

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The fourth Atlantic Recreation and Facilities Conference and Trade Show will be held May 27-May 29, 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel in St. John's, NL. This year's conference theme is "Focused on the Future". The theme invites us to be forward thinking when it comes to anticipating changes in the recreation and facilities sector. The conference will provide an opportunity to explore current practices and new ideas that may shape ongoing practices and standards in the sector. As always, the Atlantic Recreation & Facilities Conference and Trade Show is brought to you in partnership by Recreation PEI, Recreation Nova Scotia, Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia, Recreation New Brunswick and Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador.

This exciting Atlantic gathering dedicated to Recreation and Facilities will have keynote speakers, sessions and roundtables focusing on professional development and growth, a trade show focused on programming and purchasing opportunities, along with nightly social events creating opportunities for collaboration and networking.

The purpose of this conference is:

- to foster collaboration and be inspired to build relationships that will help you do your job better;
- to highlight and share findings, best practices and experiences from relevant research, policy and practice work;
- to build partnerships and strengthen networks to facilitate knowledge transfer and exchange; and
- to identify priorities and develop coordinated action plans for building the National Recreation Framework.

Presenters are lined up from across Canada. Session streams are being developed for arenas, aquatics, recreation programming and students. Social events are planned for every night - includes a trade show, and pre-conference outings. There's something for everyone!



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Participants will represent all facets of the recreation and facilities sectors from both rural and urban centers: including facility managers and operators, leaders in the field of recreation including programmers and event planners, parks, trails, sport, health and health promotion, municipal and provincial government representatives, non-profit community groups and organizations, planners and designers, volunteers, students, educators, academics and researchers, from across Atlantic Canada.

ABOUT THE TRADE SHOW

The 2020 ARFC Trade Show will be showcased at the Sheraton Hotel.

The evening will consist of mingling and networking with over 50 exhibitors from across Canada while they showcase and demonstrate the latest products, services, and market trends affecting today's recreation personnel, live musical entertainment from local talent, extravagant food and drink, prize draws from exhibitors booths, and a fabulous Grand Prize draw at the end of the evening — all set within a distinctive and stylish atmosphere.

The Trade Show will take place on Thursday, May 28th from 5:30pm to 9:30pm and will be followed by an evening of socializing and networking in the restaurants and establishments of beautiful downtown St. John's.

REGISTRATION FEES

Member* - \$375 +tax | Non-Member - \$475 +tax | Student - \$175 +tax (Max. 50)

*Receive the Member price if you or your organization are a member of one of the five host associations.

Discount & Prize Draw: Registrations prior to March 2, 2020 will receive a \$25 (before tax) Early Bird Discount & be entered into a Prize Draw for a complimentary one night stay at the Sheraton Hotel during the conference. Do not wait to book your hotel room - Prize Draw Winner will be refunded if hotel booking is pre-paid.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Sheraton Hotel

115 Cavendish Square
St. John's, NL

Room Rate: \$174 + taxes per night for standard room (single or double occupancy).

Reservation Method: Reservations will be made individually by delegates. Please call the hotel reservations department directly at 1-866-238-4218. Identify the Sheraton Hotel and the ARFC group and dates. Reservations for guest rooms should be made by April 27, 2020. Book Your Hotel Room Now!

Parking: Self parking (subject to charges) is available on site.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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