



EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Phoenix, Arizona

April 22 – 24

Preconference Workshops April 20 -22

CONFERENCE THEME: EXPANDING ACCESS TO SPORT

This year's conference invites sport providers to gather over a common interest in ensuring athletes with disabilities have access to sport. Anticipating 300+ attendees at the event, discussion will center around improving access through centering people with disabilities in the business of adaptive sport. Sessions offered during this event will fall under one of the following categories.

- Sport-Specific Instruction
- Non-Profit Management
- Inclusion in Schools & Universities
- General

CONFERENCE INFRASTRUCTURE

APRIL 20 – 22: Pre-Conference Workshops

The first two days are comprised of single and multi-day workshops open to anyone looking to add a few days to the conference! Unlike the main conference, these workshops require sign-ups in advance. The sessions that are free to attend will require a deposit to secure your spot. The deposit will be refunded post-event upon attendance of the workshop.

APRIL 23 – 24: Main Conference

The main conference runs for two days and is made up of a variety of session styles ranging from networking events and poster display exhibits to round table discussions and more formal 30 minute "TED" style talks and 60- or 90-minute workshops.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Please note, this agenda is subject to change.

Saturday, April 20th – Pre-Conference Workshops*

8:00am – 4:00pm

- 3-Day Adaptive Mountain Biking Level 1 Instructor Certification with Mike Riediger
 - Registration Fee: \$650***
- Adaptive & Inclusive Trainer (AIT) Certification Seminar with Alec Zirkenback (Hosted Externally)

10:00am – 12:00pm

- Inclusion Workshop for Schools & Community Providers with Jess Pullar

Sunday, April 21st – Pre-Conference Workshops*

8:00am – 4:00pm

- Adaptive Climbing Initiative Course with Sam Sala

- Day 2 of the Adaptive Mountain Biking Level 1 Instructor Certification
- Day 2 of Adaptive & Inclusive Trainer (AIT) Certification Seminar with Alec Zirkenback (Hosted Externally)

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Monday, April 22nd – Pre-Conference Workshops*

8:00am – 12:00pm

- Day 3 of Adaptive Mountain Biking Level 1 Instructor Certification Course

8:00am – 4:00pm

- USTA Wheelchair Tennis – Coach Development Workshop with Evan Enquist
- Archery for Every Body with M.J. Rogers & Joshua Parks***
- Day 2 of Adaptive Climbing Initiative Course

9:00am – 12:00pm

- Grant Writing Bootcamp Need with Funding for Good
 - Free to MU Member Organization leaders. \$50 for non-MU Member Organization Leaders
- Understanding Para Classification and the Rules for Para Track and Field with Phil Galli and Rachael Rhea
- Introduction to Adaptive Rowing with Jennifer Blatt***

1:00pm – 4:00pm

- Creating Capacity through Strategic Planning Need with Funding for Good**
- Adaptive Mountain Biking Workshop with Mike Riediger, Jeff Alexander, Felicia Fowler, Greg Durso and Phil Hashem
- Introduction to Outrigger Canoe with RJ De Rama, Rob Octavio & Mark Baldwin

5:30pm – 7:30pm MU Education Conference Welcome Reception

Tuesday, April 23rd

7:30am – 8:30am Coffee Hour Networking Session

8:30am – 8:50am Break

8:50am – 9:35am MU Welcome & Keynote Session – Annijke Wade

9:35am – 10:20am Transition Time to Ability360

10:20am – 11:20am

- **Sport-Specific:** Wheelchair Fencing Crash Course with Victoria Isaacson
- **Sport-Specific:** Adaptive Hiking with a Partner or Team with Tish Scolnik***
- **Non-Profit:** Executive Session - The Balance of Power: The ED and the Board Chair with Mandy Pearce**
- **Non-Profit:** Human Connection: An Argument for More Efficiency with Less Automation with Eileen May-West
- **Inclusion:** Enhancing Professional Competence via Active Lifestyle Expo with Sloane Milstein & Anthony Weems***
- **Inclusion:** Human Rights, Dignity and Access: An Inclusive, Sports-Based College Curriculum with Veronica Moore

11:20am – 11:40am Break

11:40am – 12:40pm

- **Sport-Specific:** Paralympic Classification Overview with Julie Dusliere & Tyler Carter

- **Sport-Specific:** Martial Arts Helps Make a Difference! with GM Sterling Chase, Michael Sirota & Jamie Harrell
- **Sport-Specific:** How to Make the Sport of Running More Accessible to the Disability Community: An Achilles International Guide Training Workshop with Francesco Magisano & Kathryn Chu***
- **Non-Profit:** The Role of Adapted Sport and Healthy Aging with Crystal Skahan & Amanda Bouchard***
- **Non-Profit:** Executive Session – Developing Capital Campaigns with Ed Bronsdon**
- **Inclusion:** Introduction to Move United’s Turn-key Resources to Support Inclusion with Jessica Pullar and Julia Ray

12:40pm – 1:55pm Lunch & Roundtable Discussions

1:55pm – 2:25pm

- **Sport-Specific:** Using the CrossFit Method of Health and Wellness in the Disability Community with John Heath

1:55pm – 2:55pm

- **Sport-Specific:** Wheelchair Lacrosse Pick up & Play with Shawn Maloney
- **Sport-Specific:** CoachWell Workshop: Role Modeling a collaborative method for improving athlete performance using technology with Jeffery W. Rankin, Jill McNitt-Gray and Jen Gruenhagen
- **Sport-Specific:** Introduction to Adaptive Pickleball with Steve Kearney and Peggine Tellez
- **Non-Profit:** Get Your Head in the Game: Exploring Implementation Strategies for Youth Adaptive Sports Camps with Rita Penniman & Elizabeth Parker***
- **Inclusion:** Adaptive Sports for Neurodiverse Athletes with Mathew McCabe***
- **Inclusion:** Pathways to Inclusion: Cultivating Support for Adapted Sports, Recreation, and Fitness Partnerships with Rebecca Wehler & Jeremy Evans

2:55pm – 3:40pm Exhibitor-Exclusive Time

2:55pm – 3:40pm Poster Sessions

3:40pm – 4:40pm

- **Sport-Specific:** Dip Your Toes into Sports Through Para-Swimming with Katie Lucas***

3:40pm – 5:10pm

- **Sport-Specific:** Translating Concepts of Wheelchair Prescription to Sport with Sarah Leonard
- **Sport-Specific:** Introduction to Outrigger Canoes with RJ De Rama, Rob Octavio & Mark Baldwin
- **Sport-Specific:** Introduction to Trail Orienteering with Clare Durand & Russ Myer
- **Non-Profit:** From Cookie-Cutter to Purpose-Built: How Centering the Coach-Athlete Relationship Can Transform Your Abuse Prevention Strategy with Laura Bennett, Derek Hoot and Tyler Rowe***
- **Non-Profit:** Executive Session - Strategic Partnerships: Identifying, Developing, and Sustaining Partnerships for Growth with Marie Palacios**
- **Non-Profit:** Designing Inclusive and Welcoming Sports Programming: #SportISforeveryone with Courtney Fecske & Rachel Hubsch
- **Inclusion:** Just ADAPT! Using a Skill Progression Management System to Enhance Students’ Adaptive Sports Experiences in Physical Education with Dean Ravizza & Daehyoung Lee***

6:00pm – 8:00pm Social at Ability 360

Wednesday, April 24th

7:30am – 8:30am Coffee Hour/Networking Session

8:30am – 8:50 am Break

8:50am – 9:35am Keynote Session – Joe Stone

9:00am – 5:00pm

- **Sport Specific:** NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course with Dan Palmer*

9:35pm – 10:20pm Transition Time

10:20am – 11:50am

- **Sport-Specific:** Application of Strength and Conditioning Principles to Various Adaptive Sports with AJ Munoz-Bond, Max Rohn & Roger Winn
- **Sport-Specific:** Adaptive Mountain Biking Demonstrations with Brian Essig
- **Non-Profit:** Executive Session - Building an A-List Board with Marie Palacios**
- **Non-Profit:** Collaboration is Key: Building an Adaptive Hiking Program with Erin Cordiner & Eileen Andreassi
- **Inclusion:** Utilizing Parasport Education to Inform Perceptions and Promote Inclusivity at the K-12 and Collegiate Level with Cathy McKay***

11:50am – 12:50pm Lunch & Roundtable Discussions

11:50am – 12:50pm Wheelchair Basketball Tournament Showcase

12:50pm – 1:35pm Exhibitor-Exclusive Time

1:35 – 2:05pm

- **Sport-Specific:** Adaptive Skateboarding- Recreation and Competition with Andrew Garcia and Gilbert Camacho
- **Inclusion:** Quality Coaching Resources from the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) with Jordan Kelly and Suzu Cornella
- **Non-Profit:** Using the Social Model to Explore Adaptive Sports/Recreation and Recreation Therapy with Laura Ridler

1:35pm – 2:35pm

- **Non-Profit:** Executive Session – Nonprofit Life Stages with Ed Bronsdon**
- **Sport-Specific:** Expanding Blind Sports Across the Country with Katie Smith, Amanda Duke & Ryan Lazaroe
- **Sport-Specific:** Adaptive Pickleball with Steve Kearney

1:35pm – 3:05pm

- **Sport-Specific:** Climbing for Everyone: Creating Universally Accessible Challenge Course and Climbing Wall Experiences with Carla Hacker & Melanie Wills
- **Non-Profit:** Executive Session Strategic Partnerships: Identifying, Developing and Sustaining Partnerships for Growth with Mandy Pearce

2:25pm – 2:55pm

- **Sport-Specific:** The People Who Provide Access with Lauren Haneke-Hopps
- **Non-Profit:** Need and Response: How Lakeshore is Responding to the Gaps in Sport Performance Services with Brandon Kane

3:15pm – 4:15pm

- **Sport-Specific:** Intro to Paratriathlon with Shannon Clawson
- **Sport-Specific:** Adaptive Badminton Interactive Demo with Steve Kearney
- **Non-Profit:** Executive Session - Impact Reporting to Increase Donor Dollars with Mandy Pearce**
- **Non-Profit:** Marketing from the Ground Up: How to Market Your Organization with Little to no Experience or Resources with Karlie Hunter & Hannah Bowman
- **Inclusion:** Simple Curricular and Instructional Modifications for Physical Education with Jennifer Houston***

4:35pm – 5:05pm Closing Keynote – Rudy Garcia-Tolson

6:30pm – 7:15pm “Tread Setters” Movie Screening

Thursday, April 25th – Post-Conference Workshops

9:00am – 5:00pm

- 2-Day NRA Level 1 Rifle Coach School (Smallbore and Air) with Dan Palmer*

Friday, April 26th – Post-Conference Workshops

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