



Saddlebrook Resort has completed the CardioReady<sup>®</sup> certified Cardiac Emergency Readiness Program (CERP), which includes the proper placement of AEDs in conjunction with training, maintenance, and communication with local emergency response providers.

Over 335,000 Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) each year. Striking suddenly and without warning, SCA can happen to anyone, anywhere, regardless of age. A response time of 3-5 minutes is essential to deliver the necessary, life-saving shock with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).



*The requirements for CardioReady<sup>®</sup> certification are designed to meet or exceed the recommendations of the American Heart Association<sup>®</sup>.*

### Key Components of CardioReady<sup>®</sup> Certification

- Documented emergency response plan and communication with local emergency response providers in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Designed to meet or exceed the recommendations of the American Heart Association.
- Placement and availability of AEDs according to site assessment.
- Staff/employee CRP/AED training.
- Documented maintenance and testing program
- Ongoing monitoring and review of all components.
- Independent review and ongoing supervision to receive and maintain certification status.
- Promotion and notification of CERP and certification status to visitors, guests and employees.

#### CERTIFICATION

The CardioReady<sup>®</sup> designation program establishes much-needed standards and guidelines for the meetings and conventions industry.

The CardioReady<sup>®</sup> certification process incorporates the American Heart Association's Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program recommendations, and includes an assessment of a property, the installation, implementation, and maintenance of AEDs. It also includes the training of onsite personnel using the American Heart Association's Heartsaver AED curriculum or equivalent and following accepted best practices in compliance with local and state regulations.

Meeting professionals can easily identify hotels, convention centers and other meeting facilities with AED programs that have undergone independent evaluation and have received one of the designations listed on the right, which will be noted on the CardioReady<sup>®</sup> website.