

RECREATION CONFERENCE – SESSION OUTLINE

Session Title:

LET'S GET SQUIRRELLY

SESSION DESCRIPTION (25 words):

Have you ever watched Squirrels? By being "Squirrely," we can improve our performance, and even fly. Be energized, through inspiration & humor, to Get "Squirrely"!

SESSION DESCRIPTION (Full Text):

Have you ever watched Squirrels? We could learn a lot from the squirrel... lessons that readily apply to our everyday work routines. By being "Squirrely," we can improve our performance, and even fly. This Session is chalk full of humor and inspiring lessons. Come be energized to Go Get "Squirrely"!

SESSION TARGET MARKET: Recreation Programmers, Agency Directors, Supervisors

Speaker's Name: Mark Honberger

Total Length: 1.25 hour session

SESSION LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will:

- 1) **JUMP INTO A SQUIRRELY PERSONALITY: Be Enthusiastic & Inquisitive**
- 2) **SUCCEED LIKE A SQUIRREL: Tenacity & Teamwork**
- 3) **THRIVE LIKE A SQUIRREL: Balanced Behavior
(Storing vs Eating) (Safety vs Taking a flying leap)**

SESSION NEEDS IDENTIFICATION: Look to the Squirrel! Watch how they carry themselves and how they interact with their fellow squirrels and with their surroundings. The lessons learned from the Squirrel, can readily be applied to our everyday life, both personally and professionally. In fact, it would be great if your whole agency were to “Get Squirrelly”.

MARK’S EXPERIENCE PRESENTING EDUCATION SESSIONS: Throughout his 30+ years in the Parks and Recreation Profession, Mark Honberger has annually provided training presentations on a variety of recreation topics. He has provided training sessions for the California Park and Recreation Society (District Training Events & State Conferences), the Arizona Park and Recreation Association (State Conference 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021), the Nevada Park and Recreation Society (State Conference 2018, 2019), & the New Mexico Park and Recreation Association (State Conference 2019). Additionally, Mark has conducted numerous Team Building sessions for parks and recreation agencies.

MARK’S EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SUBJECT MATTER: Throughout his 30+ years in the Parks and Recreation Profession, Mark Honberger has always been a keen observer of nature, drawing lessons that apply to us as human beings. He has used these observations to create fun, exciting, and memorable team-building sessions for his staff and his community. Mark will bring this experience to this session, to show how you too can help your agency to “Get Squirrelly”.

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Introduction of Speaker (2 Minutes)

Introduction of Topic (10 Minutes)

- A) Attention Grabber: Bring out the importance of Observant of our Surroundings. Ask Audience to raise hand to share a reason why they think it is important. Reward those who answer with a sweet treat.
 - a. Connect with those people and things around us
 - b. Draw lessons that are pertinent to our current situation

- B) NEEDS IDENTIFICATION: Discuss the need for this topic and this session. (from above)

Cover Learning Objectives (3 Minutes)



PRESENTATION OF TOPIC SPECIFICS
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- **JUMP INTO A SQUIRRELLY PERSONALITY** (15 Minutes) **(LEARNING OBJECTIVE #1)**
 - A) Be Enthusiastic
 - B) Be Inquisitive

- **SUCCEED LIKE A SQUIRREL** (20 Minutes) **(LEARNING OBJECTIVE #2)**
 - A) Be Tenacious
 - B) Be a Team Player

- **THRIVE LIKE A SQUIRREL** (15 Minutes) **(LEARNING OBJECTIVE #3)**
 - A) Engage in Balanced Behavior
 - a. Storing vs Eating
 - b. Safety vs Taking a flying leap

- QUESTION AND ANSWERS** (10 Minutes)