

# ARPA NEWS YOU CAN USE...



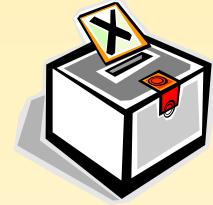
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## **DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT**

If you are not planning on attending the ARPA Conference, January 25-28<sup>th</sup>, please don't forget this Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline to have your ballot in and counted. Please mail your ballot to ARPA – P.O. Box 230579, Montgomery, AL 36123 and write "Ballot" on the outside envelope or fax your ballot to 334-279-9161.



## **ARPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

ARPA's Annual Conference will begin this Sunday at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center. Registration will be open from Noon – 6:00 p.m. The registration area will be located in the Convention Center in front of the ARPA Exhibit Hall, Hall A. Please make your plans to stop by the registration area when you arrive to pick up your conference materials.

Opening General Session will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and at the conclusion of the Session, elections will be held in the back of the room. We look forward to seeing you in Montgomery!

## **ARPA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

The ARPA Conference education schedule and summaries are available on-line, [www.arpaonline.org](http://www.arpaonline.org). Please check out the website and go ahead and prepare for which sessions you would like to attend. The ARPA Conference Education Committee has worked hard to ensure that each and every session will be educational. These sessions also provide CEU Credit! If you have any questions please stop by the registration area, open each day during conference.

Please note this year there will be three additional education sessions available on Sunday, so please take advantage of these. The first session, is a maintenance class and will take place at Gateway Park in Montgomery, this session will include a box lunch and transportation from the Renaissance Hotel, transportation will leave at Noon on Sunday. If you plan on attending this session, please let the State Office know by Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>! You do not have to be registered for Conference to attend this session, if you are not registered as a delegate the fee is \$20 per person, but will include lunch and transportation.



## **ARPA THANKS CONFERENCE SPONSORS**

ARPA would like to take a moment to thank and recognize all conference sponsors for their contributions and support of the Annual ARPA Conference:

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## Questions for Members - From Members

The Haleyville Parks and Recreation Department will be offering flag football for the Fall 2009 Season! They are requesting any information on your league (ages, rules, association affiliation, etc.) Please send any information to Nicole Wilson Cook:  
205-269-0616 or [nwdirector@ala.nu](mailto:nwdirector@ala.nu)



## FROM NRPA

Don't forget to register today for the Edith Upchurch Innovative Programming Forum. This will be held, February 18-20, 2009 at the Rock Eagle 4-H Convention Center in Eatonton, Georgia. The Edith Upchurch Innovative Programming Forum is planned and carried out by experienced recreation program professionals and offers morning-to-midnight recreation program ideas. For complete school details, please visit [www.nrpa.org/edithupchurch](http://www.nrpa.org/edithupchurch)



## **MARKETING COMMITTEE MONTHLY MESSAGE**

Draw a circle, not a heart, around the one you love because a heart can break, but a circle goes on forever.

~ Unknown

The Benefits Are Endless...

Families that play together – Stay Together! Children and youth remain connected; couples that share leisure interests are more likely to stay together.