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PRPS CONFERENCE & EXPO MARCH 24-27, 2026

PRPS PENNSYLVANIA Recreation & Park Society

2026 PRPS Conference & Expo Registration Guide

March 24-27, 2026

Spooky Nook Sports, Manheim, PA

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Schedule at a Glance

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Expo Hall Set-Up
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	1st Time Attendee Social
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Board/Committee/ Exhibitor Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Educational Sessions
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Refreshment Break
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Educational Sessions
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Expo Hall Grand Opening & Reception
6:00 pm	Exhibitor Appreciation Dinner
7:00 pm	District 1 Cornhole Tournament
8:00 pm	Rec After Dark GLOW Social

Conference logo design by Mike Erno

Wednesday, March 25

New Maintenance Day!

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Nonprofit Table Set Up
8:15 am - 10:00 am	**Keynote: Dexter Shorter**
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Nonprofit Exhibits Open
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Exclusive Expo Time with refreshment break
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Networking and Past Presidents Lunches
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Expo Closing Reception with dessert
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Expo Hall Teardown
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Educational Sessions
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Refreshment Break
4:00 pm	Nonprofit Teardown
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Educational Sessions
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Step Back in Time Decades Dinner - *Shuttle Bus Schedule Coming Soon*

Thursday, March 26

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Educational Sessions
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Refreshment Break
10:00 am - 11:15 am	Educational Sessions
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	PRPS Business Meeting & Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Educational Sessions
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Educational Sessions
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	PRPS Awards Reception
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	PRPS Awards Dinner
8:00 pm	Pajama Jam Social

Friday, March 27

8:00 am - 9:15 am	Educational Sessions
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Coffee Break
9:30 am - 10:45 am	Educational Sessions
11:00 am - 12:15 pm	**Endnote: Gian Paul Gonzalez**

EXPO HALL HOURS

Tuesday, March 24

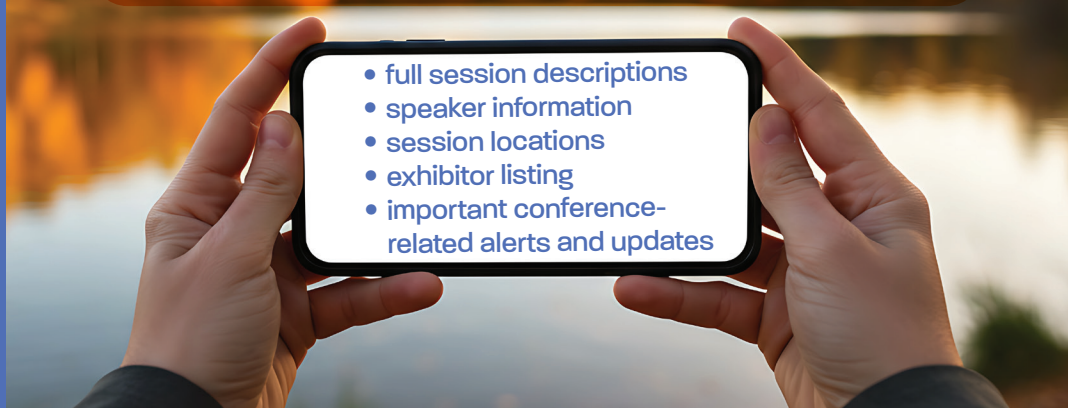
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Expo Hall Grand Opening & Reception
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Exhibitor Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday, March 25

10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Expo Hall Open
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Expo Hall Closing Reception

Download the App!

The 2026 Conference App will be available in February, and allow you to access all the Conference details right on your phone. On the App, you will find:



PRPS Co-Chairs Invitation!

Get in the game at the 2026 PRPS Conference & Expo – **"Powered by Play"** – at Spooky Nook Sports in Manheim, PA. Join us March 24-27 as parks and recreation professionals from across Pennsylvania come together to learn, connect, and celebrate what makes our field special. Take part in 50+ educational sessions to sharpen your skills, explore fresh ideas in the Expo Hall, and grow your network of peers and partners. This is your chance to recharge, refresh your playbook, and take your professional game to the next level. Make this the year you show up, join in, and make it count!

Sincerely, your 2026 Co-Chairs,
Matt Hutchison and Ally Brandt

POWERED BY PLAY

PRPS CONFERENCE & EXPO ● MANHEIM, PA ● MARCH 24-27, 2026

INVITE you to attend the largest statewide tradeshow exclusively for parks and recreation!

INSTRUCT you in over 50 educational sessions to build your professional career!

INDUCE productive networking among like-minded experts from around the state!

INVEST your development time and dollars where they make the most difference!

INFORM you on best practices, industry trends, and innovative products and services!

INCREASE your professional relevance, capacity and influence!

INSPIRE an exciting new trajectory to your personal outlook and livelihood!

Conference & Expo Committee

Co-Chairs: Ally Brandt & Matt Hutchison

Expo Hall: Jay Cerkan & Katie Cook

Socials: Kelsey Paul & Heavenly Smith

Local Arrangements: Casey Hausner

Prize Pool: Matt Stopa

Public Relations: Erin Timby

Room Host: Tammy Agesen

PRPS Education Committee: Brian Malcarne, Erin Long, Jen Fean, Jeremy Mortorff, Kelly Rebitz, Kylene Gill, Marissa Haynes, Tammy Agesen, Tyler Walker, Walt Mulholland, Cheri Matter

Why you should attend the PRPS Conference & Expo

5 REASONS TO ATTEND

1. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITES

We offer 50 educational sessions on a variety of topics to fit your professional career.

2. NETWORKING

We provide many opportunities to network. This is the time to interact with others that you don't know. Around 400 park and recreation professionals will attend. Meeting other professionals may lead you to a new colleague or friend who can help you gain knowledge from the best in our field.

3. MEET THE VENDORS

Our Expo Hall is a valued part of the conference. Vendors come from all over to show you new technologies and products that can improve your work place and recreation offerings. Please take some time and visit every booth.

4. EARN CEUs

Awarded in accordance with the International Association for Continuing Education and Training Guidelines.

5. SHARE BACK HOME

After attending the conference, you will feel refreshed, inspired and full of new ideas to take back and share with your department.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC AREAS

- Aquatics
- Board, Committee, Friend Volunteers
- Certifications (Pesticides, Aquatics, Youth Sports, etc)
- Crisis Management (emergency action plans, active shooter, mental health)
- Customer Service & Public Relations
- Diversity/Inclusion/Accessibility/Justice
- Health & Wellness
- Leadership/Professional Development
- Marketing & Communications
- Human Resources/Organization or Personnel Management/Staffing
- Parks and Facility Resources/Management, Maintenance & Operations
- Partnerships
- Performing Arts/Cultural Arts
- Programs/Events
- Summer Camps
- Therapeutic and Adaptive Recreation and Facilities
- Trail Development/Management, Walkability
- Urban Recreation

Earn CEUs

The majority of program sessions have been approved for .1 CEUs. Continuing Education Units are awarded by PRPS in accordance with the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) guidelines.

Sessions that are not eligible for CEUs typically include roundtables and fully active sessions. Non eligible sessions will be noted with an asterisk.

Educational Sessions

Tuesday, March 24

1:00 - 2:15 pm

- CPR (Cheltenham Parks and Recreation): Breathing Life Back Into a Community
- The Hard Truths of Professional Development
- Leading with Curiosity: The First 90 Days
- Besides Ballfields: Natural Surface Trails as Indispensable Infrastructure
- Matching Money with Mission
- AI Essentials for Everyone

3:00 - 4:15 pm

- Inclusive Play Matters: Evidence-Based Design Best Practices for Play and Recreation Destinations
- Certification - It's the Professional Thing to Do
- Choose Your Own Succession Planning Adventure
- A Pedal by Pedal Guide to Bicycle Rodeos in Your Community
- Take Control of Your Online Presence to Boost Community Participation and Engagement
- Maintenance Roundtable*

Registration Hours
Tuesday, March 24
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 25
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday, March 26
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 - 10:00 am

Keynote: Fueled by Positivity and Impact
Get ready to laugh, reflect, and reignite your purpose! In this high-energy and action-driven keynote, Dr. Dexter Shorter reminds recreation and parks professionals that their work is more than a job. It's a powerful source of joy, healing, hope, and connection within communities across Pennsylvania. Through humor, real-life stories, and a healthy dose of inspiration, you'll be challenged to see your routine efforts as life-changing acts of impact. Come with an open mind and leave fueled with passion and pride in the difference you're making in the lives of others every day.

Dexter Shorter, Ed.D
Speaker/Educator/Coach
Dr. Dexter Shorter is an award-winning educator, a dynamic keynote speaker, and a four-time college graduate who is on a mission to impact lives through his motto: Transform. Grow. Achieve. He inspires audiences nationwide to live with purpose and power. A history-maker at Ohio State and a passionate leader based in central Pennsylvania, Dexter is committed to helping others maximize their existence in life.

THE MAINTENANCE INSTITUTE

Maintenance Day at the PRPS Conference & Expo

Wednesday, March 25

Join us for **Maintenance Day**, coordinated by **The Maintenance Institute (TMI)**, at the PRPS Conference & Expo! This full-day event is designed for maintenance staff and park and recreation professionals who want to better manage their natural and built resources.

Spend the day **learning, networking, and having fun** with sessions on top maintenance topics—from **playground inspection and safety standards** to **tree health, trail and facility management, infrastructure, and staff leadership**.

Educational Sessions

Wednesday, March 25 *(continued)*

The **Expo Hall** will be filled with maintenance-focused vendors ready to **Talk Shop** through live demos, hands-on displays, and expert advice.

Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned pro, you'll leave with practical takeaways to boost your work. **Single-day registration** for Maintenance Day is available - secure your spot today!

Please note that The Maintenance Institute (TMI) Day sessions are noted with a throughout the Registration Guide.

8:30 - 9:45 am

- Playground Inspection & Maintenance: Preserve, Promote, Protect
- Environmentally Sensitive Trail Maintenance & Construction

2:30 - 3:45 pm

- Leading Through Empathy
- AI for Recreation: Lessons from Uber and OpenAI
- The Power of Partnerships: Collaborating Outside your Aquatics Bubble
- Tomorrow's Leaders: Youth Workforce Development in Parks & Recreation
- How to Make $80,000+ Annually through Charity Bingo Nights
- Designing Playgrounds for Neuro-Inclusion
- Has Your Facility Been Loved to Death?

4:00 - 5:15 pm

- Train Wrecks and Dumpster Fires in Aquatics
- NRPA is coming to Pennsylvania!
- Learn How to Create Amazing Teambuilding Programs
- Try-It's to Trails! (More People on Bikes!)
- Strategies for Success: Developing Grassroots Tennis & Improving Tennis Infrastructure
- Process-Based Restoration as a Cost-Effective Tool for Waterway Management
- Hazard Tree Analysis - Look Up!

Thursday, March 26

8:30 - 9:45 am

- Growing Tomorrow's Leaders in Parks and Recreation
- Pressing Pause on AI
- Flex Your Character Muscles by Using Prosocial Skills
- Aquatics Roundtable*
- Make a Splash with Project WET Water Festivals
- Building the Budget - A Hands On Workshop for Parks and Rec Pros

10:00 - 11:15 am

- Conflict & Violence in the Workplace
- Navigating Family Challenges in a Parks & Recreation Career
- Branching Out: Navigating Your Parks & Rec Career Path
- Digital ADA Compliance: Practical Steps for Parks & Rec
- Staff Retention for Seasonal Positions
- Recreational Archery: How You Can Bring Archery to Your Parks

1:00 - 2:15 pm

- Reviving Icons: The Future of Community Pools
- Smash Parkinson's with Ping Pong in Your Community!
- Personal Accountability
- Optimizing Community Sports Fields
- Bird Town Pennsylvania: Community-Wide Engagement
- Beginner Line Dance

2:30 - 3:45 pm

- Personal Branding & Reputation Management
- Oh SNAP! My DCNR Grant Application Is Due in a Month*
- Training the Ultimate Camp Team
- Challenging Conversations Made Easier: Inspiring Communication Success
- America 250 - Are You Ready to Celebrate?
- Truly Inclusive Aquatics: Not Just Code Compliance!

Educational Sessions

Friday, March 27

8:00 - 9:15 am

- Leadership Lessons Learned
- Ctrl+Alt+Park: Rebooting Your Department with Tech
- ROCKreation: The Current State of Climbing in PA
- Hey Coach: Self-Analysis for Positive Youth Sports
- Waterway Restoration on DCNR Lands

9:30 -10:45 am

- Blind/Low Vision Tennis
- Questions of Ethics
- Challenge Accepted! Develop Your Counselors Game Leading Skills
- Creating Effective Multi-Generation Teams
- Small Department Roundtable*
- I'm All In, But How Do I Get Them to Be?

11:00 - 12:15 pm

Endnote: Challenge to Live Life ALL IN

Discover the power of choosing to live "ALL IN" today, because the future you're hoping for starts with the commitments you make right now. This session unpacks how daily decisions build long-term impact, using the "chip" as a symbol of the risks worth taking when you're fully invested.

Gian Paul Gonzalez

Renowned motivational speaker and former educator Gian Paul Gonzalez brings a compelling message of commitment, purpose, and resilience to organizations across the country. Drawing from real-life experiences, leadership in professional sports, and a strong foundation in personal development, his sessions inspire teams to go ALL IN. The result is increased engagement, stronger performance, and a healthier workplace culture at every level.

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Socials

Tuesday, March 24 Rec After Dark: GLOW SOCIAL

Let's turn down the lights and turn up the fun! Parks & rec pros, grab your brightest outfit, throw on some neon, and get ready to shine at the Rec After Dark: GLOW SOCIAL. We'll have glow sticks, LED bracelets, and plenty of glowing vibes to keep the night lit. This isn't your average mixer - it's a laid-back night to laugh, dance, and connect with your parks & rec peers. The only rule? The brighter, the better.

Wednesday, March 25 Step Back in Time at DECADES SOCIAL

This bus trip will consist of dinner, networking, and a side of play at Decades—a one-of-a-kind retro-inspired hotspot in downtown Lancaster. This unique venue has it all: a full restaurant and bar with delicious eats and craft drinks, a 45-game retro arcade that'll bring out your inner kid, boutique bowling lanes for friendly competition, and plenty of space to mix and mingle. Shuttle buses will take multiple trips to and from the venue – come just for dinner or hang for the entire social!

Please note that due to limited capacity, the Decades Social is only available to full conference attendees. Daily tickets may be available for purchase at the registration desk, subject to availability.

Thursday, March 26 Pajama Jam SOCIAL

After a night of formal fun, it's time to kick off your shoes and get comfy! Join us for the Pajama Jam—our laid-back social where cozy meets community. Rock your favorite PJs (fuzzy slippers encouraged), enjoy light snacks and drinks, and keep the good vibes going with crafts, games, and plenty of laughs. We'll keep the vibe relaxed with classic cartoons, a craft station to decorate your own sleep mask, and a district challenge to spark some spirited competition. And don't forget to hit the 360° photo booth to capture your best pajama party poses!

District Challenge details coming soon, keep an eye out!

Conference & Expo Information

Special Accommodations

PRPS will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with special needs. Please help us to help you by completing the special needs section on the online registration form.

What You Should Bring Along

- Casual clothes, dress clothes/formal attire for Awards Banquet
- Brochures and program information to share
- Business cards
- Notebook or portfolio for note-taking at sessions
- Reusable water bottle
- Phone, laptop, charger
- Social themed outfits

Expo Hall!

Featuring over 80 exhibitors, the Expo Hall is the largest parks, recreation, and tradeshow in Pennsylvania! It is filled with the latest and greatest products, services, and design solutions. Test out technology solutions, playground equipment, outdoor recreation gear, and teaching resources from some of the top brands in Pennsylvania and the United States.

Opening Reception - Celebrate, network and have some fun with hundreds of your peers!

Expo Hall Challenge - Suited to Play!
We are excited to invite attendees to participate in this year's Expo Hall Challenge – Suited to Play! This exciting, high-energy game combines Poker and Capture the Flag! It's a dynamic challenge where every booth is a card table, and networking is essential to winning the game.

Participants will race to booths to visit vendors and build their best 5-card poker hand while also competing to "capture the flag" in the District Challenge. The stronger their hand, the better chances of winning epic prizes and securing district-wide bragging rights!

Conference & Expo Information

PRPS Scholarships
The Larry G. Williamson, Robert Crawford Memorial, Delores Andy, John H. Jones Memorial, Milliren Professional, Snyder Community Service Scholarships are generously contributed funds allowing student/professionals to attend the conference free of charge. To download applications go to **www.prps.org/scholarships**. The filing deadline is **January 31, 2026.**

Career Advancement Scholarship
Established by PRPS to assist members to attend professional development opportunities identified in their Individualized Training Plans. Susceptible to limitations, based on number of qualified applicants and available funds. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to: PRPS Leadership Development Academy, PRPS Professional Competencies Trainings, Funding Training, Professional Certification and Accreditation Programs, Professional topical and technical workshops, webinars, courses, classes, conferences, summits, schools, etc. Visit **www.prps.org/scholarships** to apply!

Donald V. Joyce Memorial Scholarship
Established by retired PRPS Executive Director, Bob Griffith, to recognize longtime PRPS member Donald V. Joyce and honor his many contributions to the Society and profession. This scholarship assists PRPS members with 11 years or less professional experience to attend professional development opportunities such as the PRPS Leadership Development Academy, PRPS Professional Competencies Trainings, Funding Training, Professional Certification and Accreditation Programs, Professional topical and technical workshops, webinars, courses, classes, conferences, summits, schools, etc. Visit **www.prps.org/scholarships** to apply!

Room Hosts
If you are interested in Room Hosting, contact Tammy Agesen, Room Host Committee Chair at **agesent@lancastercountypa.gov**. When you register, please select the room host box. The Room Host Chair will contact you to confirm your selection and provide simple instructions.

Here are a few Room Host Responsibilities:

- Pick up room host packet and review contents
- Report to assigned session room, greet, and assist speaker
- Introduce speaker and make any other announcements
- Thank speaker and give them their speaker gift

Past Presidents' Luncheon
The annual Past Presidents' Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, March 26,** from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. All PRPS past presidents, honorary members, retired members, and their spouses are invited for the luncheon. Contact the PRPS office for more information and to make a reservation.

Society Luncheon & Business Meeting
Thursday, March 26 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Awards Reception & Banquet
The Awards Reception & Banquet are scheduled for **Thursday, March 26**. Reception runs from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, with dinner starting at 6:00 pm. Annual Society Award winners are announced at during the banquet ceremony.

PRPS Awards
The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society is pleased to acknowledge outstanding achievements by agencies, boards, commissions, and individuals toward the advancement of community recreation and park services through its Recognition & Awards Program. The awards program is open to both PRPS members and non-members, including individuals, agencies, companies, organizations, and universities. See more details about the Awards Program and apply at **www.prps.org/Awards**. The deadline for nominations is **January 7, 2026**.

Award Categories:

- Outstanding Achievement Award
- Distinguished Member Award
- Outstanding New Professional
- Community Champion
- Excellence in Recreation & Parks
- Agency of the Year
- Green Parks Award

PRPS Prize Pool
We are once again organizing the highly anticipated "PRPS Prize Pool." We are asking for donations such as gift baskets and gift cards for the prize pool area. In the past, we have had prizes such as: show tickets, gift cards to hotels and resorts, clothing, autographed memorabilia, department/district baskets and vendor items. This is a great way for businesses and organizations to gain brand awareness from the hundreds of conference attendees. Don't forget to visit us in the Expo Hall to purchase tickets for your chance to win one of our amazing prizes! Cash and card accepted.

If you or a business you know are willing and able to donate to our prize pool, please contact Matt Stopa at **mstopa@manheimtownship.org**.

Cancellation and Refund Policy
Registration refund and cancellation requests must be provided in writing by **Friday, February 20, 2026**, no later than 4:00 pm EST, and will incur a $100 processing fee. No refunds will be issued if requested/postmarked after the **Friday, February 20, 2026**, cut-off date. Substitution registrations will be accepted on a case by case basis.

Registration & Lodging

How to Register

Online - **prpsconferenceandexpo.org**

OR

Phone: **814-234-4272**

Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration ends on January 31, 2026

Registration includes name badge, registration bag, program book, educational sessions, exhibit hall admission, socials, coffee and refreshment breaks and meal tickets as listed below.

	PRPS Member	Non-Member
PROFESSIONALS		
Full Conference *(includes Tues Dinner, Wed Lunch, Wed Dinner at Decades, Thurs Lunch, Thurs Awards Banquet)*	**Early $395** **After 1/31**-$450	**Early $525** **After 1/31**-$575
Tuesday *(includes Dinner)*	$125	$150
Wednesday/Maintenance Day *(includes Lunch)*	$175	$225
Thursday *(includes Lunch)*	$175	$225
Friday *(no meals)*	$75	$100

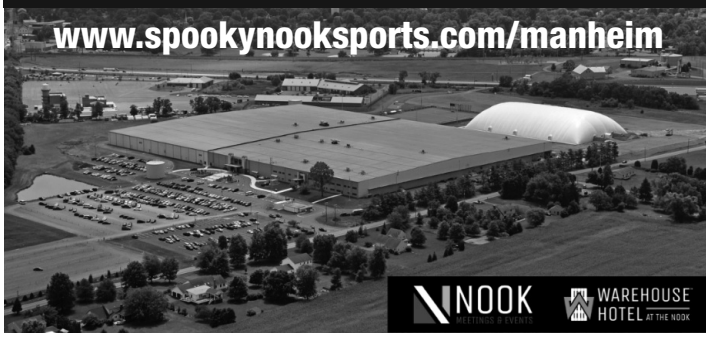
RETIRED or FULL-TIME STUDENT		
Retired or Student Full Conference *(includes Tues Dinner, Wed Lunch, Thurs Lunch)*	$200	$225
Tuesday *(includes Dinner)*	$100	
Wednesday/Maintenance Day *(includes Lunch)*	$100	
Thursday *(includes Lunch)*	$100	
Friday *(no meals)*	$50	

EXPO HALL ONLY or MEAL TICKETS ONLY (registration bag, educational sessions, and socials are not included)	
Wednesday Exhibit Hall Pass Only *(not available for commercial vendors)*	$25
Tuesday Dinner	$55
Wednesday Lunch	$40
Wednesday Dinner at Decades (Professional Full Conf Only - no day tickets)	
Thursday Luncheon/Business Meeting	$45
Thursday Awards Banquet	$75

Conference & Expo Location

Spooky Nook Sports
2913 Spooky Nook Road
Manheim, PA 17545
717-925-3080

For GPS:
75 Champ Blvd.
Manheim, PA 17545



Book Your Hotel Room

2026 Conference Lodging Options:

Important – Please Read Carefully!

*There are a limited number of rooms available at Spooky Nook's on-site Warehouse Hotel, and we expect this hotel to sell out quickly, so please make your reservation early. We have secured additional blocks of rooms at three nearby hotels within 2 ½ miles from Spooky Nook, listed below.

*Breakfasts are not included in your Conference registration fee. Warehouse Hotel guests and commuters may purchase breakfast "on your own" at Spooky Nook's on-site Restaurant Breakfast Buffet for $15 + tax/gratuity (6:30 – 9:30 am) or Smoothie Bar/Coffee Shop (6:30 am – 9:00 pm). Guests staying at the Comfort Suites, Hampton Inn, and Holiday Inn receive complimentary hot breakfast buffet at their hotel.

*Wednesday 3/25 Dinner and Evening Social will be held at Decades (**www.decadeslancaster.com**). Shuttle buses to and from Decades will run continuously 6 pm-11 pm with stops at Spooky Nook, Comfort Inn, Hampton Inn, and Holiday Inn. All attendees must have a ticket to enter Decades (included in Full Conference registration fee). Daily registrants may purchase tickets for this event, subject to availability. If you choose to drive separately to Decades, there is a parking garage located next to the facility, but please be responsible and designate a driver.

*Free lockers are available at Spooky Nook for commuters and guests staying at nearby hotels to store conference bags, coats, casual/theme clothing for socials, dress clothes for Thursday's Awards Banquet. etc.

*Spooky Nook fitness day passes are available for attendees not staying at the Warehouse Hotel for $15 and include the fitness center, fitness classes, courts and turfs or $10 for courts and turfs.

Lodging

Warehouse Hotel at the Nook
(attached to Spooky Nook) 135 Rooms
75 Champ Blvd.
Manheim, PA 17545

- $149 per night, plus 11% tax – King
- $149 per night, plus 11% tax – Queen
- $159 per night, plus 11% tax – King Suite
- $179 per night, plus 11% tax – Presidential Suite
- $169 per night, plus 11% tax – VIP Suite

Reservations can be made by calling 855-618-6181 and referencing room block for Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Code 13908 or online at **www.warehousehotel.com** and use Group Code 13908. Room block reservation deadline: **March 2, 2026**.

- Breakfast is **not** included
- Free Wi-Fi
- Includes fitness center and group exercise classes

Other Hotel Options

Comfort Suites
(0.5 miles from Spooky Nook) 60 Rooms
543 Champ Blvd.
Manheim, PA 17545

$119 per night, plus 11% tax – King Suite or 2 Queen Suite

Book online using this link: **www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/RX01U7**. Room block reservation deadline: **February 22, 2026.**

Hotel features and amenities:

- Full hot breakfast buffet
- Electric Charging Stations
- Walking Distance to Spooky Nook (approx. 0.5 miles)
- Complimentary Wireless Internet
- Indoor Pool

Hampton Inn & Suites Mount Joy/Lancaster West
(2.3 miles from Spooky Nook) 30 Rooms
2301 Strickler Rd.
Manheim, PA 17545

$119 per night, plus 11% tax - King or Queen/Queen

Call hotel directly at 717-653-5515 and mention the PRPS room block or group code: 918 or book online using this link: **https://group.hamptoninn.com/63fphy**. Room block reservation deadline: **February 24, 2026.**

- Free hot breakfast offered daily
- Free high-speed and Wireless Internet access in the lobby and all guestrooms
- Indoor Pool
- Fitness Center

Holiday Inn Express Mount Joy
(2.2 miles from Spooky Nook) 40 Rooms
1550 East Main St.
Mount Joy, PA 17552

$119 per night, plus 11% tax Queen/Queen
(1-2 persons; additional person is $5 per night)

Book online using this HYPERLINK: **http://bit.ly/4pIZWE4**

Room block reservation deadline: March 10, 2026.

- Free Fresh Start hot breakfast
- Free Wireless internet
- Indoor pool
- 24-hour fitness center

Suitcasing Policy

Our exhibitors and sponsors spend a lot of money to participate in the Annual Conference & Expo. PRPS has a no-tolerance policy regarding "suitcasing", which describes the practice of non-exhibiting companies or individuals soliciting sales or sales leads on the trade show floor, in any session or networking reception, or anywhere within the event venue during the PRPS Annual Conference & Expo.

Non-member, non-exhibiting business partner guests are welcome to attend, after paying an admission fee, and will be issued an attendee name badge to enter sessions, socials, and visit the exhibit hall.

Interpretation of what constitutes suitcasing is at the sole discretion of the PRPS Board of Directors. Violators of these policies will be given a warning at the event. If the violation continues, the violator will be asked to leave the event,and charged the single booth rate which must be paid prior to registering as an attendee, exhibitor, or sponsor at any future event.

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New PRPS Learning Hub – Coming Soon!

PRPS is excited to announce a valuable new member benefit launching in January 2026! PRPS's TopClass Learning Management System features:

- Seamless single sign on using your existing PRPS account
- Registration, webinar links, resources, workshop notes and recordings all in one place
- Downloadable CEU certificates and transcripts
- Library of on-demand recorded webinars to view at your convenience
- Discussion Forums for online networking and idea-exchange
- Additional educational opportunities for front-line staff, camp staff, etc.
- Virtual certification courses
- Hub for online meetings and Learning Networks