2027 PARK RANGER INSTITUTE AGENDA

Session II

Sunday March 7

1pm – 6:30pm: **REGISTRATION & Room Check in: Biden Center**

SUPPER ON YOUR OWN

7:pm: - Until: Welcome/Opening Remarks, John Byrd - Executive Director, Board Introductions, Recognition of New Agencies, - Biden Center

Monday March 8

7:30am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8:45am - 11:45am: "Orienteering/Compass Work" - Pinelands Lounge

8:45am - 11:45am: "Benefits of Drones in The Parks" - Dunes Room

8:45am - 11:45am: "The Elements of Successful Horse Trails" Part I - Bay Room

12pm – 1pm: Lunch

1:15pm – 5:45pm: "Benefits of K-9's in the Parks" - Bay Room

1:15pm – 5:45pm: "Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events - Block #1" Dunes Room (This class will be divided into 3 four hour blocks. Block #1 is for Sworn & Non-Sworn, Blocks 2 & # are for Sworn Personnel only)

1:15pm – 5:45pm: "Indian River Lifesaving Station Tour" - Meet in front of Biden Center

6pm – 7pm: Supper

7:15pm – 9:15pm: "Park Watch" - Bay Room

7:15pm – 9:15pm: "Learn the Night Sky" - Dunes Room

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Tuesday March 9

7:30am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8:45am-11:45am: "Cape Henlopen State Park Interpretive Class" - Bay Room

8:45am – 11:45am: "ERASE Block #2" - Dues Room*

8:45am-11:45am: "Introduction to Starting an Honor Guard Unit" - Pinelands Lounge

12am – 1pm: Lunch

1:15pm - 5;45pm: " A History of Cape Henlopen State Park Prior to World War II" Bay Room

1;15pm - 5:45pm: "ERASE Block #3" - Dunes Room*

1: 15pm – 5:45pm: "Birding I.D. Visual & Auditory" - Pinelands Lounge

1:15pm - 5;45pm: "Trail Ride" Part II of Elements of Successful Horse Trails" class - meet in Biden Center Lounge (Must coordinate with Lora Goerlich prior to. Max 8 participants.)

6pm – 7pm: Supper

7:15pm - 9:15pm: "Building a Constituency For Your Park System- Bay Room

7:15pm – 9:15pm: "Ranger Role Call" - Dunes Room

Wednesday April 10

7:30am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8:45am – 5:45pm: All firearms competitions will be held during this time frame only. (sign-up sheet will be at registration) Delaware Natural Resources Police Staff - Meet in Biden Lobby *

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Wednesday Continued

8:45am – 3:55am: "Ferry Ride to New Jersey" (will include birding at Cape May Bird Observatory, Program at Cape May State Park, Hiking at Cape May Point, and local shopping opportunitys) - Meet in front of the Biden Center @8:15am. (est, Cost $20 for ferry)

6pm – 7pm – Supper

7:15pm – 9:15pm:"Customer Service" - Bay Room

7:15pm – 9:15pm: "Capacity Issues-Are We Loving Our Parks Too Much" - Dunes Room

Thursday March 11

7:30am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8:45am –5:45pm: "Benefits of Bike Patrol in the Parks" Bay Room

8:45am - 11:45am: "Environmental Education/Our Path to Stewardship"- Dunes Room

8;45am - 5;45pm: "Pontoon Boat Tour of Trap Pond State Park" meet in front of Biden Center (Maximum of 14 participants - no fee)

12pm-1pm: Lunch

1:15pm -5:45pm: "Intro to Critical Incident Stress Management" Bay Room

1:15pm-5:45pm: "Reptiles, Amphibians, & Insects in the Park" - Dunes Room

1:15pm-5:45pm:"Benefits of AI in Training & Marketing" - Pinelands Lounge

6pm-7pm-Supper

7:15pm – Until: **AWARDS CEREMONY** – Administration Building

- ➔ Speaker: Rick Barton
- ➔ Presentation of Awards: John R. Byrd Sr. – MC
- ➔ Door Prizes & Group Photo

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Friday March 12

- **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**
- Check out of rooms by 10am
- 2027 Session II Adjourned

Additional Information:

1. **These classes are for sworn personnel only**
2. All trips and classes will have signup sheets at registration. (Any classes not signed up for will be canceled) Some trips require carpooling; please bring an agency van if possible.
3. All firearms participants should bring at least 150 to 200 rounds of ammunition.
4. Top Gun Award competitors must use your duty weapon. **(NO TRICKED-OUT GUNS)**
5. All shooters shoot at the discretion of the Range Master only.
6. THE PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT IS A LITTLE OVER 2 HOURS AWAY AND THE SALISBURY MARYLAND AIRPORT IS AN HOUR AND A HALF AWAY. NO AIRPORT PICK UP WILL BE AVAILABLE.