

WISCONSIN PARK & RECREATION ASSOCIATION

SUMMER STAFF WORKSHOP

MAY 30TH 8AM-4PM

New Berlin Activity & Recreation Center
15321 W National Ave, New Berlin, WI 53151

Prepare your team for a successful summer with practical, hands-on training that equips frontline staff to confidently manage groups, lead engaging programs, communicate effectively, and create safe, inclusive environments from day one.

ATTENDANCE FEE

INDIVIDUAL	\$20
1-5 STAFF	\$50
6-10 STAFF	\$90
11-15 STAFF	\$125
16-20 STAFF	\$150
20+ STAFF	\$175

Lunch is included!

**REGISTER ONLINE AT WPRAWEB.ORG
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRI, MAY 8TH**





SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

8:00-8:30am	Participant Check-in - Lobby				
8:30-9:00am	Welcome & Introductions - Gym CT 1				
9:00-9:45am	Keynote - Gym CT 1				
10:00-10:50am	Communication: Up-Down-Side-Side	Do Your Participants Feel Welcome?	Low Prop/No Prop Games	Teambuilding Games	The 5 P's Of Facilitation
11:00-11:50am	Behavior Management	What Would You Do?	Creative Programming	Communication: Up-Down-Side-Side	Integrating Mental Health Into Your Everyday Programs
12:00-12:50pm	Lunch & Recess				
1:00-1:50pm	Camp Culture and Traditions	Do Your Participants Feel Welcome?	Low Prop/No Prop Games	Teambuilding Games	Integrating Mental Health Into Your Everyday Programs
2:00-2:50pm	Behavior Management	What Would You Do?	Creative Programming	The 5 P's Of Facilitation	Camp Culture and Traditions
3:00-4:00pm	Dutch Auction Team Building - Gym CT 1				



Led by **Empow3r Sports Performance**, whose interactive, movement-based approach equips staff with practical tools they can use immediately in summer programs.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER - MIKE ZUSSMAN, PSY.D., LPC



Our keynote speaker knows kids, camps, and the beautiful chaos that comes with both. A Milwaukee native who started his career as a PE and elementary teacher, he went on to earn a doctorate in Child Psychology and now runs Sunrise Counseling, LLC. He specializes in helping kids and teens work through big feelings, tricky behaviors, and everyday challenges. Formerly served as President of the Wisconsin Psychological Association, he brings real-life stories, humor, and practical tools that camp and recreation staff can use when it matters most, right in the middle of a busy, hot, summer day!

COMMUNICATION: UP-DOWN-SIDE-SIDE

10:00-10:50AM OR 1:00-1:50PM

LOCATION:

Navigating communication can be tricky, especially when you have to communicate with the participants, the parents, your boss, your co-workers, and everyone else. Make sure you are not making a big faux pas by communicating the wrong way with one of your many stakeholders.

CAMP CULTURE AND TRADITIONS

10:00-10:50AM OR 11:00-11:50AM

LOCATION:

In an era where there are many options for summer child care, from summer camps to day cares, to sports camps, to babysitters, what makes your camp stand out and wanting campers and families to come back year after year! HINT: the answer is in the title!

DO YOUR PARTICIPANTS FEEL WELCOME?

10:00-10:50AM OR 1:00-1:50PM

LOCATION:

Our work should be inclusive to all....is yours? Bias creeps in when we least expect it to! And, yes, we all have bias, but recognizing what your own biases are will help you become a more effective program leader to ensure all of your participants feel they have a place in your program.

THE 5 P'S OF FACILITATION

10:00-10:50AM OR 2:00-2:50PM

LOCATION:

So you think you can facilitate large groups effectively? Meaningful facilitation of group activities takes skill and training. By understanding the basic components of facilitation, you will be able to more effectively lead your programs, and maybe even use the skills in your presentations at school, work, or elsewhere!

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

11:00-11:50AM OR 2:00-2:50PM

LOCATION:

There is no magic answer to managing a variety of behaviors, but it helps when you can anticipate behavior and preemptively intervene before it takes away from the experience of everyone else. The tips here will not only provide insights into managing behavior, but will also include nuggets for managing the “No” participants, non-listeners, the wanderer, and more.

INTEGRATING MENTAL HEALTH INTO YOUR EVERYDAY PROGRAMS

11:00-11:50AM OR 1:00-1:50PM

LOCATION:

Therapists, and school counselors are not the only ones who can support youth with their mental health. In this session, you will learn ways that you can implement strategies that will build skills and competencies that will last a lifetime. Oh, and guess what, it's a great way to show your community that mental health matters in your programs!

LOW-PROP / NO PROP GAMES

10:00-10:50AM OR 1:00-1:50PM

LOCATION:

No equipment? No problem. This interactive session focuses on low-prop and no-prop games that work in any space and with any group size. Counselors will actively participate while learning how to pivot quickly, manage transitions, and keep campers engaged using simple, creative games. Expect to move and play.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

11:00-11:50AM OR 2:00-2:50PM

LOCATION:

John Quinones has nothing on our version of WWYD! Join this session to problem solve a variety of everyday camp challenges that will, inevitably, come up. Do you know what you would do if you found yourself in a tricky moral predicament or a situation that feels like you must be getting punk'd because this would never really happen?!

CREATIVE PROGRAMMING

11:00-11:50AM OR 2:00-2:50PM

LOCATION:

This session is interactive where you will be challenged to think outside the box to create new programs that will deliver on program goals for a variety of age groups. Come prepared with your favorite program idea, and let's take it to the next level together!

TEAMBUILDING GAMES

1:00-1:50PM OR 2:00-2:50PM

LOCATION:

Get ready to move and connect with this session as we find ways to bring teams together. This is great if you lead campers, lead staff, or coach a team. You will find valuable take-aways that you can begin using tomorrow to create a healthy culture among your group.

BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE!

1) WEAR TENNIS SHOES & COMFY CLOTHING

2) BRING YOUR ENTHUSIASM & ENERGY

3) NEW THIS YEAR: CHOOSE WHICH SESSIONS YOU WANT TO ATTEND!

4) INCLUDE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS ON REGISTRATION

