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QuickStart Tennis - New Initiative to Get More Kids 10-and-Under Playing Tennis at Your Facility

The USTA/Midwest Section is excited to offer Park and Recreation Departments a new way to bring more youth to their facilities in 2008. QuickStart Tennis is a new format to help kids ten and under learn and play the game. To make it easier for them and help them start playing tennis almost immediately, we've modified the court size, racquet size, ball, scoring system and the net height.

Program instructors will enjoy the QuickStart Tennis format because it makes managing and engaging groups of children easier. And, it's simple to integrate into existing lesson and play programs. There is free training provided to instructors who want to offer QuickStart Tennis.

The Watertown Park and Recreation

Dear Juliene,

Get Involved!

Every professional in any career has

an opportunity and obligation to contribute to the growth, development and maintenance of the profession in a number of different ways. Most professionals support their local, state and national organizations through memberships in these organizations. Still others participate regularly in the activities sponsored by these organizations. To be a professional is to accept these responsibilities. In return, you receive the benefit of the collective wisdom of practicing professionals whose major goal is to further the profession and enhance its contributions to society in general.

You become involved in WPRA by volunteering on a number of boards, committees or task forces. Each WPRA Section has a board and a number of committees needing volunteers to help organize local events and trainings. To become involved at the local level, contact your Region or Section chairperson and find out how you can help. Click [here](#) to view a list of Region/Section Representatives/Chairpersons. There are a number of state level committees and task forces that are also looking for volunteer members. You can view the statewide committees by clicking [here](#). To become involved on the state board either call the WPRA Office at 414-423-1210 or e-mail Steve Thompson, Executive Director at sthompson@wpraweb.org.

WPRA Citizen Board Member Resource Guide

Department showcases how USTA Jr. Team Tennis using QuickStart Tennis can be a great addition to programs offered to youth. In 2007, the Park and Recreation Department partnered with the local Community Tennis Association, and 70 youth participated in an eight-week summer program.

According to Watertown Park and Recreation Department Director Tom Checkai, "We felt offering this tennis format was a great way to get young kids playing the sport instead of hiring an instructor to give lessons. The kids enjoyed being part of a team and the social aspects of tennis, and we're excited to offer QuickStart Tennis again this summer."

For more information on offering QuickStart Tennis at your Park and Recreation Department, and possible grant funding available for QuickStart Tennis, contact USTA/Midwest Section Tennis staff Erika Wentz at erika@midwest.usta.com or visit www.midwest.usta.com/jtt10&under.

WPRA has developed a comprehensive, 38 page Citizen Board Member Resource Guide that provides an overview of information needed to assist citizen board members in the area of parks and recreation to perform their roles effectively. This Resource Guide was created primarily as a tool for new citizen board members, particularly those who do not have access to meetings and conference that offer training opportunities for board members.

The Resource Guide covers such topics as: Board Structures, Roles and Responsibilities, Building Community Support, Citizen Advocacy, Orientation and Board Manual Templates, and much, much more!

This highly sought after reference is available for purchase through the WPRA Office. The complete cost of obtaining a Resource Guide is as follows:

1	\$ 7.50
5	\$35.00
10	\$60.00

Remit check payable to WPRA and mail to: 6601-C Northway, Greendale, WI 53129.

What's New With Our Members?

Congratulations to James Andersen, (formally employed by the Green Bay Boy's and Girl's Club), on his recent appointment to the position of Recreation Supervisor for the City of Green Bay.

VOLUNTEER WANTED!!

The **Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council** is searching for a WPRA member to serve on a steering committee for the Council's **"20 Million by 2020" Tree Planting Initiative**.

If you have a passion for trees or tree planting, enjoy developing partnerships, or like organizing large projects and would like to be part of this diverse committee, please contact Jeff Gorman at (608) 437-7190 or Ken Ottman at (414) 286-0263 to learn more.

Order Publications from Human Kinetics from the WPRA website



WPRA members now have the opportunity to order publications or other items from Human Kinetics through the WPRA website. Just go to the Partnership page of the WPRA website to preview materials and place an

order. All orders placed through the WPRAs website link will provide WPRAs with 10% of the purchase. Order your materials today. We are currently working with ASEP to allow members to have their coaches take the Coaches on-line training through the WPRAs website as well.

Click on the following link to see the wonderful publications that are available through Human Kinetics.

[Human Kinetics WPRAs Associate Link.](#)

WPRAs Board Governance Update



The 2008 WPRAs Board of Directors is currently reviewing the findings and recommendations for remodeling the WPRAs Board. The overview information was presented to the Board at the March 5 Board meeting. The Board approved that the options

provided in the presentation be taken to the Region meetings. It is intended that the membership be able to discuss the options and provide input to their Region Representative for an informed vote on this issue at the May Board meeting. Watch for your March or April Region meeting agenda that will list the WPRAs Governance presentation as an agenda item. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact your Region Representative with input regarding this issue.

To see the presentation and to view the four options please click on this link. ([WPRAs Board Governance Update Presentation Information](#))

Yvonne Monfils, WPRAs Secretary/Treasurer

Membership Directory Update

The 2008 Wisconsin Park & Recreation Membership Directories have been printed and mailed. All members should be receiving them shortly if you have not received yours already. Please make the following additions or adjustments in your 2008 Membership Directories.

Membership Directory and Buyer's Guide Portion:

Fahrner Asphalt:

Fahrner Asphalt
 Jim Rozumalski
 316 Raemisch Road
 Waunakee, WI 53597
 608-849-6466, Fax: 608-849-6470
jrozumalski@fahrnerasphalt.com

Commercial Recreation Specialists, Inc.

Ron Romens, President
 415 Investment Ct.
 Verona, WI 53593
 608-848-8781, Fax: 608-848-8782
contact@crs4rec.com
www.crs4rec.com

Athletic/Fitness/Sports/Equipment, Playground Equipment, Play Surfaces, Site Design, Site Furnishings, Skateparks/Equipment, Splashpads, Swimming Pool Supplies

Park & Recreation Products Inc.

Dave Wagner, President

6701 Seybold Road

Madison, WI 53719

608-274-0223, Fax: 608-274-6636

info@parknrecproducts.com

www.parknrecproducts.com

Please add under the following categories: Bleachers, Outdoor Seating, Scoreboards, Shelters/Buildings, Site Furnishings, and Sound Systems.

Student Membership Update

Please note that student memberships will now be valid January 1 - December 1 in conjunction with professional memberships. Those students that currently have memberships for the 2007/2008 school year, your memberships will expire on December 31, 2008.

Thank you for your continued support of the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association.

Sincerely,

Juliene Hefter, MSOLQ, CPRP Deputy Director
Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association

**Special \$10
for a 1
year
posting**

If you offer internships at your organization or company now is the time to post them on the WPRM website. We are hoping to have all agencies that offer internships have their positions posted so that students are able to go to the website to find internships throughout the year. This offer is only good until April 1, 2008. Your internship will be posted on-line for 1 year. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity today!!

Offer Expires: April 1, 2008

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