Gulf Coast

Therapeutic Recreation Symposium

Thursday, April 6, 2017 - Friday, April 7, 2017

University of South Alabama
Gulf Coast Campus
19740 Oak Road West
Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542

This conference is sponsored by the Therapeutic Recreation Programs at The University of South Alabama and The University of Southern Mississippi. Special Thanks to the City of Gulf Shores, the USA School of Continuing Education and Special Programs and the USA College of Education for their facilities and support.

This workshop is appropriate for Therapeutic Recreation students, educators, and practitioners in LTC, Behavioral Health, Physical Rehabilitation, Community TR/RT and as Activity Directors.

Up to 1.0 (10 HRS) CEUs available

CEU pre-approval is in process. ATRA and NCTRC cannot guarantee that every session offered for this continuing education opportunity will be granted CEUs.
Program Information

Dates: The Gulf Coast Therapeutic Recreation Symposium is scheduled to begin at 12:45 pm on Thursday, April 6th until 5:00 pm on Friday, April 7, 2017.

Onsite Registration: April 6, 2017 11:30 am - 12:45 pm
                     April 7, 2017 8:00 am – 8:45 am
(Note: No credit card payments are accepted for on-site registration)

Program: We are excited about our program that will be of interest to students and practitioners. We will have representatives from national and regional organizations who will present and be available to answer questions. We will also have specific student sessions and a student social Thursday night. While more details will be on-line soon, the following includes many of our session topics:


- *Assistive Technology in Recreation Therapy: Simple Solutions for the Outdoorsman with Physical Disabilities.* Chris Ravotti, CTRS, Shepherd Center, Atlanta, GA

- *NCTRC Overview and Certification Program.* Anne Richard, MS, CTRS, and Susan Kaufer, CTRS, NCTRC, New City, NY

- *I Am a Recreational Therapist! Creating a Lasting Brand through Powerful Imagery.* Dr. Alexis McKenney, CTRS, Florida International University, Miami, FL

- *The Benefits of Community Involvement as part of the TR Process in a Long-term Care Setting for Veterans.* Carolyn Bates, CTRS, Healthcare Management Resources of AL, Bay Minette, AL

- *Therapeutic Recreation Treatment Interventions: Foundations of Experiential Learning in inpatient mental health.* David Roberts, CTRS, AltaPointe Health Systems, Daphne, Alabama

- *Marketing Opportunities and Rehabilitative Outcomes of the National Veteran Golden Age Games.* Kendra Moden, MS, LRT/CTRS, Durham Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Durham, NC

- *Transforming a Patient to a Participant: Keys to the Success of Integrating Persons with Physical Disabilities into Community Programs.* Peggy Turner, CTRS, Lakeshore Foundation, Birmingham, AL

- *Utilizing disability simulations activities as part of a study abroad program that guides students through sympathetic and empathetic reactions to one of advocacy.* Dr. Alexis McKenney, CTRS, Florida International University, Miami, FL

- *RT in Corrections: “A Look Behind the Fence.”* Debra Paulus, MS, CTRS, California Health Care Facility, Stockton, CA
• **Supporting Children with Behaviors of Concern: What’s in Your RT Toolbox?** Vicky Pitner, CTRS, Inclusion Consultant, Port Richey, FL

• **ATRA – Why Should I Care?** Dr. Brent Wolfe, PhD, CTRS, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

• **Use of Recreation and Experiential Therapy in a Behavioral Health Setting,** Youth Villages Inner Harbour, Douglasville, GA

**Register by April 1 to Save $$**

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Note: **Online registration will be closed after April 1**

*Workshop fee for Professionals includes CEUs and Lunch – Student fee includes lunch but no CEUs

Register electronically through April 1st at this link: [https://commerce.cashnet.com/usmKIN](https://commerce.cashnet.com/usmKIN)

Registration by mail: Rick Green  
School of Kinesiology-USM  
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Hattiesburg, MS 39406

**Make check payable to USM-TR Conference**

**Hotel:** Our host hotel is **Staybridge Suites,** 3947 Hwy. 59, Gulf Shores, AL. The hotel is 1/4 mile from the symposium. Staybridge will offer a limited number of rooms at the rate of $75.00 (1 queen bed), $95.00 (2 double beds or 1 king) and $145.00 (2 bedrooms/2 bathrooms) from April 6th until April 9th. There is a double sleeper sofa and kitchen in every room, complimentary internet, complimentary breakfast buffet, complimentary self-serve laundry, evening socials 3xwk, fitness center, and free parking. To reserve your room call 251-975-1030; fax is 251-975-1031.

We will comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). We invite any participant with special needs to contact any of the workshop coordinators below upon registration for special accommodations.

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