

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT
Dr. Theresa Herrick

**Attending the National Recreation and Park Association
Annual Congress – October 12-16, 2009
Salt Lake City Utah**

Professional development funds were provided for me to attend the National Park and Recreation Annual Congress in Salt Lake City October 12-16, 2009. One of the main reasons I wanted to attend NRPA was to attend training sessions for academic accreditation and maintain my training to serve as an accreditation visitor for Council on Accreditation (COA). I was a member of the COA accreditation team that visited North Texas State University's Parks and Recreation Program in April 2010.

During the NRPA Annual Congress I also attended training sessions on the new COA accreditation standards going into effect in 2013. Arkansas Tech's Parks and Recreation Program has been selected as one of seven universities in the U.S. to pilot the new standards prior to their full implementation in 2013. Our faculty has to be familiar with, and implement, the new standards before our next COA accreditation visit in fall 2011.

I also attended a number of professional sessions relating to the Parks and Recreation profession. My certification as a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) requires that I attend professional development sessions on continuing education to maintain my professional certification.

As a certified Park and Recreation professional it is imperative that I attend conferences and continuing education sessions for professional development. I try to attend the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Congress every year to stay current on what's happening in professional practice and research. I have occasionally presented research findings at the national congress. If I intend to stay current on COA accreditation and maintain my status as an accreditation visitor I have to continue attending training sessions.

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Educational Package	*	\$357.00	\$357.00
Attending All Days of CEU Credit	*	FREE	\$0.00
University Accreditation and COA Visitor Training:	*	FREE	\$0.00
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