

**The New England Park Rangers Association presents:**



# The 2010 Annual NEPRA Conference

Tuesday, September 28th, 2010

## Conference Overview

*All of the sessions have been carefully selected to meet the needs of our members. This includes, but is not limited to park rangers, interpreters, laborers, lifeguards, and seasonal park staff.*

**WELCOME:** Kathryn Ward, President, New England Park Ranger Association

**SESSION I: Bird Banding:** America to the Amazon. Presented by award winning scientist and writer Mark Blazis and his wife Helen, an award-winning wildlife film maker. Mark is the director of the Auburn Bird Banding Research Station and in partnership with Yale School of Public Health, he is currently studying which strains of Lyme disease are carried by birds. Mark's research team captures, analyzes, and releases over 2,000 migratory songbirds per year in Massachusetts.

**SESSION II: Green Dogs Program:** Learn about The Trustees of Reservations' pilot program aimed at creating a welcoming, comfortable, and safe environment for dogs, their owners, and all visitors. Find out the details on how the program works, what effects it has had on the resources, and specifics on implementing a similar program at your park.

**SESSION III: Planning for Retirement:** Presented by Marc Toomey. It's not too early to start planning for retirement no matter how old you are. Where is the best place for your money in this economic climate? How much savings should you sacrifice to put toward credit card debt? Is using your 401k to pay off debt a good option? We will cover all of these questions and have time for many more.

**Networking:** Mingle with your colleagues and fellow NEPRA members or stop by an information table. Use the time to your advantage and don't forget your business cards, you never know where a conversation could lead or what connections could be made.



## COST

**\$30 Members**

**\$35 Non-Members**  
*(includes sessions and meals)*

**\$40 Late Registration and walk-ins**  
*(lunch not guaranteed)*

**REGISTER BY SEPT 9th**

**Join NEPRA with your conference registration and pay only \$50 for both.**



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**9:00 Welcome**

**9:15 Session I**

**11:15 Break**

**11:30 Session II**

**12:15 Lunch and business Meeting**

**1:15 Networking**

**2:30 Session III**

**4:00 Closing remarks and Raffle**

# Join Our Board

**President:** The President calls and presides at all board meetings, the annual conference, and any special meetings of the Board of Directors. This seat is a great opportunity for professional growth, it focuses on event planning, meeting management, professional communications, and guiding an organization to meet vision goals.

**Treasurer:** The treasurer shall collect monies and securities, deposit funds, disburse and depose of same, keep accurate accounts and submit a bank statement electronically or hard copy at the board of Directors meetings.

**Membership:** The Membership chairperson is a new position on the Board of Directors and will be subject to approval at the annual business meeting. The proposed Membership chairperson shall keep accurate records of membership lists for use by the Board of Directors and send all notices, generate contact lists to keep members of the association informed either by electronic or standard mail.

**Member-at-Large (2 positions) –** The member at large shall be a representative of non-elected members and shall poll, upon occasion, the general membership for ideas concerning the welfare of the Association.



**The Trustees of Reservations' Doyle Conservation Center in Leominster is a state of the art "green" facility and is among the first green buildings in Massachusetts.**

Take Rt. 2 to Exit 31A and turn right onto Route 12 South. At the lights, turn right onto Lindell Avenue. Follow for 0.75 mi. and then take your first right onto Abbott Ave. The Doyle Conservation Center will be on your left.

**Send registration form and check payable to NEPRA**

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Do you have any special dietary needs (vegetarian, restricted etc): \_\_\_\_\_