

GREATER BOSTON ACCESS TO RECREATION

2011 FALL CONFERENCE

October 26, 2011

at Boston Nature Center, Mattapan, MA

PROGRAM AGENDA

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM

Please take this time to pick up your registration packets, enjoy a light breakfast and talk with colleagues and new acquaintances.

Plenary Session

9:30 AM

Welcome and Introduction

Maureen McKinnon-Tucker, Adaptive Sailing Coordinator, Piers Park Sailing

Welcome

Julie Brandlen, Director of the Boston Nature Center

Keynote Speaker

Joe Walsh, Managing Director of United States Paralympics, United States Olympic Committee

Breakout Sessions

10:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Each participant has the opportunity to attend both breakout sessions, scheduled to start at the times noted above. The two sessions, both focused on a different subject, will run simultaneously and will be repeated in the following time slot.

Adaptive Strategies for People with Visual Impairments

Arthur will be discussing his 20 years of experience in providing adaptive recreation for the blind with the Carroll Center. Some of his stories may be amusing! He will discuss a list of adaptations and issues to be mindful of when working with the blind and low-vision community. Time will be allotted for a question and answer session.

Presenter: Arthur O'Neill, Carroll Center for the Blind

Transferring Dynamics

Gain a better understanding of transferring techniques used in adaptive recreation programs. You will learn and practice the steps to safe assistance and transfers for your participants and yourself. We will go over a few exercises for keeping your back happy. You will leave feeling confident about how to keep yourself and others safe in your programs!

Presenters: Brenda Kennedy Davies, Stavros Outdoor Access & Charlie Croteau, “Mr. Mobility”

Closing Remarks/Evaluations

11:45 AM

Chenine Peloquin, Emarc

Table Topics and Open Networking

12:00 PM - 1:00PM

Stick around to network with colleagues or new acquaintances or join a table topic discussion. Be sure to pick up other programs brochures to continue networking beyond the conference.

1. Paralympic Sports – hosted by Joe Walsh
2. Adaptive Strategies for the Visually Impaired – hosted by Arthur O’Neill
3. Transferring Dynamics – hosted by Brenda Davies and Charlie Croteau
4. Adaptive Equipment Resources – hosted by Cristina Kennedy and Mary Patstone
5. Staff Training Brainstorm – hosted by Chenine Peloquin