

OVERVIEW

The **Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA)** was incorporated in 1947 as a provincially-recognized, not-for-profit, volunteer-driven recreation organization.

Today, the ORFA has over 3,500 card-bearing members who operate and manage recreation facilities in municipalities, educational institutions, government agencies, First Nations communities and in the private recreation sector. Members also include businesses and industries that support the recreation sector.

As a member-based organization, the ORFA is dedicated to providing leadership in training and development, and in products and services for the benefit of the recreation facility profession.

An ORFA membership entitles you to:

- A professional membership certificate, card and decal for your individual use or in the case of the Group membership category, each building and all identified employees who work in these buildings will be recognized;
- A subscription to Facility Forum, the official magazine of the ORFA, published four times per year and mailed to each member or in the case of Group membership category, the identified primary facility contact;
- Access to facility resource material managed by a professional librarian who will provide search requests at no cost;
- One complimentary copy of the Membership and Products/Services Directory containing building name, contact person, mailing address, phone and fax number as well detailed company descriptions;
- Opportunities to attend the Annual Professional Development Program and regional training events at reduced rates;
- Work towards an ORFA professional designation;
- A subscription to the "E-News" bulletin which provides recreation facility industry and Association information;
- Access to Corporate Members who provide recreation facility products and services;
- Access to an online Job Board;
- A committed Board of Directors and association staff dedicated to meeting member needs.



Administration & Management



Aquatics



Buildings & Grounds



Refrigeration & Ice

VISION

To be the leader in the recreation facility profession.

MISSION

To provide leadership in the development and delivery of innovative training and education programs, value-added services, and quality products for the benefit of the recreation facility profession.

WE VALUE

- Expertise in the recreation facility profession that comes from personal and organizational development
- Dedication to the professional, efficient and competent operation of recreation facilities
- The communication network of our stakeholders being important in advancing our mission
- Products and services developed and promoted in response to market needs
- Results based on business-centred principles

WE BELIEVE IN

- Serving our stakeholders
- Strategic partnerships/alliances
- Advancement of the recreation facility profession
- Promoting safe, efficient and accessible recreation facilities
- Information management being the core activity of the Association
- Recreation facilities contribute to a healthy community
- Quality recreation facilities are an essential part of the recreation experience

ORFA PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

For over sixty years, ORFA has been committed to providing its membership with current, relevant and practical professional development opportunities. The variety of course topics, comprehensiveness of curricula, and intensity of programs have grown steadily in response to membership and professional needs. Ever mindful of the increasingly complex scope and function of recreation facility operations, ORFA has created a variety of professional designations designed for the benefit of recreation facility practitioners.

The awarding of an ORFA professional designation formally acknowledges recreation facility industry personnel who have met specific education and training requirements, have related work experience and who are committed to supporting and contributing to the integrity of the recreation facility profession. Working towards an ORFA designation encourages these professionals to develop and enhance competencies in areas that will benefit themselves, their employers, and their profession and facility patrons.

The ORFA professional designation categories are:

- Registered Student Practitioner - R.S.P.
- Registered General Practitioner - R.G.P.
- Registered Recreation Facilities Operator - R.R.F.O.
- Registered Recreation Facilities Supervisor - R.R.F.S.
- Registered Recreation Facilities Manager - R.R.F.M.
- Registered Recreation Facilities Administrator - R.R.F.A.
- Certified Ice Technician - C.I.T.
- Certified Aquatics Professional - C.A.P.
- Refrigeration Plant Operations Technician - R.P.O.T.

The ORFA certificate programs are:

- Parks and Open Space Professional Training Program - Level I



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