



2025 Call for Submissions

Annual Conference Research Symposium

November 8 – 11, 2025

Kiawah Island Golf Resort, Kiawah Island, South Carolina

Join us for an informative conference at a premier resort!

ABOUT RECNet

The Recreation Experience Community Network (founded in 1981 as RCRA) has a mission to support professionals, students, educators, and vendors who provide recreation services. RECNet welcomes anyone employed in the recreation industry with an emphasis on those in the private sector, such as resorts, hotels, sports and membership clubs, campgrounds, theme parks, special event companies, cruise lines, community developments, and colleges / universities.

The National Conference offers professionals and educators a chance to network with colleagues, present their research to a diverse audience, and develop collaborations for the coming year. The conference also offers a high-quality experience for students seeking internships or entry-level jobs.

Conference Details are available at:
<https://rec-network.org/conference-benefits-educator-and-student/>

ABOUT THE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

This is an annual opportunity for educators to present current research on the recreation industry. Presentations must be done in-person, by at least one of the authors. We especially invite applied research in the commercial recreation, event and travel industries.

Submitted proposals will undergo a peer-reviewed acceptance process. Accepted (and presented) papers will be published in the

“Proceedings of the 2025 Recreation Experience Community Network Research Symposium.”

Submissions (and inquiries) are to be e-mailed to the Conference Editor:
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We encourage educators to join RECNet and bring students. We will however offer presenters the option of a one day rate of \$199 and free membership to RecNet for one year.

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSION TIMEFRAMES

1-2 page abstract due: June 15, 2025; Review Feedback by July 15, 2025

Final Paper Submission due September 15, 2025