

The NFL and MLB, minus players, visit Disney

Last year, the National Football League and Major League Baseball Sports Turf Managers combined forces to provide a great educational opportunity for attendees of the STMA Conference and Exhibition. This Offsite Seminar and Workshop, conducted by MLB and NFL Sports Turf Managers, will take place Saturday, January 21, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the William R. Boone High School, about 20 minutes from Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. The baseball, softball, and football fields are adjacent to each other and will be a great location for this hands-on seminar.

Before the STMA Conference, the 2006 Professional Sports Turf Symposium, hosted by Turface Athletics, Toro, and Covermaster will take place. The symposium provides a venue for MLB and NFL professionals to exchange ideas and discuss the ever-changing industry challenges. The program concludes Tuesday at Boone High School with the MLB/NFL "adopt a field" event. A local field from the host community in need of repair and renovation is selected. Using their combined expertise the newly formed "MLB/NFL grounds crew" donates their time and efforts to help improve the field conditions and make for a safer playing surface.



"This is a way the turf managers chose to give back to the industry that supports them," said Charlie Vestal of Turface Athletics.

After the Symposium, the STMA Offsite Seminar and Workshop begins and the new field is used as an educational backdrop for conference attendees.

Participants will spend the day with MLB and NFL sports turf managers who will show and tell key points of field maintenance. The instructors will focus on efficient methods to handle daily tasks and techniques to accomplish quality field maintenance.

"Each year, it has continued to grow and we anticipate another successful year in 2006. Last year, we had 147 people participate in this great hands-on learning

experience," said Bob Christofferson of the Seattle Mariners, who has coordinated this program for the past 4 years.

This event is supported by Midwest Rake, Turface Athletics, Beacon Athletics, Toro, and World Class Athletic Surfaces. Attendees can register for this instructional and beneficial event through the STMA office by calling 800-323-3875 or online at www.sportsturfmanagers.org. Breaks and lunch will be provided at the field. An additional fee required.

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Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the Chesapeake Chapter, contact Graham Davis at gdavis@american.edu or call 301/495-5522.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:

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Florida #1 Chapter: The Florida Turfgrass Association will be hosting two 1-day seminars, January 17, 2006 in Lake Worth, Florida and January 18, 2006 in Weston, Florida. For more information on these 1-day seminars, go to www.ftga.org or call 800/882-6721. CEUs will be awarded. For information on the Florida #1 Chapter or upcoming events, visit the Florida #1 Chapter page on STMA's website or contact John Mascaro at 954/341-3115 or STMA@turf-tec.com.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: The Gateway Chapter will host our annual end of the year lunch meeting and elections

on December 14, 2005. For information on upcoming events or on the Gateway Chapter, contact Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College at 314/392-2328 or e-mail krone@mobap.edu.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Skip Kirby at 770/928-1580 or by e-mail at skip@sportsturfmanagement.com.

The Greater L.A. Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Greater LA Basin Chapter would like to recognize its new officers for 2006: President - Carol Gundlach, CSFM, President-Elect - Bill Rudometkin, Commercial Vice President - Paul Webb, Secretary - Hector Kristemann, Treasurer - Tim Isle and Past President - Emilio Avalos. For more information on the Chapter or upcoming events call Emilio Avalos at 949/824-8243 or e-mail ecavalos@uci.edu.

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