



RANGER RENDEZVOUS XXXVIII CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The annual meeting of the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR), Ranger Rendezvous XXXVIII, will be held on Oct. 21 - 25, 2015, at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly located near Asheville, North Carolina. The Program Committee welcomes presentation proposals from all ANPR members, whatever their park affiliation or status, as well as from public land professionals associated with other agencies and/or organizations.

ANPR's primary mission is to communicate for, about and with National Park Service employees of all disciplines. As such, Ranger Rendezvous attendees will include representatives from the NPS directorate, superintendents, interpretive rangers, administrative employees, law enforcement professionals, natural and cultural resource managers, maintenance workers, planners, historians, retirees, volunteers and park partners. The five-day gathering is comprised of keynote speakers, training opportunities, breakout sessions, field trips and a host of social events.

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. Potential topics include: Maintaining a High-Performing Workforce during Changing Times

- Using New Technologies in Interpretation, Law Enforcement and Resource Management
- Promoting Park Partnerships
- Success Stories for Youth Outreach
- Engaging Gateway Communities
- What is FMSS and Why Is It So Important?
- Dual Careers – Challenges and Successes
- Millennial Perspectives on the NPS
- Technology in the Parks- Benefits and Drawbacks
- Recruiting, Training and Retaining VIPs

Breakout sessions are generally one hour in length, with at least 10 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.

Email proposals to Ben Walsh (RR38Asheville@gmail.com) and Kat Grubb (kfg26@nau.edu) no later than Feb. 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.