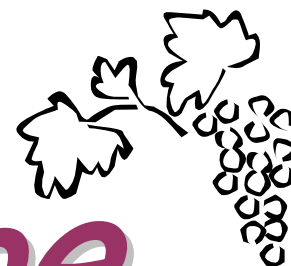




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## Camp Corner

By: Daryl Sudlow

Dear Fellow Professionals,

Believe it or not camp 2012 is right around the corner! As part of the Camp Advisory Committee, Kevin Donnelly, Dana Mayclim & I have been working to bring you the 2012 Annual Camp Workshop. As you may recall, last spring we were hoping to have an on-line workshop that, due to technical issues, we could not get off the ground. This spring WRAPS has partnered with the Camp Advisory Committee & Westchester County Health Department to bring you the annual camp workshop. The 2012 camp workshop format will be **both a mandatory on-line workshop** which you can view at your leisure **and a mandatory in-person workshop** that is designed to give you an overview on how to access and navigate the on-line workshop and discuss the 2012 Camp Code changes.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Mandatory in-person workshop for **all Camp Operators** **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Westchester County Center from 9am-11:00am.**

Below you will find a **summary** of the July 6, 2011 amendments to Subpart 7-2 (Children's Camps) of the New York State Sanitary Code that are in effect this summer. ***I would encourage you to access the entire Children's Camp Code, print it out and review the amendments.*** I have listed the Westchester County Health Department's website at the end of the article. The website provides you with the code as well as all the forms and information you will need to run a safe & successful camp this summer.

### Summary of 2011 amendments to Subpart 7-2 (Children's Camps) of the New York State Sanitary Code (SSC)

#### 7-2.2 Definitions

- The summer day camp definition has been revised to be consistent with Public Health Law (PHL) - **see section 7-2.2 (a)**  
**Note:** Day camps now include **indoor** and outdoor programs involving **two or more activities** of which **at least one is a non passive recreational activity with significant risk of injury as defined in subdivision – see section 7-2.2(L)**
- A definition for non passive recreational activities with significant risk for injury has been added - **see section 7-2.2(L)**
- Course curriculum standards for first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certifications have been added and references to American Red Cross (ARC) courses removed throughout Subpart 7-2 – **see section 7-2.2 (m) (n)**

#### 7-2.3 Application

- The list of operations exempt from regulation has been expanded to include "pre-college," school, and certain classroom based educational programs.

#### 7-2.4 Permit

- The fee for a children's camp permit has been revised (\$100 to \$200) to be consistent with PHL – **see section 7-2.4 (e)**  
**Note: Municipal camps are still exempt**

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## Camp Corner cont..

### 7.2-5 Personnel, supervision, and camp safety plan

➤ Camp Aquatic Directors minimum experience, certification, and training requirements have been clarified and improved.

**Note:** A camp aquatics director is required *only* if your pool/beach is *owned/operated as part of your children's camp* (listed on camp permit). – see **section 7.2-5 (e)**

**Note:** A camp aquatics director *is not required* if your pool/beach is *operated as part of your town/village pool/beach* (not listed on camp permit=not owned or operated by the camp=swimming off-site like on a camp trip). You are required to provide a PSI (progressive swim instructor) see **section 7-2.5 (f)** who has WSI to assess swimming abilities **AND** follow **7-2.11 (4)** of the code.

➤ The maximum allowable percentage of on-duty 16-year-old lifeguards at pools and beaches has been increased from 20 percent to 50 percent of required lifeguard staff. – see **section 7-2.5 (g) (1) (i)**

**Note:** The Westchester County Board of Health proposes overriding the State Code assessing a more stringent requirement for Westchester Camps thru the Westchester County Sanitary Code, Chapter 873 of the Local Laws of Westchester to be “a maximum of 25 percent (not 50 per state code) of the required total number of lifeguards on duty who may be at least 16 years of age”. *Currently the state code remains in effect.*

➤ PHL requirement for the use of the State Sex Offender Registry to determine if staff are listed is incorporated. – see **section 7-2.5 (L)**

**Note:** *All staff, volunteer or paid,* must be checked against the State Sex Offender Registry yearly and a written record of the checks done on all staff must be kept on site for inspection

### 7-2.8 Medical requirements

➤ The first aid course accepted for day camps with minimal physical activity was eliminated.

➤ PHL requirement for providing meningococcal meningitis information to parents of children at certain overnight camps is incorporated (PHL Section 2167).

### 7-2.10 Transportation

➤ Reflective triangles have been added as an acceptable alternative to flares in camp vehicles. – see **section 7-2.10 (c)**

### 7-2.11 Recreational safety

➤ An alternative to the requirement for camps to provide a lifeguard during camp trip swimming activities to lifeguarded facilities has been added.

**Note:** see **section 7.2.11(iv) for clarification on what an alternative requirement includes**

➤ The number of required staff certified in CPR for wilderness swimming activities has been clarified. – see **section 7-2.11 (5) (i)**

### 7-2.12 Building construction

➤ Certain types of summer camp cabins have been exempted from the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (Uniform Code) requirements for fire extinguishing sprinkler systems and minimum occupant floor area requirements

## WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

<http://health.westchestergov.com>

Click on Forms & Permits

Click on Summer Camp Operator

Click on New York State Sanitary Code for  
Children's Camps Public Health Law 225

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**\*To view the Westchester County Sanitary Code, Chapter 873, the Local Laws of Westchester for Westchester Camp Code regulations which supersedes the State Code go to the same website:**

Click on A-Z listing

Click on S-T

Click on Sanitary Code

The section pertaining to CAMPS is on pgs. 117-119  
(Article XVIII-Children's Summer Camps)

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**\* In addition to the above amendments to the Camp Code Subpart 7-2, course curriculum standards for “Lifeguard Supervision and Management” have been added to Swimming Pools Subpart 6-1 and Bathing Beaches Subpart 6-2 of the SSC. You can download those on the county website above, click Forms & Permits, click Pool Permits Operation & Design**

## *President's Message*

*By: Joe Lemischak*

I hope that you all are enjoying the mild winter that we are having. Who would have thought that the only real snow up until now would have happened at Halloween? We are at the time of the year that begins our preparation for the busy season. I have always urged our members to tap into the experience of their fellow professionals; we now have a new tool to make this an easy process. The new WRAPS website, [www.wrapsny.com](http://www.wrapsny.com) has a discussion forum which is a tremendous way to be in contact with fellow members on a variety of subjects. Please visit the site for this and other interesting WRAPS business.

The Wraps Annual Holiday Party was held in December and I would like to thank Roseanne Saracino for doing another great job. I would also like to thank Dana Mayclim for arranging the Past President's holiday gathering.

Our monthly luncheons will continue through May with the annual Awards and Scholarships luncheon on June 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition to our monthly luncheons the resurrected Parks Committee has been busy coordinating park maintenance related seminars, watch for these programs in the near future. The annual Vendors Luncheon will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, please come and say hello to the many businesses that support our organization.

The WRAPS summer auditions will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Chappaqua Library, many thanks to Matt Nordt for coordinating the day. Don't forget the NYSRPS Annual Conference is scheduled for March 25 -27.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events.



## *Past President's Luncheon*



*Taken at the 2011 Past President's luncheon, held at the Traveler's Rest. Pictured from left to right: Brian Gray, Matt Arone, Past President Jim Arles, Kevin Donnelly, Past President Dana Mayclim, Past President Jen Fava, Past President Robert Snyder, Kevin Cook, Past President Suzanne Busby, Daryl Sudlow, Past President Fran Brunelle, Past President Mary Zimmerman, Dave Goldberg, Past President Bill Zimmerman, Past President Henry Jamin, Past President Sally Rogol.*

## *Spring Forward with NYSRPS*

*By: Meaghan Wilkins*

Spring is right around the corner, and with that comes a multitude of opportunities that the New York State Recreation and Park Society will provide for park, recreation and leisure service professionals. First and foremost is the 72 Annual Conference and Business Expo scheduled for March 25-27, 2012. This year our conference will be in beautiful and historic Saratoga Springs. Here are some of the highlights:

- Keynote Speaker, Tom O'Rourke will take us through a look at the future of parks and recreation, and how to best prepare for sustainability!

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## ***NYSRPS cont.***

- The Society's draft Strategic Plan will be presented at an Open Forum session on Sunday afternoon.
- Network with over 70 vendors specializing in the newest products and services to benefit your agency at Sunday evening's Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Social. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served, followed by the interactive Brain Show trivia game! Students will enjoy interactive games presented by Adventures In Climbing!
- Enjoy an after hours welcome party at The Parting Glass, Saratoga's original irish pub! Live entertainment and refreshments!
- New and innovative educational sessions on Monday and Tuesday.
- The Annual Awards Banquet will be held as a dinner function on Monday evening. Join us to celebrate this year's outstanding programs and professionals!
- Monday night enjoy The Saratoga Gallop! An exciting poker run event throughout downtown Saratoga!
- Off-site tours being offered throughout the day Tuesday, such as a trip to Saratoga's Battlefield, a tour of the area's farms and agri-tourism, and a visit to The Edge-Halfmoon's new indoor climbing gym!

If you have not yet registered for the conference, we encourage you to do so! If you do not have a registration form you may go on to our website, [www.nysrps.org](http://www.nysrps.org) and download one or call our office at 518-584-0321 and our staff will gladly assist you!

### **Playground Safety Inspector Course**

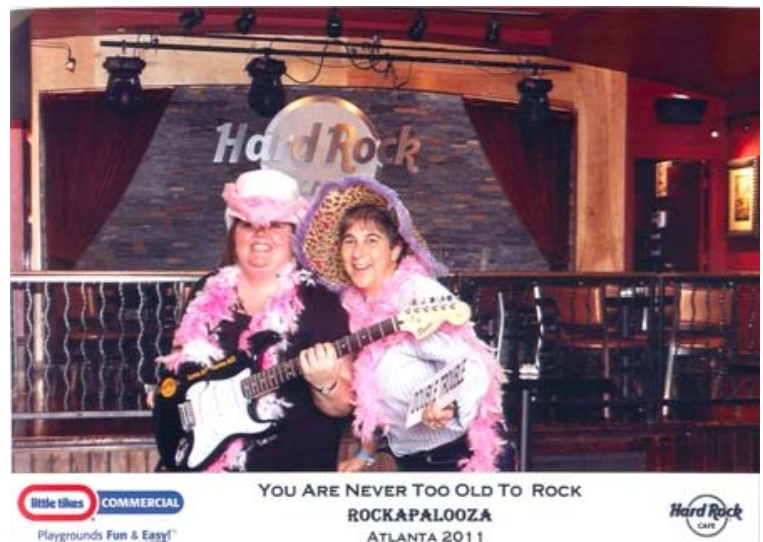
On May 22-24<sup>th</sup>. NYSRPS and NRPA will offer the Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course at Traymor Park in LaGrangeville, NY. Topics to be covered are playground planning design to prevent injury, maintenance to reduce hazards and promote safety, administration and risk management, resources and national guidelines, accessibility recommendations and surfacing and equipment options. This course is recommended for Park Maintenance Staff, Risk Management Personnel, Administrators, and Supervisory Personnel, to name

a few. Contact our office for more information and to register.

### **Summer Discount Ticket Program**

Once again NYSRPS will participate in the Summer Discount Ticket program enabling our members the opportunity to purchase and sell discounted amusement park tickets. There are many incredible deals for parks across New York and New England, including Hershey Park, Six Flags Great Adventure, Six Flags Great Escape and many more! The flyer with all these amazing offers is available on our website, [www.nysrps.org](http://www.nysrps.org).

There are many other things happening with NYSRPS and we encourage you to visit our website often for the latest news. Please be sure to read your eNews and eLink messages monthly to keep an eye on what is going on in the field of parks and recreation. As always, feel free to call our office at 518-584-0321 or email [info@nysrps.org](mailto:info@nysrps.org) for more information, comments or questions.



*Pictured Above: Dana Mayclim, Superintendent of Recreation for the Town of Lewisboro and Sally Rogol, Superintendent of Recreation for the City of Rye enjoying the Rockapalooza social sponsored by Little Tykes at the NRPA Congress in Atlanta*

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## *Battle of the Has Beens – 2*

*By: Chris Soi*

On Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the 2012 NYSRPS Conference Fundraising Committee hosted the “Battle of the Has-Beens 2” at the Mt. Pleasant Community Center. A group of 30 plus recreation professionals, family and friends gathered to see who could complete 12 events in a slightly above average manner without injuring themselves, and be crowned the “King and Queen of the Has-Beens”!

The state conference fundraising committee consisting of Matt Nordt, Erin Riedel and Chris Soi brought back the successful event originally created by Henry Jamin in 2009. With the concept in place, the fundraising committee recruited the help of Mark Trolley from US Sports Institute to “jazz up” the events and bring some new twists to the competition. Mark and his wonderful staff did just that by setting up skill stations that included “Quarterback Sniper”, disc golf, golf chipping, “Basketball Sharp Shooter” and speed pitch to name a few. One lucky US Sports staff member actually wore a Velcro suit and acted as a target for participants to hit with golf balls!

Prior to the start of the competition, as well as during the competition, attendees enjoyed food and drink provided by Casa Rina of Thornwood. Over the course of the evening attendees also took advantage of the opportunity to place their tickets in the prize buckets to win over 20 great door prizes. With 22 total competitors divided up in to the appropriate “Male” and “Female” division, the competition got under way. As results began to come in, the events official scorekeeper, Sally Veltidi, maintained a furious pace of data entry and kept everyone updated on their overall score.

After a couple hours of fierce competition the last player completed their round of archery on the Wii, and it was time to determine the winners! While the results were tabulated the door prizes were awarded. Erin Riedel had the most enthusiastic reaction to her winning of a beautiful “Lauren Merkin” handbag, and Mark Duncan was a close second when he won a wonderfully relaxing pedicure.

When the dust settled the two winners were announced. To everyone’s dismay the “King” was once again Matt Arone of Dobbs Ferry Recreation, the winner of the 2009 event. The understated Mr. Arone reacted with “...not me again!”



The “Queen” on the other hand was quite gracious in her win and accepted the certificate and gift bag with class...Sally Rogol of Rye Recreation outlasted all the other women to take home the “hardware”.



The fundraising committee would like to thank all the attendees who came out to support the event and in turn support the 2012 NYSRPS State Conference. We would also like to thank Mt. Pleasant Recreation for use of their community center, US Sports Institute for their huge role in making this event a success and Casa Rina for the food and drink! Thanks again and we hope to see you in Saratoga!



## ***DATES TO REMEMBER!***

### **March 14**

Vendors Luncheon  
Westchester County Center

### **March 23**

Summer Entertainment Auditions  
Chappaqua Library

### **March 25 – 27**

NYSRPS Annual Conference  
Saratoga Springs, NY

### **April 18**

Health Department Camp Meeting  
Westchester County Center

### **June 8**

WRAPS Awards & Scholarship Luncheon  
Shenorock Shore Club  
Rye, NY

## ***Bits & Pieces***

Congratulations to **Wayne Bass** on his recent hiring as **Commissioner of Recreation for the City of White Plains**.

Congratulations to **Chris Soi** on his new position as **Assistant Superintendent of Recreation for the Town of New Castle**.

Congratulations to **Gerry Salvo** who was promoted to **Superintendent of Recreation for the Town/Village of Harrison**.

Congratulations to **John Swick, Recreation Leader for the Town of Eastchester** who got married on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Good Luck and Congratulations to **Jen Fava** on her new position as **Commissioner of Parks & Recreation for North Hempstead, LI**.

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