Essex.org if you are interested.

Thank you for all of your continued support, involvement, and the amazing things you are doing for your communities!

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