NEW! Parks & Open Space Professional Training Program

OSA (Parks and Open Space Alliance) is pleased to announce its latest professional development initiative, the Parks and Open Space Professional Training Program – Level 1, designed for seasonal workers as well as full-time parks and open space personnel.

The program consists of three, four-day courses: Parks Maintenance and Operations; Parks Equipment Safety Operation; and Sports Turf Management and Maintenance. Each of the three courses is taught using a combination of classroom-based study and some hands-on training. Participants are expected to be able to return to their workplace and utilize the skills and knowledge they have learned in the courses. The hands-on portion of each course requires participants to arrive in appropriate work clothes including CSA-approved footwear.

In order to successfully complete the program, participants must also have a minimum Grade 12 education, be a member of the OPA, the ORFA or the STA; maintain current WHMIS and Standard First Aid training; and have a minimum 24 months related practical work experience affirmed by an immediate supervisor.

All three courses will be offered in Guelph from Monday, April 27 to Thursday, April 30, 2009 and in Petawawa from Monday, September 28 to Thursday, October 1, 2009. For registration information, please visit www.orfa.com.

What is POSA?
The Parks and Open Space Alliance (POSA) is a coalition of the Ontario Parks Association, the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association and the Sports Turf Association dedicated to strengthening parks and open space practitioners through professional development, recognition and advocacy. For more information, please visit www.opassoc.on.ca, www.orfa.com, or www.sportsturfassociation.com.

STA Membership Plaques
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