



## Spokane Park Board Recreation Committee

2:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 03, 2026

Hybrid in-person and WebEx virtual meeting

Jennifer Papich – Director of Recreation

### Committee Members:

- X Sally Lodato – Chair
- X Greta Gilman
- X Doug Kelley
- Lee Williams (absent-excused)

### Parks Staff:

- Ryan Griffith
- Fianna Dickson
- Sara Bryant
- Kris Behr

### Guests:

- Melinda DuPree

## Summary

- The Committee passed the following action items which will be presented to the Park Board for consideration and approval:
  - None
- Melinda DuPree and Sara Bryant gave a presentation on the Adaptive Trails Assessment with Evergreen East Mountain Bike Alliance.
- Jennifer Papich presented the Quarter 2 Recreation report.

The next regularly scheduled Recreation Committee meeting is set for 2:15 p.m. **Wed., Aug. 5, 2026.**

## Minutes

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Action Items:** None

**Discussion Items:** None

1. *Adaptive Trails Assessment with Evergreen East Mountain Bike Alliance* – Ryan Griffith

Melinda DuPree shared that part of the group's vision is to serve mountain bikers of "all abilities". Two months ago, in partnership with Outdoors for All, Evergreen produced a documentary called [For All Riders](#), which goes behind the scenes of trail building and updating to accommodate for adaptive bikes. Four years ago, an investigation began into the potential use of adaptive trails in this area. This involved reaching out to local adaptive sports organizations and rehabilitation centers and eventually collaborating directly with riders. They assessed the courses and began removing barriers without removing the challenges. In addition, thorough descriptions of the trails are being made available. Adaptive riders need to know the width of the course as well as any limitations they may face, as most adaptive bikes have multiple wheels and often the riders are strapped in. Sara Bryant's experience with therapeutic recreation as well as her previous role at St. Lukes Rehabilitation has been tremendous.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the background and partnership with Spokane Parks and Evergreen East Mountain Bike Alliance.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Standing Reports:**

1. *Recreation Report* - Jennifer Papich

Once again, Recreation saw an excellent quarter, with 64% of all programs at maximum capacity. Most of the cancelled programs were from contracted partners such as Skyhawks. Of the nearly 4,000 participants, 166 were newcomers to Spokane Parks and Recreation. During the second quarter, \$475 was donated for scholarships.

Marketing was busy with television and print marketing as well as social media, Google keyword searches and advertising. The contract with DH will expire this year and they are reviewing several applicants with new, innovative ideas. They are looking forward to what the next chapter will bring.

It's not even summer yet, but most of the camps are already at or near max capacity. With only one pool open thus far, Witter Pool had 314 lap reservations and 487 lap swimmers, and 106 lifeguard certification courses completed. As of this meeting, everything is on course to open the remaining pools.

Recapping the cost recovery pyramid, the more a program benefits the ENTIRE community, the more public support it receives. The more it benefits an individual, the more the individual pays. Jennifer shared examples of direct vs. indirect costs for recreational programming. Direct costs run the programs, whereas indirect costs support the system. Together, they create exceptional recreational experiences for the community.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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MOUNTAIN BIKE ALLIANCE

# Who We Are

- Founded in 1989 as the Backcountry Bicycles Trails Club (BBTC)
- Became Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance in 2008
- The largest statewide mountain bike organization in US with nearly 9,000 members
- Full-time Admin Staff: 12
- Professional trail builders: ~30 (full-time & seasonal)
- 10 Regional Chapters



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MOUNTAIN BIKE ALLIANCE

# What We Do

## Our Mission:

To create, maintain, and protect sustainable mountain biking opportunities in Washington for all riders.

# Our Vision

1. We invest thousands of hours in building and maintaining trails and host clinics to educate the public.
2. Advocating for sustainable recreation and working with landowners and land managers to gain and retain access to trails.
3. Teaching MTB clinics and classes for mountain bikers of all abilities, getting more kids out riding through our summer camps and education program.
4. Empowering the community and volunteers to get involved to help amplify our voice and our power in the work we do.
5. Offering events and group rides to build community and connect with like-minded mountain bikers doing what we love!
6. Making sure all riders across Washington feel welcome on the trails.

# FOR ALL RIDERS



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***For All Riders*** is our documentary film that goes behind the scenes of how we build and update trails to accommodate adaptive mountain bikes. It shares the stories of two aMTB athletes here in Washington and the collaborative work behind our trail updates and programming that support riders of all abilities.

Building Trails & Community

**FOR ALL RIDERS**



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# Adaptive Mountain Biking in Spokane

## People



- Strong trail advocacy/building group
- Adaptive Sports Organization
- Adaptive Athletes/Riders





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# Adaptive Mountain Biking in Spokane

## Place

Land manager partnership and support beyond the trail: supporting amenities, parking, and education of the trails community



## Adaptive Mountain Biking in Spokane

### Payday

Have a story to tell: better trails, more riders, build community Economic impact - brings in recreation dollars



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## Trails are for Everyone

With your support, we'll assess and modify select trails to meet adaptive standards. Trails will be rated and mapped so riders know exactly what to expect before they arrive.

Independent access. Belonging. A trail system that says you're welcome here

## Help Build it















**Thank You**



City of Spokane  
**PARKS  
& RECREATION**

**SPRING &  
SUMMER  
2026**

Return to  
Minutes

# RECREATION PROGRAMMING

**QUARTER 2 REPORT**



**217**

Programs Offered

**15**

New Programs

**307**

Adult Athletic Teams

**174**

Active Programs

*The majority of the 79 cancelled programs are from contracted partners*

**113**

Programs at Max Capacity  
*64% of all programs were full!*



**3,955**  
Participants Served

**737**  
Unduplicated Participants

**166**  
NEW Participants



**\$475**  
**Scholarship Donations**

**86**

**# of people who donated to the Scholarship Fund at program check out**

2. Give the gift of Recreation! Please consider contributing to support youth in our community who do not have the financial means to participate in Recreation Programs such as Camps, Swim Lessons, Sports Leagues, Classes etc. The suggested amount is \$5; however, you have the ability to highlight and adjust the contribution amount higher or lower if you so choose.  Yes, I'll Contribute:

## Give the gift of Recreation!

Our Youth Program Scholarships help underserved young people experience the joys of summer camps, swim lessons, sports, or art programs. If you're interested in contributing, visit [SpokaneRec.org](http://SpokaneRec.org) under the Youth Programs Scholarship tab, or at checkout when registering for classes.



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- DH meeting with Recreation Supervisors
- TV: summer camps & scholarships, affordable youth programs
- Print: Spokesman and Inlander summer camp guides
- Ongoing
  - Inlander guide placements at grocery/convenience stores
  - Guide ads
  - Google key word search
  - Streaming summer commercials
  - Social media promotions
  - E-newsletter
- New marketing agency



# SUMMER

# Update





## **Merkel Summer Camp**

**8** Camps

**144** registrants

Availability in all weeks

## **Corbin Camps**

**47** Camps

**844** registrants

Only **9** camps have openings!

## **Outdoor Camps**

**28** Camps

**253** registrants

**17** Camps at Max Capacity

## **Art/Sci Camp**

**8** Camps

**199** registrants

Only 1 space left in one week!

## **TRS Funshine Camp**

**7** Camps

**140** registrants

Only 4 spaces remain open!



# Aquatics Numbers – To Date

**314**  
**Lap Lane  
Reservations**

**106**  
**Certification  
Course  
Registrants**

**487**  
**Lap  
Swimmers**

**2,360**  
**Swim Lesson  
Registrations**

# COST RECOVERY PYRAMID

Who Benefits Most?  
Determines Who Pays Most!

The more a program benefits the entire community, the more public support it receives. The more it benefits an individual, the more that individual pays.



No target goals where cost recovery is concerned.

★ Investing public dollars where they create the greatest community benefit. ★

# RECREATION PROGRAMMING COSTS

Every program has two types of costs.



## DIRECT COSTS

Costs that can be directly tied to a specific program.

These costs exist only because the program is being offered.



Instructor/Staff Wages



Referees/ Officials



Program Supplies & Equipment



Materials & Supplies



Curriculum & Program Activities



Contracted Services



If the program is not offered, these costs do not exist.

## EXAMPLE PROGRAM

### YOUTH SOCCER CAMP



Both types of costs are needed to deliver a successful program to our community!



## INDIRECT COSTS

Behind-the-scenes costs that support all recreation programs.

These costs exist whether one program is offered or many programs are offered.



Recreation Staff & Supervisors



Registration Systems



Marketing & Communications



Finance & Payroll Support



Department Administration



Facilities, Utilities & Other Overhead



These costs support the entire Recreation Division and make all programs possible.



Direct costs run the program. Indirect costs support the system. Together, they create exceptional recreation experiences for our community!

