



West Virginia Recreation and Parks Association
Joe Shuttleworth, Conference Chairperson
50th Anniversary Conference
September 19-21, 2023
Bridgeport WV



May 31, 2023

WVRPA Exhibitors:

As Conference Chair for the 50th Annual Conference of the West Virginia Recreation and Parks Association, I would like to personally invite you to participate in this year's event. Being the 50th conference in Association history, we have many planned activities and events for this year's conference.

As with years past, our conference neither exists nor flourishes without the support of our business partners and exhibitors. We are hoping you will mark your calendars and join us for this historic event. Below I will highlight some of the conference agenda that may interest you.

Most of the events will be taking place at the Bridge Sports Complex – Bridgeport's new \$50 Million sports and recreation venue. The exhibit hall will take place on our indoor artificial turf field!

As always, we view our exhibitors as participants in our conference and invite you to participate and form relationships as much as possible. Please wear comfortable clothing and be ready to have fun!

Wednesday evening is our special 50th Anniversary Bash. Held at the Bridgeport Conference Center, it will feature dinner, a reunion of past members, our normal silent auction and a concert. We have several opportunities for our business partners to get involved:

- **Sponsorships:** as in years past, we have opportunities to sponsor events, meals, snacks and many other aspects of the conference.
- **Silent Auction:** We will also be holding our normal silent auction, so feel free to bring a basket or other items for the auction. Funds generated are normally used for scholarships and assisting student groups attending the conference.
- **Grand Giveaway:** At this event, we will be giving all our business partners the option to donate equipment, product or services for a grand giveaway. We have already been offered some playground equipment by a vendor and want to invite others to participate. We have never done anything of this nature before but wanted to do something different for the 50th anniversary celebration.

Should you wish to be a Sponsor or participate in the Grand Giveaway, please reach out to me ASAP.

Schedule at a glance (tentative at this point)

Tuesday September 19:

- Golf at Clarksburg Country Club
- Vendor Set Up

- Welcome reception/dinner/music

Wednesday September 20:

- Vendor Set Up
- Keynote/Educational Sessions
- “Fun Learning” interact with attendees in a fun environment learning to play Pickleball and participate in other fun activities.
- Luncheon with the exhibitors
- 50th Anniversary Bash (at the Bridgeport Conference Center). Dinner, live music, reunion, auction and more.

Thursday September 21:

- Educational Sessions
- Awards luncheon

Thank you for your consideration and we hope you choose to join us! We will share more information closer to the event.

Sincerely,

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