**Parks & Open Space Alliance 2009 Educational Opportunities**

**Parks & Open Space Professional Training Program – Level 1: April 27-30**
The first offering of the Parks and Open Space Professional Training Program – Level 1 in its entirety is at the University of Guelph from Monday, April 27 to Thursday, April 30 during the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association Professional Development Program.

The program consists of three, four-day courses: Parks Maintenance and Operations; Parks Equipment Safety Operation and the STA’s Sports Turf Management and Maintenance. It has been designed for seasonal workers as well as full-time parks and open space personnel.

For further details & registration information on any of these sessions, visit www.sportsturfassociation.com and click on the POSA link in the left sidebar.

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 again be offered in Petawawa from Monday, September 28 to Thursday, October 1, 2009.

**Summer Operational Forum Wednesday, June 24**
See you at Jubilee Pavilion, Lakeview Park, Oshawa. Sessions include:
- Ontario Cosmetic Pesticides Ban
- Horticulture for Municipal Parks
- Understanding Security Needs and Regulations

**Outdoor Program**
- Beach Maintenance Best Practices
- Soccer Pitch Maintenance Best Practices

**Indoor Program**
- Understanding Your Parks Budget
- Recycling and Waste Management
- Scuba Divers Can Place You at Risk

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**STA Membership Plaques**
Display membership plaques are available in executive engraved walnut for $50 plus S&H and gst. To order, contact Lee at the STA office.

**Summer 2009 Submissions**
If you have something you’d like to submit for the next issue, please forward it to the STA office by May 15, 2009.

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