

ANPR NEWS

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Ranger Rendezvous XXXVIII: Call for Presentations

Ranger Rendezvous XXXVIII will be held on October 21-25, 2015, at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly located near Asheville, NC. The Program Committee welcomes presentation proposals from all ANPR members as well as from public land professionals associated with other agencies and/or organizations.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Living the Mission". The Program Committee is currently seeking proposals for breakout sessions that explore facets of this broad theme. Breakout Sessions are generally one hour in length, with at least ten minutes reserved for questions at the end. Presentation proposals should be no more than 300 words.

Please include the name, e-mail, and phone number of each presenter, as well as a brief description of the proposed session. E-mail proposals to Ben Walsh (RR38Asheville@gmail.com) and Kat Grubb (kfg26@nau.edu) no later than February 28, 2015. The Program Committee will select proposals and notify the presenters by March 18, 2015. We look forward to your proposals, and to maintaining the tradition of Rendezvous as one of the premier professional development opportunities in the National Park Service.

- Ben Walsh, Ranger Rendezvous 38 Coordinator

World Ranger Congress (WRC)

Registration:

We plan to open electronic registration for the WRC in May, a full year prior to the Congress. Keep checking www.worldrangercongressusa.com for updates!

As a primary WRC goal is to promote interactions between delegates from International Ranger Federation member organizations from all over the world, it's important that the Congress not be dominated by delegates from any one continent or host association. Hence all North American ranger associations have been assigned target delegate allocations, which can be adjusted up or down as registrations come in. The more foreign delegates that register, the more ANPR members will be able to come. WRC is working with ANPR to ensure a fair and transparent process.

Keynote Speaker:

The NPS Director has been invited to be the keynote speaker on the "Centennial Day" of the WRC. We eagerly await his reply.

Host Parks Needed:

WRC organizers are seeking national park units that would be willing to host one to two international delegates for three to five days on a shadow or training assignment. Information about shadow assignments with an encouragement for parks to identify these opportunities is circulating throughout the National Park Service. We'd love to identify as many of these opportunities as possible by the time registration opens. The basic info sheet is at https://docs.google.com/document/d/15_xqIUOIr0URuFsgUi9fiKGJQrIx84Xr2aw7KPjkR2g/edit?usp=sharing. For more info, or to put your park on the list, please contact Cindy Purcell at cindyp.wrc8@gmail.com.

- Bob Krumenaker, WRC Conference Chair (bob.wrc8@gmail.com)

ANPR Mentorship Program

Do you feel passionate about sharing your knowledge and experiences with the next generation of NPS employees? ANPR's popular mentoring program is looking for a good leader or two to guide its next steps. Please get in touch with me at perrincreek@gmail.com for more information if you want to help fill this important role.

- Erika Jostad, ANPR President

Seasonal Perspectives

It's time for summer seasonal hiring! Do you have questions about the application process or resume building? Do you have tips you'd like to share with hopeful applicants? Feel free to contact Lauren Kopplin at lauren.kopplin@gmail.com with any comments or questions. We also invite you share your stories and tales of "seasonal life" with the ANPR community through *Ranger* magazine.

- Lauren Kopplin, Board Member for Seasonal Perspectives