

EVENT CALENDAR

January 6-8

Landscape Ontario Congress
Toronto, ON
Info: 905.875.1805
www.locongress.com

January 13-17

*Sports Turf Managers Association
20th Annual Conference & Exhibition*
San José, CA
Info: 800-323-3875
www.stma.org

January 21-23

*Ontario Golf Superintendents'
Association Golf Course Management
Conference & Trade Show*
Info: 519.767.3341
www.golfsupers.on.ca

February 2-27

*University of Guelph
Turf Managers' Short Course*
Guelph, ON
Info: 519.767.5000
www.open.uoguelph.ca/turfmanager

FEBRUARY 4 & 5

*Ontario Parks Association
53rd Annual Educational Conference
Explorations Trade Show (Feb. 5)*
Hamilton, ON
Info: 905.864.6182
www.opassoc.on.ca

★ **FEBRUARY 18 & 19** ★

*Ontario Turfgrass Symposium
The Challenge of Green*
University of Guelph
Guelph, ON
Info: 519.767.5000
www.open.uoguelph.ca/ots

★ **FEBRUARY 18** ★

*Sports Turf Association
Annual General Meeting*
University of Guelph (at the OTS)
Guelph, ON
Info: 519.763.9431
www.sportsturfassociation.com

February 22-25

*Western Canada Turfgrass Association
46th Annual Conference & Show*
Victoria, BC
Info: 604.467.2564
www.wctaturf.com

NEW! Parks & Open Space Professional Training Program

POSA (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;

Mark Your Calendar! POSA Summer Operational Forum, Wednesday, June 24, 2009, Oshawa, Ontario.

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 mem-

ber 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.



ODDS & ENDS

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.

Spring 2009 Submissions

If you have something you'd like to submit for the next issue, please forward it to the STA office by February 27, 2009.

Editorial Content

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