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NTRS Membership - Why Join?

Effective 7/1/99 Members of the NRPA Student Branch may affiliate with a professional branch at no additional charge! Students who affiliate with NTRS receive the [Therapeutic Recreation Journal](#) at **no additional cost!**

Can you imagine joining a professional organization purely to advance the field you share with thousands of professionals, educators, students and paraprofessionals alike? Can you fathom belonging to a professional organization simply to cooperate with people with whom you can join hands to further the organizational vision and do things you cannot do single-handedly?

If you still need convincing before you grab your wallet and spend your hard-earned dollars on a membership, consider these benefits you receive as a member of the National Therapeutic Recreation Society:

- Toll-free membership services telephone number for all of your NTRS membership needs (1-800-626-6772)
- Quarterly issues of [Therapeutic Recreation Journal](#), the renowned professional research journal
- State and Regional Advisory Council (SRAC), a systematic communication network bridging local, state/provincial and national and international issues and concerns with therapeutic recreation professionals across the United States, Canada and throughout the world
- Bonafide grassroots input and formal full-time lobbying power with national public policy (e.g. health insurance reform, disability rights advocacy)
- Professional staff support for members and branch leadership
- Continuing education and CEU opportunities
- Annual NTRS Institute at the NRPA Congress (four days of continuous learning)
- National Therapeutic Recreation Professional Development Forum held annually
- Regional Conferences and Institutes
- New England Therapeutic Recreation Symposium
- NTRS Southeast Regional Therapeutic Recreation Institute
- Formal liaison relationships with other national professional organizations, accrediting and certifying bodies
- In cooperation with NRPA and the American Association for Leisure and Recreation, a link to the accrediting body for colleges and universities offering therapeutic recreation curricula
- Monthly issues of [Parks & Recreation](#), a four-color feature magazine with one issue devoted to therapeutic recreation and one issue devoted to social issues each year
- Reduced fees for publications of professional excellence
- National Therapeutic Recreation Week marketing ideas, how-to's and promotional items
- Discounts on registration fees for national and regional conferences, workshops, schools, car rental and airfare to these events
- Availability of liability insurance for professional and student members of NRPA
- Opportunities for national recognition of agencies and individuals
- National Institute on Recreation Inclusion co-sponsored with the APRS branch
- Focus on therapeutic recreation information and referral worldwide
- Solid commitment to serving persons with disabilities and limiting conditions in all settings (clinical, community and residential) and recognition of the therapeutic recreation continuum of services (treatment, leisure education and recreation participation)

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Major branch of the largest leisure service organization in the world

- Access to exhibits and trade shows at the state, regional and national levels, demonstrating state-of-the-art products and services
- NTRS Board of Directors liaison to each and every NTRS member
- Access to the NRPA Career Center and other career information for when you want or need a new and better position
- Direct line to new approaches, studies, techniques and directions in the development of enhanced therapeutic recreation programs and services

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