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## **National Aquatic Awards Announced**

April 15, 2008 — Ashburn, Virginia — The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and its National Aquatic Branch recently recognized a number of recreation programs for excellence in planning and managing diversified aquatic services. The awards were presented at the National Aquatic Conference & Exposition and were judged on criteria such as responsiveness to community needs, quality of services, the ability to overcome challenges, accessibility of services to all, and professionalism of staff.

The 2008 award recipients include;

[\*\*Class I Excellence in Aquatics\*\*](#) - Gwinnett County Parks & Recreation, Gwinnett County, Georgia

[\*\*Class II Excellence in Aquatics\*\*](#) - The City of Omaha Parks, Recreation & Public Property Department, Omaha, Nebraska

[\*\*Class III 2008 Excellence in Aquatics\*\*](#) - The City of Roseville Parks and Recreation, Roseville, California

[\*\*Class IV Excellence in Aquatics\*\*](#) - Arlington Heights Park District, Arlington, Illinois

[\*\*Class V Excellence in Aquatics\*\*](#) - Geneva Park District, Geneva, Illinois

[\*\*Class VI Excellence in Aquatics\*\*](#) - Itasca Park District, Itasca, Illinois

[\*\*Distinguished Service\*\*](#) – Jim Wheeler

[\*\*Aquatic Safety\*\*](#) – The City of Raleigh, NC

A [full release](#) with details about each award recipient is available at [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org)

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About NRPA

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national membership organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of more than 21,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources. For more information, visit [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org).