

Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association/Carrico Aquatic Resources, Inc.



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Aquatic Facility Operator Certification Courses 2007



The Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) Course is an 18-hour training program specifically designed to meet the needs of those working in public and semi-public recreational pool or water park facilities. The AFO program offers unique discussions on risk management, not usually directed towards operational personnel. Upon successful completion of the AFO course and a 50 question exam, participants will be officially certified by the National Certification Board of NRPA. Certification is good for 3 years.

<p>Instructors The AFO instructor team is comprised of top aquatic professionals in the United States. AFO instructors have diverse backgrounds in aquatic operations, management and chemistry. AFO instructors are consistently rated excellent.</p>	<p>Who Should Attend? Aquatic Directors, Recreational Directors, Water Park Directors, Pool Managers, Aquatic Supervisors, Resort/Hotel/Motel Staff Anyone who is responsible for operation, maintenance and aquatic facility management.</p>	<p>Tuition: WPR Members: \$265.00 Non-members: \$280.00 *Lunch is included on both full days and the books are mailed in advance. Payment: Purchase Orders, Checks and VISA or Master Card are acceptable forms of payment</p>
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Become nationally certified as an AFO, receive 1.5 CEUs and a Certificate of Completion and Certification Card. This 18-hour course features the new Aquatic Facility Operator Manual, one of the most current publications available on pool operations. The text is sent to you in advance. A late fee of \$25 will be added if you do not register 2 weeks prior to the class that you are registering for.

Detach & return this form to: WPR, 6601-C Northway, Greendale, WI 53129
414-423-1210 or fax: 414-423-1296

Lodging, transportation information and text will be sent upon receipt of registration. Please mark the appropriate box for the course that you are registering for. Full payment by PO, check or credit card must accompany registration form. Make Checks payable to WPR. All cancellations must be in writing. No refunds can be given after you receive your manual and course materials as we are charged at the time they are ordered and we must have a minimum number of registrants to hold course. Any questions please contact Juliene Hefter, WPR at 414-423-1210.

2007 Course Choices: (on-line registration is available at www.wpraweb.org by clicking on the AFO logo on the home page)

- 2 1/2 day course :**
- 1. _____ April 16 (4-8 p.m.), 17 and 18 (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) – Green Bay, WI
 - 2. _____ April 25-26 – Appleton, WI
 - 3. _____ March 21-22 – Milwaukee, WI
 - 4. _____ May 9-10 – Wausau, WI
 - 5. _____ Sept. 5-6 – Sheboygan, WI
 - 6. _____ Sept. 19-20 – Eau Claire, WI
 - 7. _____ October 17-18 – Pleasant Prairie, WI
 - 8. _____ Nov. 5-6 – Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- 2 day courses:** (8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. on both days)

Name: _____ Agency: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Make check payable to: **WPR, 6601-C Northway, Greendale, WI 53129** or:
 Circle Amount Due: Member Early: \$265: Non-member Early: \$280 Late Fee: \$25

Charge my credit card account # _____
M/C _____ **VISA** _____ **EXPIRES:** ____/____
Signature (required) _____

For Office Use Only: Credit _____ Cash _____ Ck# _____ E/I _____ Date _____

** Note: Class cancellations received prior to the class materials being mailed out are entitled to a full refund minus a \$25.00 processing fee. **No Refunds will be given after materials are mailed out.**



About the AFO program:

You are embarking on a fun yet quite serious and significant training session – the completion of which should make you very proud. The **Aquatic Facility Operator** course is sponsored by the largest recreation organization in the world, the **National Recreation and Park Association**. While our growth in numbers has been *self-limited to maintain quality*, our nearly 100 hand-picked instructors have performed several thousand AFO classes since inception, in almost every US state, in Canada, Mexico, England, the Bahamas, the United Arab Emirates, and in China. Class sizes have sometimes exceeded 70 students, although we often limit class size for a better rapport between instructor and operators. Our program requires *two* AFO instructors for all classes with more than 12 students, while three or more rated instructors often teach the classes exceeding 50. We do, in addition, offer an “advanced course” with its own text, on request.

The AFO program was designed specifically for owners, operators and managers of large, high-load institutional pools, comprising university, high-school, municipal, military-base, YMCA and public-park facilities with permanently assigned full-time operators. While we do many classes for what is called the “B market,” hotels/motels, resorts, health clubs, community associations and so on, our prime focus is on that high-end 10 percent of the public pools of America and elsewhere.

Besides being fastidiously non-commercial, the AFO program is committed to remain up-to-date with the latest developments in aquatic technology and water chemistry. Every three years we review the current edition of our text, adding whatever is necessary to bring it to the newest, most contemporary standard. Now in its fourth edition, our board is already in the process of reviewing, updating, and expanding the text, the exams, and the class material.

While many courses call themselves – and are recognized as – “certified,” mostly by self-anointment, the AFO program is the only pool-operator course in the world actually *certified* by the US **National Certification Board** – the official, university-level national approval entity for the standardization and management of training programs in our country.

We are not in competition with other programs; we fill our niche. The objective of our collective work is to create better operators, who in turn give us safer water, more appealing facilities, and increasingly efficient programs for our popular aquatic venues. We are proud of our place in the comprehensive training of operators and health officials across the nation, and are confident you will be proud of your certificate as well, indicating that you have completed the finest operator’s course anywhere.



What to Bring To Class

Besides an alert **you**, there are a few goodies you should bring to the AFO course, and some items of knowledge to arm yourself with, in order to make the class more beneficial to you. Of course you should dress comfortably, bring pencils or erasable ink pens, a well-bound note pad, a basic calculator, this booklet, the AFO manual (if you were lucky enough to have received it in advance), and your best reading glasses.

Equally important to bring along would be some facts about your own pool or pools. The details you should know are, at least, the following:

- Capacity of each pool in gallons

- Type of filter system for each facility

- Types of chemicals (chlorine, pH adjuster) used at each

Also nice to know are:

- Measurements of pool and water depths, flow-meter readings

- Types of chemical feeders used

- Chemical Controller (automation) type, if any

- Stabilizer use? Level in ppm

- Hardness, total alkalinity

- Make-up water values; your tests or the water district's

And just for fun bring:

- The greatest success story, horror story, or bewildering problem you've ever encountered -- to share with the group.