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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **CITY OF WACO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO HOST STATEWIDE CONFERENCE THIS WEEK**

Waco, Texas (February 26, 2018) – The City of Waco Parks and Recreation Department will host the Texas Recreation and Parks Society’s (TRAPS) annual institute and expo this week at the Waco Convention Center.

The conference will bring more than 1,400 parks and recreation professionals to Waco for a full week of training sessions, city tours, ceremonies and presentations.

Highlights include the following events:

- **2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday:** Service Project at Oscar DuConge Park
- **8 a.m. to noon Wednesday:** Statewide Maintenance Rodeo Championship at Riverbend Park
- **9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday:** Opening General Session at Brazos Ballroom in Waco Convention Center with Mayor Kyle Deaver, Baylor VirtuOSO and keynote speaker Billy Riggs
- **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday:** Exhibit Hall at Waco Convention Center with 160 vendors
- **7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday:** Awards Ceremony at Brazos Ballroom in Waco Convention Center

This is the first time for Waco to host the TRAPS conference since 1999. Parks and Recreation staff members have been working with the Waco Convention Center during the past year with planning and preparations for the event, which will showcase Waco and its parks system and operations.

For more information or a complete schedule, visit [www.traps.org](http://www.traps.org) or contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 254-750-5980.

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