

2025 MPRA CONFERENCE & EXPO

Activities & Networking Opportunities



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Alumni Socials

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Branson Convention Center

Connect with fellow alumni, both new and old! We'd love to see you there, whether you've graduated or are still studying. Everyone is welcome!

Welcome Reception and Dinner

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Andy B's Branson

Vireo and Cunningham Recreation/Gametime invite you to kick off your conference week at our welcome reception and dinner. It's the perfect chance to catch up with friends from around the state and meet new faces! We can't wait to see you there!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Section Roundtables

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Branson Convention Center

Find a room for Aquatics, Sports, Park Resources, and IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility) professionals to share ideas and plan for MPRA events and meetings next year.

Expo Hall Happy Hour

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Branson Convention Center

Don't miss out on Happy Hour in the Expo Hall, proudly sponsored by Landmark Aquatic! Be among the first 200 attendees to stop by their booth and snag a special gift as you connect with industry professionals and corporate partners. This year, there's a new twist: look for booths marked on our expo map that are offering complimentary drink tickets!

Dinner & Silent Auction

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Branson Convention Center

Join us for this year's silent auction, where you can view and bid on over 100 items. There's something for everyone! If you're not interested in "stuff" but want to try your luck, the auction committee will also hold a 50/50 raffle, with proceeds benefiting the MPRA Education Fund. Dinner, sponsored by Play and Park Structures, will be served from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Auction After Party

8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Branson Convention Center

Enjoy a relaxed evening with great music from our DJ and some fun games to play. It's the perfect way to unwind and socialize with friends.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Take a Student to Lunch

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location of your choosing

Help us inspire future members of MPRA by taking a student to lunch! Share with them what you love about working in parks and recreation—it'll be a great way to connect and make a positive impact. And you don't have to be a student mentor to join the fun!

Closing Social

8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Branson Landing

Celebrate the end of a great week of learning and networking at our closing social, sponsored by Great Southern Recreation.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

MPRA Region Meetings

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Branson Convention Center

Meet with fellow members of your region to discuss current events and plans for the next year.