CALL FOR PROPOSALS
2020 Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) Research Symposium

Conference Theme: Campfire Connections
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, October 28-30, 2020

Proposals describing new empirical and conceptual research in the area of outdoor recreation education are now being solicited for the 2020 Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) Research Symposium.

The symposium will include traditional oral presentations (15 minutes to present/ 5 minutes of questions) and poster presentations. The oral presentations will be grouped according to themes emerging from the highest-ranked papers whose presenters requested oral presentations. Grouping papers by theme encourages greater participation by other conference attendees and affords more focused discussion in each session. Poster presentations selected will be displayed in a visible location for all conference attendees to view, and time will be scheduled for authors to present and discuss their research.

All submitted proposals are blind reviewed and ranked according to the following criteria: (a) clarity of question or problem; (b) interest and value to the audience; (c) establishment of theoretical basis for study; (d) accurate and appropriate use of the methods; (e) appropriate interpretation of discussion and findings OR for conceptual papers appropriate support for argument/discussion; (f) significance of findings or discussion; (g) quality of writing (i.e. style, flow, grammar, spelling, APA); (h) overall quality.

A typical abstract submitted will include a literature review, statement of purpose/need for the study, methods used, results, discussion, and references. **Data analysis does not need to be completed by the submission deadline but is expected to be completed by the final abstract submission date prior to the conference (September 4, 2020).**

Authors of selected oral and poster presentations will have their abstracts published in the 2020 AORE Book of Abstracts. Attendance and presentation at the conference is required in order for the abstract to be included.

**Conditions for Submission of Proposals**

1. Completed studies or scholarly discussions are suitable for submission. Proposals of work in progress may also be submitted provided the analysis is complete when the final abstract is due.
2. Only studies or papers that have not been previously published or presented at another professional conference may be submitted. Papers that address the same question, use the same analysis, or develop the same logical argument as previous publications or presentations are not eligible.
3. Proposals undergo blind peer reviews and decisions for acceptance will be based upon these reviews. Papers may be rejected due to time and space limitations, ineffective development within the two-page proposal, violation of the preceding listed conditions in #1 or #2, excessive APA or mechanical errors (i.e. grammar and spelling), weaknesses in the study/project itself, or failure to follow submission guidelines (see below).
4. All presenters and volunteers pay to attend the conference. If accepted, all presenters must register and pay for the attendance at the 2020 AORE Annual Conference (daily rates are available). Authors, whose proposal is accepted, are expected to deliver their presentations in person, as assigned during the Symposium. Please submit a proposal only if you are committed to attending the Symposium.

5. All presenters understand that they must be willing to present any day of the Conference, during any time slotted under the direction of the Conference Planning Action Team. Efforts will be made to avoid conflicts listed by the presenters at the time of submission.

6. The deadline for submission is March 27, 2020. Authors will be notified via e-mail of the status of their submission by May 1, 2020. Presenters will be asked to provide a final abstract of their study by September 4, 2020, for inclusion in the Book of Abstracts.

7. Accepted authors are encouraged to submit full papers to the Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership (JOREL).

Proposal Preparation Details

1. Proposals must be limited to two pages maximum, using 12-point Times New Roman, single-spaced text and one-inch margins on sides, top, and bottom. A third page containing references may be included. Submitted proposals should be formatted according to the most current edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. Files should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.

2. Proposals need a title reflecting the general nature of the research (please place at top of first page of abstract - do not include author information) and a running head on each page.

3. Proposals reporting empirical studies should contain appropriate headings identifying the following sections: review of literature, method, results, and discussion. Proposals reporting conceptual and theoretical discussions should have appropriately descriptive headings.

4. All author identification should be removed before submitting abstract. Remove author identification in properties. (In Word, go to File, then Properties. Choose Summary and remove author name.) Track changes should not be readable.

5. A list of references, not exceeding one page, should be included at the end of the abstract. It should use the same font and margin format as previously specified for abstract proposals. References should be formatted according to the most current edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. Proposals not meeting these specifications will not be considered for review.

Submission Instructions

1. Submissions for the AORE Research Symposium are being managed through the AORE website presentation submission link at: https://mms.aore.org/members/proposals/propselect.php?orgcode=AORE&prid=760985

2. Please ensure all tabs of the submission process are completely filled out (presentee information, presentation type, details, presenter guidelines, presentation title, presentation description, upload files, and review and submit).

3. Please ensure your abstract submission does not have any author identifying information.

Questions: Contact symposium chair, Dr. Jeremy Jostad at jjostad@ewu.edu

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