

The California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) 2008 Awards Committee received 231 award nominations. Only 46 Awards of Excellence, 22 Achievement Awards and a handful of prestigious Professional and Service Awards were granted throughout the six award categories. The CPRS Awards Program is the highest recognition an agency can receive for its programs, services and facilities.

Award of Excellence winners will be honored at the CPRS Awards and Installation Banquet on Friday, March 6, 2009, at the Santa Clara Convention Center. This banquet is the final event at the Annual California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference in Santa Clara, California. It is appropriate to have your elected and/or appointed officials attend the banquet to share in this prestigious honor. In addition, the "Creating Community Award of Distinction," the highest agency award given by CPRS will be also presented. Only the Award of Excellence recipients are eligible for this award. The recipients of this special award will be kept confidential until the announcement at the banquet.

The fee to attend the reception and the banquet is \$70 per person; \$80 if purchased after January 31, 2009. You may purchase your banquet tickets on-line at <http://www.cprs.org/pdf/AwardsForm.pdf>

Award of Excellence and Achievement Award winners will be sent a letter on or before December 12, 2008, highlighting information regarding the conference general session, "Award Winner" ribbons, Best of the Best Social and Network Session, Award and Installation Banquet, etc.

The Award Program is a worthwhile program and could not be possible without the support from our sponsors, RJM Design Group, Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems and RAINBIRD. Please stop by these sponsors' booths in the conference exhibit hall and thank them for your support.

Congratulations! The 2008 CPRS Awards Winners are:

AGENCY SHOWCASE

AGENCY BROCHURE

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- Up to 20,000 City of Lathrop
- 20,000-50,000 City of Bell Gardens
- 50,001-100,000 City of Baldwin Park
- 100,000+ Coachella Valley Recreation and Park District

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 50,001-100,000 Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
- 100,000+ City of Lancaster
- 100,000+ City of Palmdale

SINGLE FOCUS

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 20,000-50,000 City of Claremont
- 50,001-100,000 City of Union City
- 100,001+ City of Temecula

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 100,000+ City of Lancaster
- 100,000+ City of Santa Clarita
- 100,000+ Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation

MARKETING CAMPAIGN

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 20,000-50,000 El Dorado Hills
- 50,001-100,000 City of Redwood City
- 100,000+ County of Los Angeles

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 50,001-100,000 City of Lakewood
- 50,001-100,000 City of Baldwin Park
- 100,000+ East Bay Regional Park District

AGENCY LOGO

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 20,000-50,000 City of Bell Garden
- 50,001-100,000 City of Pleasanton
- 100,000+ City of Fontana

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 20,000-50,000 Amador County
- 50,001-100,000 City of San Mateo
- 100,000+ City of Lancaster

MEDIA CAMPAIGN

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 50,001-100,000 City of Pleasanton
- 100,000+ City of Long Beach

WEBSITE

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 50,001-100,000 City of San Mateo
- 100,000+ City of Rancho Cucamonga

MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 100,000+ City of Los Angeles

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 100,000+ City of Santa Rosa
- 100,000+ County of San Diego

PARK PLANNING

NEIGHBORHOOD

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 20,000-50,000 City of Norco
- 100,000+ City of El Monte

COMMUNITY

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 20,000-50,000 City of Brea
- 100,000+ City of Fontana

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 100,000+ Hayward Area Recreation and Park District

SPECIALTY

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 50,001-100,000 City of Union City
- 100,000+ City of Santa Rosa

FACILITY DESIGN

SPORTS FIELD/COMPLEXES

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 50,001-100,000 City of Woodland
- 100,000+ City of West Covina

CULTURAL FACILITIES

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 50,001-100,000 City of San Ramon
- 100,000+ City of Roseville

EXTREME SPORTS

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 50,001-100,000 City of Tulare
- 100,000+ City of Fontana

AQUATICS FACILITIES

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 50,001-100,000 City of Yuba City
- 100,000+ County of San Diego

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 100,000+ City of Fontana

COMMUNITY CENTERS/FACILITIES

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- 20,000-50,000 City of Bell
- 50,001-100,000 City of Mission Viejo
- 100,000+ City of Fontana

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 20,000-50,000 City of Bell Garden
- 50,001-100,000 City of South San Francisco
- 100,000+ City of Riverside

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

HEALTH & WELLNESS

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- Up to 20,000 Big Bear Valley Recreation and Park District
- 20,000-50,000 City of Bell Garden
- 100,000+ City of Fresno PARCS

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 100,000+ City of West Covina

- 100,000+ Santa Clara County

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- Up to 20,000 City of Santa Fe Springs

NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY LIFE

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- Up to 20,000 City of Santa Fe Springs
- 20,000-50,000 City of Dublin
- 50,001-100,000 City of Redwood City
- 100,000+ City of Visalia Parks and Recreation Department

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 50,001-100,000 City of Folsom Parks and Recreation

ECONOMIC IMPACT

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- Up to 20,000 City of Santa Fe Springs
- 50,001-100,000 City of Redwood City
- 100,000+ City of Long Beach

PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE

Due to the nature of the Professional and Service Awards, the award applicant will be contacted by mail on or before December 12, 2008, regarding the status of their entry.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to Brad McIntire of the City of Yuba City winner of the opportunity drawing for a complimentary 2009 California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference registration.

Again, congratulations on your award! We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

The Awards Committee....

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