Calendar of Events

SFMANJ
April 6 Spring Field Day – 8am to 3:30pm - $10 members, $35 non-members
Hammonton High School and Tuckahoe Sod Farm. See article in this newsletter for more info. Or call 908-730-7770 if you did not receive a flier in the mail.

NJRPA
May 5-7 Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course & Exam
Middletown, NJ
May 11 Professional Aquatics Safety Seminar
Westfield, NJ
For more information call NJRPA at 732-568-1270

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listing the schedules for each facility and staffing requirements. You’ve also, through your discussions with your supervisors and user groups, established expectations that you’re required to meet.

Is your staff mostly full-time or seasonal? Or, perhaps, a mixture of both? This will determine what type of training you can offer.

Also, do you know what motivates your staff members? The motivation for each one may be different. Is it money? Advancement? A sense of appreciation? Leadership? Part of your job is to motivate every staff member to attend and learn from the training experience.

Get them to contribute to the process and make your training even better.

For fulltime staffs, your training program may be fairly simple, perhaps two or three structured sessions a year to go over equipment safety and maintenance, personal and public safety, public image and staff development.

If you have a staff member that has been through the training session a couple times and his/her motivation is leadership, encourage this individual to run some of the training sessions.

For seasonal or mixed staffs, it is a bit harder. For one thing, some of you may start at different times during the season. Consider using one-on-one training, assigning experienced employees with newcomers. Monitor this closely. When your complete staff is in place, plan a staff-wide training session, too.

Foremost in any sports turf training program is safe and proper equipment operation. Don’t allow staff members to run power equipment until they’re trained to use it properly. This will motivate some workers who want to try out a new piece of equipment. Demonstrate equipment operations.

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