School of Grounds Management Summer Conference

July 22 - 23 | Tacoma, WA
SCHEDULE

Monday, July 22
7:00 AM  Breakfast at Hotel (on your own)
7:30 AM  Registration – Pick up your badge in the hotel lobby
8:00 AM  Buses Depart Hotel for University of Puget Sound
8:20 AM  Walking Tour of the University of Puget Sound
9:15 AM  Coffee Break / Time with Suppliers
10:00 AM  Conference Welcome
10:15 AM  Meet the FFA Students
10:30 AM  **Education Session 1**: “A Conversation about Leadership, Budgeting, and Human Resources: Considerations from an Associate Vice President’s Point of View” – Bob Kief
11:25 AM  Time with Suppliers
12:00 PM  Lunch
1:00 PM  **Education Session 2**: “Introduction to Irrigation System Auditing: What’s it all about and why?” – Lynda Wightman
1:55 PM  Time with Suppliers
2:35 PM  **Education Session 3**: “Combining Marketing, Networking and Production Management into Clear Success” – Blair Coates
3:30 PM  Buses Depart for Point Defiance Park
3:45 PM  Guided Tour of Point Defiance Park
5:45 PM  Dinner at Point Defiance Park
7:00 PM  Buses Depart for Hotel

Tuesday, July 23
7:00 AM  Breakfast at Hotel (on your own)
8:00 AM  Buses Depart Hotel for Chambers Bay Golf Course
8:45 AM  Tour of Chambers Bay Golf Course
10:00 AM  **Education Session 4**: “Essential Turfgrass Management & Cultural Practices” – Dr. Gwen K. Stahnke
11:00 AM  Lunch at Chambers Bay Golf Course
12:00 PM  Buses depart for Cheney Stadium
12:30 PM  Tour of Cheney Stadium
1:30 PM  Buses depart for Ruston Way
2:30 PM  Tour of Seymour Conservatory and Wright Park
3:45 PM  Closing Remarks
4:00 PM  Buses Depart for Hotel / Conclusion of Conference
SCHOOL OF GROUNDS MANAGEMENT

Designed to provide grounds professionals with the hard-to-find opportunity to gain knowledge, ask questions, and network with their peers, the PGMS® School of Grounds Management provides goal-oriented education and experience to expand knowledge in four (4) core-competencies:

**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**
Sessions cover a variety of important topics dealing with human interactions that affect grounds professionals at all levels.
*Topics may include: Customer Service, Leadership, Dealing with Different Personalities, Diversity/ADA, Motivation, Personnel Functions, Supervision and Scheduling, Time Management, and Team Building.*

**BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**
Sessions focus on up-to-date fiscal advice and experiences that enable managers along with their teams to continue as the service providers of choice.
*Topics may include: Budget, Business Ethics, Contract Management, Marketing/Communication for Facilities Management, Networking, Production/Operations Management, Risk Management/Liability, Sales, Information Technologies, and Organization Structure and Functions.*

**TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT — HORTICULTURE**
Sessions cover a variety of emerging issues and trends pertinent to the living environment.
*Topics may include: Arboriculture, Seasonal Flower Displays, Green Roofs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Perennials, Ornamental Grasses and Ground Cover Management, Plant Identification, Turf and Sports Turf Management, Urban Forestry, and Woody Plant Management.*

**TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT — NON-HORTICULTURE**
Sessions focus on the sharing of ideas and strategic input for managing and maintaining landscape infrastructure that enhances the living environment.
*Topics may include: Design and Build, Irrigation and Water Management, Landscape Management, Public Horticulture, Safety and Certifications, Snow and Ice Management, Sustainability/Biological Diversity, and Technology.*

24 CREDITS TOTAL

4.5 CREDITS PER CORE COMPETENCY
18 CREDITS TOTAL

FIELD TRIPS ASSOCIATED WITH PGMS

OR
ADDITIONAL CORE COMPETENCY CLASSES
6 CREDITS TOTAL
A Conversation about Leadership, Budgeting, and Human Resources: Considerations from an Associate Vice President's Point of View

The overall look of a campus has a profound effect on recruiting and retention, as well as on operating and capital costs. We will discuss the day-to-day operations of our Facilities Services department and the direct connection to the University's strategic planning and objectives.

Learning Objectives:

- Understanding the importance of our grounds from a Management perspective, from recruiting new students to supporting the mission and strategic goals of the university.
- Understanding how budget strategy effects equipment purchases, staffing, and supplies.
- Comparing industry standards with respect to staffing with the reality of daily operations.

Introduction to Irrigation System Auditing: What’s it all about and why?

Learn about the importance of how a uniform application of water increases the health and beauty of your landscapes! Irrigation system audits will help.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the basics of why an irrigation audit is done
- Be creative with statistical data to justify ROI on new equipment
- Learn terminology that is used in determining uniformity
- Understand the difference between uniformity and efficiency in an irrigation system
Combining Marketing, Networking and Production Management into Clear Success

Knowing what to spend your time and resources on to receive the most value sound simple but can be far from it. Building a workplace where everyone wants to succeed together requires the right people, the right tone, a shared vision, and the right tools. Join Blair as he discusses how effective marketing and networking has improved their sales and the sales of the businesses they work with.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Partnering with those that bring value to your organization – who do you know in your field?
- Defining clear metrics for your Marketing’s ROI – how strong is your brand?
- Empower your team with clear messaging and management style

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Essential Turfgrass Management & Cultural Practices

With hands-on demonstration courtesy of Toro and John Deere, attendees will have the opportunity to observe before and after conditions of turfgrass based on different pieces of equipment...

**Learning Objectives:**

- Correct use of equipment, such as: top dresser, solid deep tine aerator, shallow tine aerator, core harvester, verticutter, and slicer/seeder
- Benefits of the equipment to your turf
- Correct timing and frequency based on turf traffic

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TOURS

University of Puget Sound
The 100-acre urban campus of the University of Puget Sound is home to one of the PGMS Green Star Award winners. This beautiful Pacific Northwest campus tour will include the native garden in Harned Hall Courtyard, campus tree canopy, lawns, seasonal flower displays, the last natural grass stadium in the Northwest Conference and Aquatic Center.

Point Defiance Park
Point Defiance Park is a 760-acre park is a popular Pacific Northwest destination that offers its more than 3.1 million annual visitors natural forest, saltwater beaches, spectacular views of the Olympic and Cascade Mountain ranges and boundless recreational opportunities.

Chambers Bay Golf Course
At the Chambers Bay Golf Course, visitors are shown breathtaking views of the Puget Sound, captivating landscapes throughout the golf course. Visitors will be awestruck by the panoramic views of water, islands, maritime activity, and the occasional passing by of the railroad. With the backdrop of the Olympic mountain range, it’s no wonder why people keep coming back to this gem of a site.

Cheney Stadium
Since 1960, Cheney Stadium has stood proudly as an anchoring crown jewel in the heart of Central Tacoma. In 2010, the stadium fondly regarded as “R House” underwent a massive transformation to compete as a state-of-the-art entertainment venue in the modern era of professional sports. Once merely the grounds for the Triple-A Tacoma Rainiers baseball team, Cheney Stadium is now also home to a pair of professional soccer clubs: Reign FC of the National Women’s Soccer League and Tacoma Defiance, the highest-level USL squad for Seattle Sounders FC.
Seymour Conservatory and Wright Park

Wright Park is a historical park ideal for a leisurely stroll or taking your kids to the playground or sprayground. This 27-acre arboretum is home to a rich collection of more than 600 trees. It is also home to the W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory. It is located in the heart of downtown and the Stadium Business District.

Images courtesy of Metro Parks Tacoma

HOTEL

Courtyard by Marriott Tacoma Downtown
1515 Commerce St.
Tacoma, WA 98402
Room Rate: $179 a night

PGMS has a limited number of rooms available at the special rate of $179/night plus tax.

Reservations can be made by phone (800) 321-2211. You must mention SGMR to receive the conference room rate.

You must reserve a room by Friday, June 28. Parking is $12 a day.

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**STAYING AFTER THE CONFERENCE?**

Welcome PGMS conference attendees

**Discover all that Metro Parks Tacoma has to offer!**

Explore 760 acres of outdoor adventure

See amazing animals of all kinds

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**Point Defiance Park**
5400 N. Pearl St.
Botanical Gardens
Old Growth Forest
Owen Beach
Stunning Views

**Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium**
in Point Defiance Park
Move with meerkats or high
five a polar bear at the Northwest’s only combined zoo & aquarium

**Fort Nisqually Living History Museum**
in Point Defiance Park
Interpreters and craftspeople in period clothing transport you to mid-19th century life

**Point Defiance Marina**
in Point Defiance Park
Rent a boat or kayak and cruise the scenic waterways . . . or fish from the dock for salmon, lingcod or other bottom fish

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**W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory**
in historic Wright Park
316 South G St.
More than 250 species of exotic tropical plants are on exhibit

**Tacoma Nature Center**
1919 S. Tyler St.
Encounter native birds, animals and plants in this 71-acre nature preserve encompassing Snake Lake and forested land

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**Venardos Circus at STAR Center**
Find Dates Online
3873 S. 66th St.
Part traditional circus, part classic vaudeville and part Cirque du Soleil

**Tacoma Food Truck Fest**
Sunday, July 21
10:30 am-6:00 pm
in historic Wright Park
501 South I St.

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To Unlock Your Metro Parks Adventures visit www.MetroParksTacoma.org
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**Save by Joining PGMS Now**

Please check the appropriate membership:

- New Active - $275
- New Affiliate - $225
- New Supplier - $400
- New Institutional Membership $600 (up to four individuals at the same institution can be members.)

**School Cancellation Policy**

School cancellations received in writing prior to July 1, 2019 will receive a full refund less a $25.00 processing fee. No refunds will be provided after July 1, 2019.

**Code of Conduct**

By registering for this event, you are agreeing to abide by PGMS’ code of conduct as outlined on www.pgms.org.