



**City of Spokane Park Board  
Recreation Committee Meeting**

2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 04, 2026  
Hybrid in-person and WebEx teleconference meeting  
Jennifer Papich – Recreation Director

**Committee members**

X Sally Lodato – Chair  
X Greta Gilman  
X Bob Anderson  
X Doug Kelley  
X Lee Williams

**Parks staff**

Jennifer Papich  
Ryan Griffith  
Sara Bryant  
Kris Behr

**SUMMARY**

- The committee passed the following action items which will be presented to the Park Board for consideration and approval:
  - None
- The 2025-year end Recreation report and the 2026 at-a-glance were presented by Jennifer Papich.

The next regularly scheduled Recreation Committee meeting is set for 2:15 p.m. Wed. Apr. 01, 2026.

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by committee chair Sally Lodato.

**Standing Reports:** [Recreation 2025 Year End Report & 2026 At-a-Glance](#) – Jennifer Papich

Jennifer said that moving to a 3-issue activity guide (Winter, Spring/Summer, Fall) has been well received. She introduced Sara Bryant, the new Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor to the committee. Sara began working with Alice Busch in 2008 as a temp seasonal and has continued to work with the Powderhounds program, while working her full-time position at St. Lukes. Her EWU degree is in Therapeutic Recreation.

Recapping 2025, [TRS](#) had 2,435 participants in 159 programs. The TRS program covers a broad range of experiences for their students from skiing, dances, cooking classes, bowling, hiking, to trips like eagle watch cruising, yard sales, hockey and softball games.

[Wellness and Enrichment](#), under the direction of Adriano Eva, offered 508 programs with 3,492 participants. These programs are designed to fill in all the areas not covered by a more specific discipline. They are perfect for individuals who are looking for healthy activities but may not want to participate in a sport. Adriano seeks out a variety of programs for all activity levels, such as fitness, yoga, karate, dance, and partner programs such as Skyhawks, Supertots and USTA tennis.

[Outdoor Recreation](#), under the direction of Andy Fuzak and Kacie Hurtado, offered 149 programs with 1,612 participants. They have many beginner level programs, which help people who has wanted to try certain activities, but didn't know where to begin. The goal is to get kids and adults alike outdoors and introduce them to activities they will want to continue for the rest of their lives.

[Corbin Art Center](#), under the direction of Ryan Griffith and Carissa Gregg, has programming for both youth and adults. Last year they served 2,603 participants in 245 programs. They are extremely busy during various no-school day breaks. Corbin was recently approached by Spokane Community College with their Act 2 Partnership serving older adults. The college was running low on learning space and is renting space at Corbin during the school year for these classes.

[Aquatics](#), under the direction of Josh Oakes, had an incredible year, with 3,097 paid programs serving 41,901 participants (including furry friends). Additionally, 108,614 free open swims visits were recorded in 2025. Josh hires around 200 lifeguards each year to safely serve the public.

[Athletics](#), under the direction of Carissa Ware & Josh Oakes, served 8,382 participants with 913 adult athletic teams, including flag football, softball, volleyball. This is a great opportunity for people who played sports during their school years and would like to continue in a less demanding atmosphere. The teams are so popular there is often a long waiting list.

There are several athletic fields and complexes that are rented each year. There were nearly 4,000 [Athletic Complex Rentals](#) for 2025 or 17,057 rental hours. These are primarily non-local school districts or SYSA and other sport association groups. Each of the rentals include a Facility Improvement Fee.

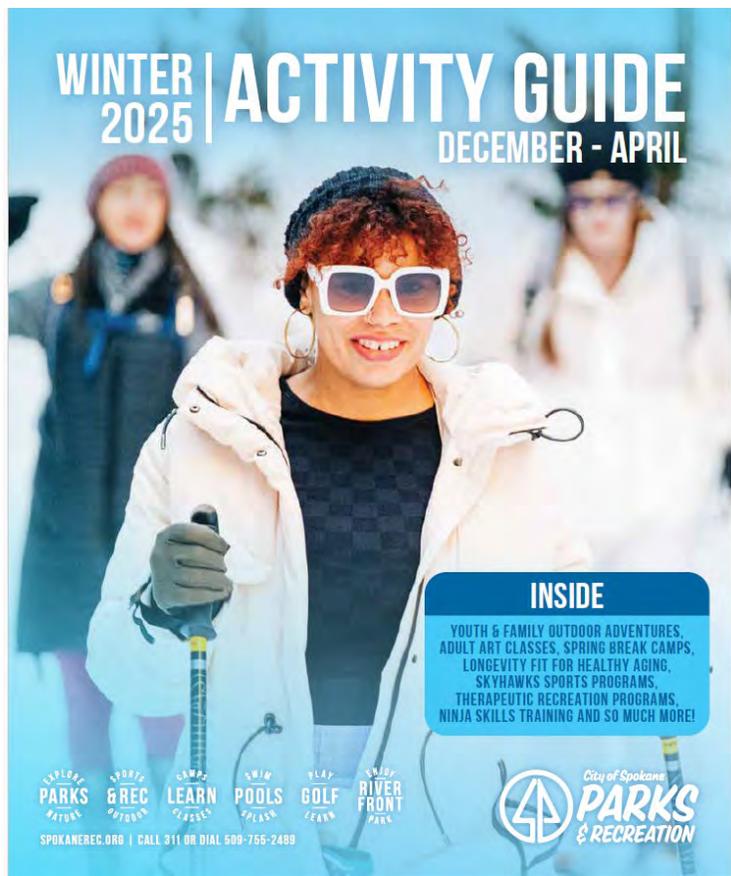
Spokane Recreation is looking forward to 2026. Many new programs will be introduced, such as a collaborative birding and watercolor program and disc golf/City golf event and the new HOPE Soccer partnership program. There are many exciting things in store for every age and ability. It will be an exciting year.

Sally indicated that the March Recreation meeting will be cancelled.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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# 2025 Recreation Year in Review



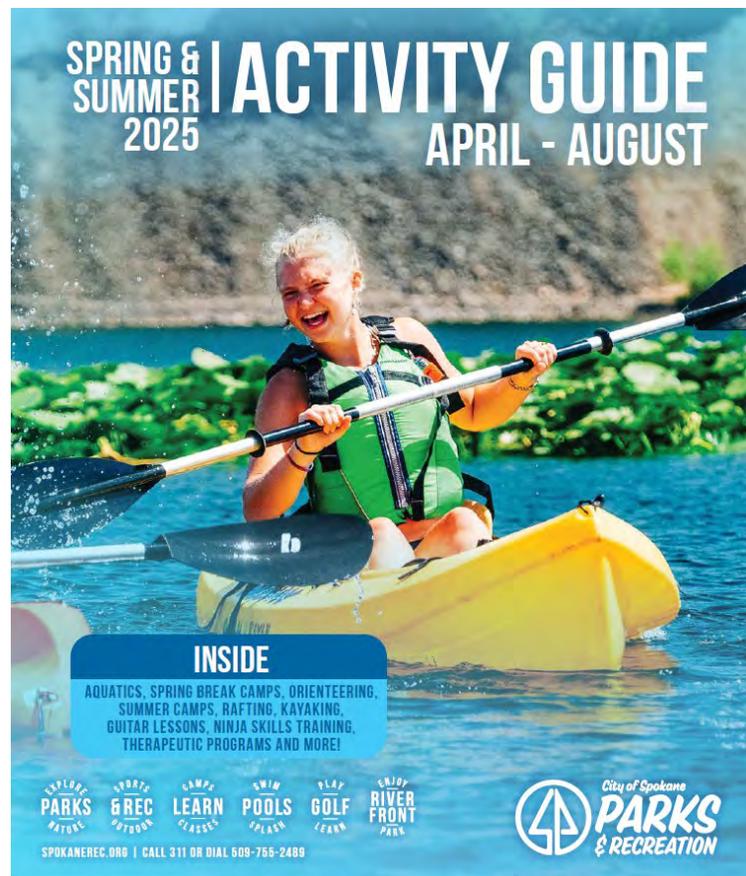
**WINTER 2025 | ACTIVITY GUIDE**  
DECEMBER - APRIL

**INSIDE**  
YOUTH & FAMILY OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, ADULT ART CLASSES, SPRING BREAK CAMPS, LONGEVITY FIT FOR HEALTHY AGING, SKYHAWKS SPORTS PROGRAMS, THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAMS, NINJA SKILLS TRAINING AND SO MUCH MORE!

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**SPRING & SUMMER 2025 | ACTIVITY GUIDE**  
APRIL - AUGUST

**INSIDE**  
AQUATICS, SPRING BREAK CAMPS, ORIENTEERING, SUMMER CAMPS, RAFTING, KAYAKING, GUITAR LESSONS, NINJA SKILLS TRAINING, THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS AND MORE!

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**FALL 2025 | ACTIVITY GUIDE**  
SEPT - DEC

**INSIDE**  
DOGGIE DIP, CORBIN AGE OF ELEGANCE EVENT, NO SCHOOL DAY CAMPS, INTERIOR DESIGN CLASSES, WOMEN'S WILDLIFE WORKSHOPS, KARATE, LONGEVITY FIT FOR HEALTHY AGING, NEW THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SECTION AND SO MUCH MORE!

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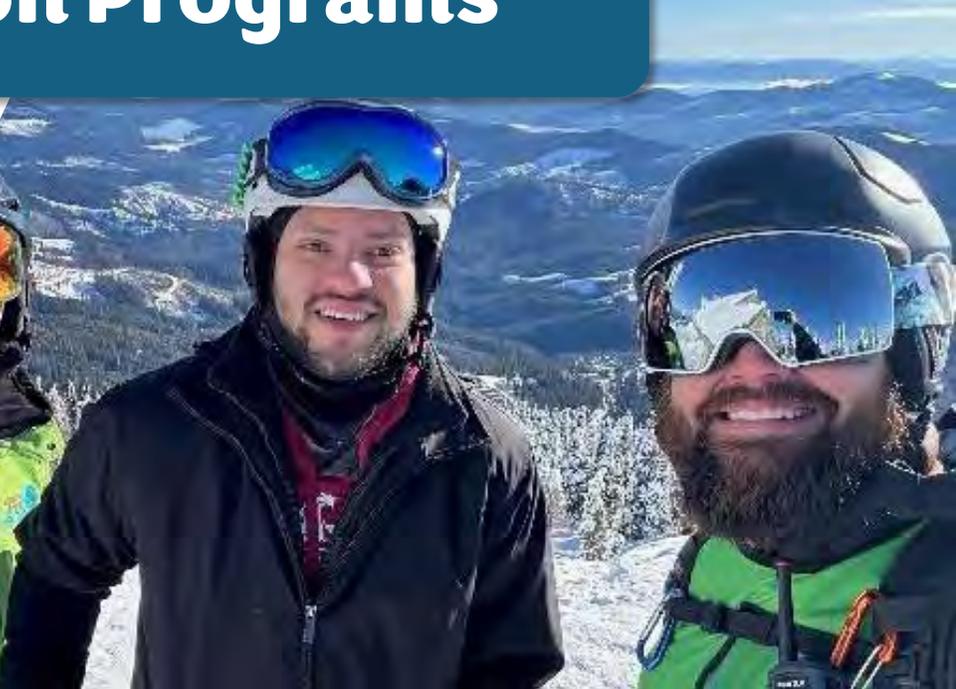
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# 159 Therapeutic Recreation Programs



**Alice Busch retired after 31+ years in Sept.**



**Sara Bryant NEW TRS Supervisor started in Jan.**

# 508 Wellness & Enrichment Programs

## 3,492 Participants

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**1,612 Participants**



**149 Outdoor Programs**



**523 River Shuttles**



# 245 Corbin Art Center Programs

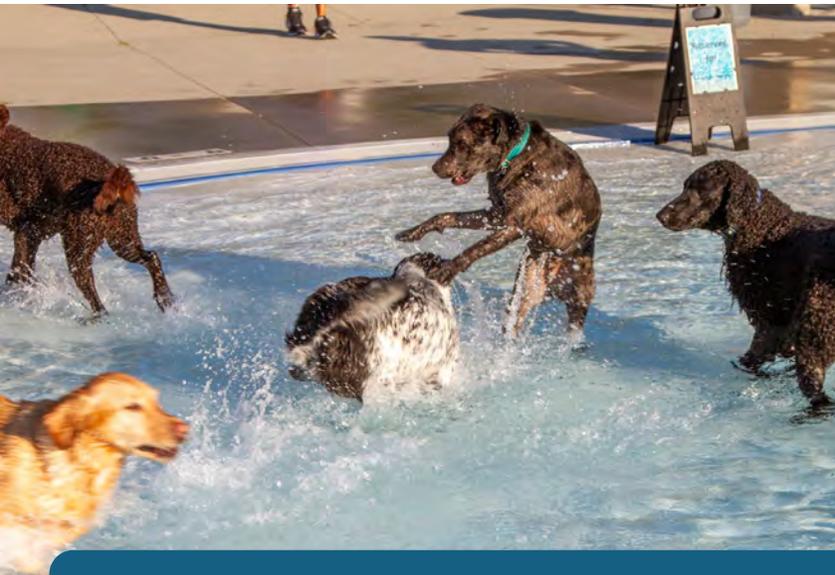
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**2,603 Participants**

**108,614 Open Swim Visits**

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**3,097 Aquatics Programs**

**41,901 Participants**

**8,382 Participants**



**913 Athletic Teams**



An aerial photograph of an athletic complex. In the foreground, two large green soccer fields are visible, each with white yard lines and numbers (10, 20, 30, 40, 50). To the left, a baseball field is partially visible. In the background, there is a large parking lot filled with cars and some trees. The sky is clear and blue.

**3,997 Athletic Complex Rentals**

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**17,057 Hours Rented**



**218 Programs**  
**1,804 Participants**  
**and counting.....**

## Looking forward to an exciting 2026!

- Spring Outdoor Wildlife Workshops
- Birding and Watercolor Programs
- Laser Tag League
- Disc Golf & City Golf Collaboration Event
- New & Expanded Camps & Programs
- HOPE Soccer Partnership Programs
- Completed 2027/2028 Com. Cntr. Funding Process
- Corbin Veranda Project
- New Community Partnerships
- & MORE!