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Landscape Structures Supports Speakers at Vermont Governor’s Conference

Robert and Martha Manning, Connecticut Camp Guys providing sessions to parks and recreation professionals as part of Landscape Structures scholarship program

Delano, Minn. (Sept. 19, 2013) — Landscape Structures Inc., a Delano, Minn.-based commercial playground equipment manufacturer, along with its Vermont playground consultant, M.E. O’Brien & Sons, Inc., will exhibit at the 70th Annual Vermont Governor’s Conference on Recreation Sept. 25-26, in Fairlee. The conference will feature Bob and Martha Manning, authors of the beautiful and inspiring book *Walking Distance: Extraordinary Hikes for Ordinary People*, as the keynote speakers. This learning experience was made possible through the 2013-2014 State Association Speaker Scholarship program from Landscape Structures.

In the Manning’s session, they’ll discuss how walking is a defining characteristic of our evolutionary heritage, how it stimulates our thinking, it’s become an intimate way of knowing the world, and how it makes us healthier and happier in the process. Additionally, the Mannings will explain why walking is simple but profound, offer tips on how to prepare for long-distance walking and describe several of the long-distance trails featured in their book. Walkers engage all their senses as they traverse the world’s great cultural landscapes, creating memories of sights, sounds, tastes, smells and touch.

This 80-minute keynote will be presented at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26. The Landscape Structures scholarship is also supporting the appearance of the Connecticut Camp Guys for two sessions—Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 1:15 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 26, at 9:30 a.m. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to visit M.E. O’Brien & Sons and Landscape Structures in the exhibit hall

following the keynote to learn about the latest trends in playground design including sensory play and inclusive playgrounds.

About Landscape Structures Inc.

Since 1971, Landscape Structures Inc. has been the leading manufacturer of commercial playground equipment in the world. The employee-owned company is committed to creating a better world by encouraging outdoor activities that develop healthy kids, families and communities. Landscape Structures designs better playgrounds that welcome all ages and abilities, become signature gathering spaces for communities and offer the most innovative play experiences. The company's mission from day one has been to enhance children's lives by fostering and creating inspiring play experiences while honoring the environment.

About M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc.

Family operated, M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc. is the leading supplier of outdoor recreation equipment in New England. Founded in 1929, the company continues to provide customers with high-quality equipment at competitive prices and with the top-notch service they deserve. A third generation of the O'Brien family is now providing the same quality as prior leadership, and they're constantly striving to ensure the name will be associated only with the finest manufacturers, and caring, courteous service to clients backed by undeviating integrity. O'Brien & Sons understands that the endurance of a company depends on how well it regards its customers. They require value, quality, responsiveness, courtesy and fairness, and its products and service reflect that fact.