CPRS Questionnaire

What made you choose to enter the field of Parks & Recreation?

My journey into Parks and Recreation started when I was young doing a lot of different programs, but I truly fell in love with the field when I joined the Junior Leader Program at 14 years old. I enjoyed volunteering, spending time with the kids, playing games, doing crafts, going on field trips, and creating friendships through camp that have lasted to this day. Those experiences made me realize how much I enjoyed being involved in the community and making a positive impact on kid's lives. I loved it so much that I decided to apply for a Recreation Leader position the next summer, and I have been doing what I love ever since!

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment in the field of Parks & Recreation so far?

One of my biggest accomplishments in Parks and Recreation has been being able to grow from a Junior Leader into someone who now helps create those same experiences for the next generation of kids. Since I grew up participating in these programs myself, I know how much of an impact they can have on a child. It has been special to reshape the program and help make camp a fun and memorable experience for the campers and Junior Leaders, just like it was for me growing up. Being able to give back to a program is something I am proud of!

What made you get involved with District 2 and how has District 2 helped with accomplishing your goals in the profession? Or What are you looking forward to by getting involved with District 2?

I am looking forward to getting involved with District 2 because I want to continue learning, growing, and connecting with others in the Parks and Recreation field. I am looking forward to attending more District 2 events and meeting people who are in similar positions and share the same interests. I am excited to continue building connections, gaining experience, and finding new ways to grow in my career!

What advice do you have for a peer that is trying to decide whether or not to go into the field of Parks & Recreation?

I would say go for it! I never realized how much I would love working in Parks and Recreation, but it has honestly been one of the best decisions I have ever made. It is so much fun getting to plan events and programs for people in our community and seeing everyone come together and enjoy them. It is also really rewarding knowing that the work you do can make a positive impact on others. If you enjoy being creative, working with people, and giving back to your community, I encourage you to pursue a career in Parks and Recreation!