



CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

24th California Trails & Greenways Conference

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April 22nd through 24th, 2009

Tenaya Lodge near Yosemite National Park's south gate

Session Proposals are due by January 7, 2009.

Planning for the 24th California Trails & Greenways Conference is well underway. We are now seeking proposals and recommendations for high quality, relevant sessions in order to ensure another great conference experience for our dedicated attendees.

We depend on trail specialists like yourself to offer expertise to the California trails community that gathers each year to learn practical, up-to-date trail system management skills. In recognition of the expertise and vested interest you have in advocating for trails and trail systems, we are asking for your participation in, or recommendations for, sessions that provide fresh, positive information geared for novice through expert trail leaders like yourself.

Our conference theme **Trails for a Sustainable Environment** seeks to emphasize a long-term focus on planning, funding, designing, constructing and managing recreational trails that contribute to the spiritual renewal, health and wellness of today's *and* tomorrow's Californians as well as promote stewardship and preservation of California's natural resources. Listed below are some suggested session topics, however session proposals that offer new perspectives are actively being sought.

To submit a session proposal, please complete the attached form. If you have session recommendations or questions, please contact me at (916) 653-6501 or smusi@parks.ca.gov. Sessions presented during past conferences are available for review at: www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference.

Please let me know how we can make this the best conference ever!!

Steve Musillami, Conference Co-Chair

Hosted by the *California Trails Conference Foundation*

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Suggested Session Categories Include:

- **Natural and Cultural Resource Management**
 - Trail Restoration
 - Overuse Issues
 - Multi-Use and Resource Protection
 - Environmental Management
 - Fire Prevention and Restoration

- **Funding Trail Projects**
 - Grants
 - Partnerships
 - Cost Management

- **Project Management**
 - Construction
 - Maintenance
 - Signage
 - Planning

- **User Awareness**
 - Event Planning and Promotion
 - What users should know about hiking/biking/riding in fire-prone areas
 - Conflict Resolution and Mediation
 - Users/Landowners/Agencies issues
 - Educational Options

- **The Latest Trends and Techniques**
 - Demographic/Socioeconomic Diversity of Trail Users
 - Making Trails Relevant
 - Promotional Strategies for Reaching the Non-traditional User.
 - Mobility Access Issues
 - Technology for Today—GPS and GIS

- **Advocacy**
 - Community Outreach
 - Volunteer Recruitment and Management

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SESSION PROPOSAL

[If needed, additional information can be provided on a second page.]

Session Title

Session Summary

[Include a brief outline for consideration—a more detailed outline will be requested for sessions selected.]

Educational Objectives

[What will attendees learn from your presentation? List 2-3 specific points.]

Session Structure

[Panel discussion, demonstration, audience interaction, etc.]

Session Chair

[Name, Title, Affiliation, Address, Phone, Email, Short Biography]

Additional Session Presenters

[Name, Title, Affiliation, Address, Phone, Email, Short Biography]

Proposed Length of Session *[The longer the session the fewer available times.]*

Full Day Half day 75-minute 60-minute 30-minute

Please submit proposals to:

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