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“Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here.”

- Mark Twain in
Warm Summer Sun



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COVER: A cyclist pedals on the Deschutes
River Trail through Pioneer Park.
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MAKE TIME TO

play



As summer moves along, I regularly see the community gathered at Riverbend Park and other spaces, soaking up the last weeks of the season before the pace of fall sets in. It's a fitting backdrop as we celebrate another season of play, camps, programs and memorable experiences.

Fall registration is now open, offering something for every age and interest. Many of our fall youth sports leagues depend on volunteer coaches, and we're still recruiting coaches to keep these programs running strong. If coaching interests you, we'd love to hear from you.

Behind the scenes, staff are wrapping up major projects that will benefit our community for years to come. I'm especially excited about the opening of the new Art Station at Larkspur Park, featuring dedicated art and enrichment spaces and a slate of creative classes. I hope you'll join a class or stop by an open house this fall. We're also nearing completion of improvements at Pine Nursery Park, which will expand recreational opportunities and extend evening access to the park.

We're proud to manage our parks and natural spaces with an eye toward building resilient landscapes that can adapt to our changing climate. This edition of the Playbook takes a closer look at efforts in water conservation and wildfire mitigation, including recent fuels treatments at Hillside Park. Next time you are in that area, take a look at this work in action.

Our recent Community Perception Survey shows that nearly all Bend residents visited a park or trail this past year, and three-quarters used district programs or facilities — a strong reminder of what these services and spaces mean to our community. Now and into the seasons ahead, we invite you to explore all that Bend Park and Recreation District has to offer.

Warm wishes,

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For summer and fall programs, Art Station classes are at the new Art Station, Harmon Park Clay Studio, Larkspur Community Center and some school locations.

Learn more about art programs on pages 14 - 15 and 48.

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VISION STATEMENT:

To be a leader in building a community connected to nature, active lifestyles and one another.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To strengthen community vitality and foster healthy, enriched lifestyles through parks, trails and recreation.

COMMUNITY PLEDGE:

To reflect our community, welcome and serve equitably, and operate with transparency and accountability.

INCLUSION:

The Bend Park and Recreation District is committed to making all of our programs, facilities, services and activities accessible to everyone. If you feel that you or your child may require auxiliary aid or special accommodations to participate, let us know at the time of registration. We will work with you in order to make safe and respectful accommodations. For more information or an activity assessment, contact Therapeutic Recreation at p. 541-706-6121.

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Welcome to “Your Playbook.” You’re invited to learn about the many recreation programs, facilities, parks and trails available to you. Whether you are one, one hundred or somewhere in between, the Bend Park and Recreation District is your place for play.

Bienvenido a su “Revista de Actividades Recreativas.” Lo invitamos a conocer los numerosos programas recreativos, centros de recreación, parques y senderos a su disposición. Bend Park & Recreation District es el lugar de recreación ya sea para una persona, un grupo grande o cientos.

play for life

It is about living in the moment,
but also about creating a
legacy for the future.

We embrace the obvious!
We believe that play holds the key to
happy and healthy lives
in our community - here and now, as
well as 50 years ahead.

How do we do it?
Through play, BPRD engineers
a joyous mixture of exploration and
discovery - and plants the seed
for amazing experiences.
We offer opportunities and places to
grow and to thrive.

Play for Life brings possibility
to all ages in our community,
from 1 to 100.

Don’t get us wrong.
We take our playful role seriously.
We are instigators, planners
and stewards, encouraging
our community to
Play for Life and Live to Play.



SHEVLIN PARK FISHING POND RECEIVES SOME TLC

For several days in May, Bend Park and Recreation District temporarily closed the Shevlin Park fishing pond adjacent to Aspen Hall for a maintenance project to manually pull weeds and plant material that has been growing in the pond over many years.

“The pond was last dredged in 2010, and that process resulted in significant damage to the bank area habitat,” said Sasha Sulia, park services director. “We’re preventing that this time by hiring a service to use human-powered techniques that improve water quality while preserving habitat and foliage along the water’s edge.”

The water level was lowered during the project but stayed deep enough to keep the fish safe. In the meantime, anglers can explore other fishing spots across the district. Learn more about fishing at the pond and other locations on the Fishing in Parks web page at bendparksandrec.org/fishing.



bprd news & happenings

SPORTS OFFICIALS SOUGHT FOR YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES

Fall is coming up quickly, which means a lot of BPRD sports league action for kids. To support more than 3,000 young athletes, the district is seeking people interested in officiating youth flag football and soccer league games from mid-September through October. Although prior referee experience is not required, all athletic officials must have sound flag football or soccer knowledge. Soccer games are on Saturdays, flag football is played on Sundays, and officials get to select their own work schedule.



People ages 14 and up are welcome to apply and must be able to pass a background check. Those interested can learn more and apply online at bendparksandrec.org/jobs. A flag football officials’ meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.; soccer officials meet on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

For those who missed league registration, some spaces may still be available. Visit register.bendparksandrec.org for openings.

PAVILION ROLLS THROUGH SEPTEMBER, ICE SEASON OPENS OCT. 21

When the seasons change, so does The Pavilion.

Now through the end of September, the rink and skatepark features at The Pavilion are in action with roller skating, skateboarding, scootering and roller hockey. In early October, the facility hosts the MBSEF Ski Swap before transitioning into ice season. Ice skating, ice hockey, curling, ice skating lessons and more are slated to begin after the Oct. 21 ice season opening day (tentative). As the date gets closer, keep an eye on the online schedule at bendparksandrec.org/pavilion for updates.

Ice season program registration is open now and filling quickly; register at register.bendparksandrec.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SWEARS IN NEW CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

On July 7, the BPRD Board of Directors elected a new chair and vice chair for fiscal year 2026-27.



CARY SCHNEIDER, CHAIR: Cary is a business owner and has a degree in Finance and Management from the University of Oregon. He was appointed to the board in 2024 and has served on the BPRD budget committee. Cary has nearly 15 years of volunteer board member experience for several nonprofit and for-profit organizations, including one of the Salem area's largest youth sports organizations.

Cary is a lifelong Oregonian, living in Bend for the past three years and is passionate about living an active lifestyle. He and his family frequently enjoy our parks, trails and facilities. Cary is dedicated to continuing the momentum of ensuring equitable access to parks and recreation for all current and future residents. Cary's board term is through June 30, 2029.



DEB SCHOEN, VICE CHAIR: Deb brings 40 years of parks and recreation career experience at Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District to the board of directors. She is a certified parks and recreation professional and received the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's David E. Clark Honor Award in 2019, awarded to a parks and recreation professional who has shown leadership, inspired others and made noteworthy contributions. Since moving to Bend, she uses many of the district's facilities and enjoys classes, trails, dog parks and community events. Her passion is working to ensure equitable access to parks, trails and recreation for community members. Deb's board term is through June 30, 2029.

Thank you to Donna Owens for her service as board chair for the past year and to all the volunteer board members for their valuable service! Learn more at bendparksandrec.org/about/board_meetings/.

FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Summer is here and fall is quickly on its way! Programs held now through December are open for registration. Activities include the end of summer camps, no-school day and Fall and Winter Break camps, ice skating and hockey, sports, swim lessons, arts and crafts, outdoors and more.

Learn more about programs and registration on pages 37 - 51 or visit bendparksandrec.org/playlist.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR WINTER-SPRING & SUMMER 2027 REGISTRATION

Where are our super planners at? We got you! BPRD is pleased to announce the future registration openings for Winter-Spring 2027 on December 8 and Summer 2027 on March 2 - 3. Put those dates in your calendar and keep an eye out for updates. Want to receive email notifications? Sign up for the BPRD e-newsletters at bendparksandrec.org/e-newsletters.



BE IN THE KNOW: WEATHER, AIR QUALITY & OPERATIONS

'Tis the season for wildfire smoke and thunderstorms. The district evaluates weather and air quality conditions to make decisions on operations, cancellations and closures. There are multiple ways to stay informed:

DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS:

Impacted programs and facilities will be displayed on the website using the Delays and Cancellations Report at bendparksandrec.org/cancellations.

RECREATION CENTERS AND DROP-IN ACTIVITIES:

Check online schedules prior to leaving. Schedules will be updated for facility and program cancellations.

CAMPS AND PROGRAM

NOTIFICATIONS: Registration program participants will receive an email 1 - 2 hours prior to the start of the activity if it is delayed, relocated or canceled. If a youth activity is in progress and needs to be canceled, phone calls will be made to pick up your child within one hour.



▲ Shown in the above plan, Pine Nursery Park's improvements include eight additional pickleball courts, new off-leash area entries and new trail connections and lighting. Construction will be complete by fall 2026.

As Bend grows, so does your park and trail system to support our community's needs. The district is adding new parks and trails while also updating aging facilities, parks and trails. Together, these projects keep staff busy with land purchases, project design, public outreach to gather input, and construction to turn plans into recreational amenities for our community.

PINE NURSERY PARK PHASE 5:



This project is part of the 20-year phased plan for Pine Nursery Park. Work includes renovation of the four existing baseball/softball fields by adding artificial turf infields, sports field lighting, eight additional pickleball courts with lighting, full-court basketball, new trail connections, perimeter loop trail lighting, accessibility improvements, off-leash dog area improvements, and maintenance area and infrastructure improvements. Construction will be complete by fall 2026.

SYLVAN PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION:



After years of use and growth around the park, the small wood-based playground built in 1993 no longer serves the needs of residents. This project is underway to replace the playground, create an accessible route to the playground from the parking area and add accessible amenities next to the parking area.



▲ Shown in an aerial view, the City of Bend's former public works facility in northeast Bend is the new home for BPRD's Park Services and Planning and Development departments.

BPRD PARK OPERATIONS & DEVELOPMENT:



The existing Park Services facility in southwest Bend was built in the 1980s and sized to accommodate the district's support services at that time. The facility is now inadequate to meet today's needs for space, safety and efficient operations. To accommodate growth, the district purchased the City of Bend's former public works facility on Boyd Acres Rd. Newly named as Park Operations and Development, the 5.08-acre complex will house the Park Services and Planning and Development departments and features four buildings that include office, shop and warehouse space. Improvements are being made to interiors and to the site. Construction began in January and is anticipated to be completed in fall 2026.

SAWYER PARK ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECT:



Sawyer is one of Bend's oldest parks. Years of use and increased visitation have led to a need for an updated entrance and parking lot as they have reached the end of their life span and no longer provide the functionality and capacity needed for the park. Following public outreach and input, the project includes a permanent restroom, shelter, accessibility improvements, new pathways and habitat restoration. The parking lot is closed to vehicle traffic during construction; therefore, the park is temporarily accessible by pedestrian and bike only. The project is partially funded by Land and Water Conservation Fund and Local Government grants. It is expected to be completed by spring 2027.



THE NEW ART STATION - CONSTRUCTION NEARLY COMPLETE:



Following the lease expiration at the previous Art Station location in the Old Mill District, district staff evaluated options for a new location for art programs. After discussing opportunities and options, the district chose to build the approximately 5,000 square foot building at Larkspur Park to permanently house and enhance the district's art and enrichment programs. The project is almost complete, and the new facility is anticipated to be open by early fall 2026.

Look for additional details on the spaces and upcoming programs on pages 14 - 15.

- ▲ Shown above, the exterior entry and plaza at the Art Station awaits concrete work in final stage of construction.
- ▼ Shown below, Art Station classrooms feature large windows facing into Larkspur Park's natural spaces.



NORTH UNIT CANAL TRAIL PHASE 1:



The North Unit Canal Trail is a planned trail in northeast Bend along the North Unit irrigation canal. The canal is jointly managed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the North Unit Irrigation District (NUID). Phase 1 of the trail will run between Canal Row Park and Yeoman Road and provide access to Pine Nursery Park, Fieldstone Park and numerous residential developments along the trail corridor. The trail will be a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail with a compacted gravel surface similar to other canal trails in Bend, but some portions of the trail will have asphalt surface. The district has completed all required property and easement acquisition and is currently working on obtaining the necessary permits for construction.

▼ Shown below on the left side of the Deschutes River, Columbia Park is slated for river access improvements. In addition, BPRD will replace the Gilchrist Bridge crossing the river at the park.

COLUMBIA PARK RIVER ACCESS PROJECT:



After a preferred concept design was created in 2023 under the McKay, Miller's Landing and Columbia River Access project, this project will improve the riverbank to enhance the natural area along the river frontage at Columbia Park. A hardened access point will be developed for water recreation, or to sit and relax. In March 2026, the BPRD Board of Directors and Bend City Council agreed to add the replacement of the Gilchrist Bridge into the scope of the project to more efficiently use public funds, streamline the design process and provide the community with a more complete improvement project. Following construction approval by the city for the replacement of the bridge, ownership of the structure and maintenance responsibilities will be transferred from city to BPRD. The project is expected to be complete by spring 2027.



▲ Hollinshead Park awaits improvements for several amenities shown above including parking, restrooms, pathways and overall accessibility.

HOLLINSHEAD PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:



This improvement project will provide for a more welcoming and accessible park experience. Proposed improvements include a new permanent restroom, enhanced circulation within parking areas, a fully accessible perimeter loop path, perimeter fencing around the off-leash area, creation of a small dog only space, and enhancing ADA access to and around the Hollinshead Barn. The park will also feature a new "History Walk" with interpretive signs to share the park's history and features, created in collaboration with the Deschutes County Historical Society. The project is anticipated to begin next summer 2027.

RIVERFRONT STREET DESCHUTES RIVER TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS:



The district has partnered with the City of Bend to design improvements to Riverfront Street to increase access for trail users between Drake Park and Miller's Landing Park. The project is being managed by the City of Bend with technical and financial support from the district. After several rounds of public outreach and the development of several design concepts, the city and the district selected a one-way street design that will include a multi-use trail and other traffic calming and safety improvements. Final designs are expected to be complete in late 2026. Funding for the construction of this project has not yet been secured, therefore the timeline for completion cannot be determined at this time.



BEND WHITEWATER PARK MAINTENANCE & MCKAY PARK RIVER ACCESS:



After a decade of operation, the Bend Whitewater Park is due for maintenance. The first phase of this project began with data collection, site survey and an engineering analysis looking at the current functionality of the existing park features. With the engineering report complete, the district is using the information to develop conceptual designs which will be presented to the community during a public outreach process slated to begin in early 2027. The project will also include improving river access at McKay Park.

▼ After more than 10 years in operation, Bend Whitewater Park and McKay Park have been recently analyzed for future updates and maintenance needs. Options for improvements are in conceptual design development.



COULTER GROVE PARK:



Acquired in 2023, this property will become a new neighborhood park in southwest Bend. Through community outreach, the park was formally named in fall 2025, and additional outreach took place in the first half of 2026 to help inform the development of the preferred concept design for the park. Amenities will include an open lawn, play features, half-court basketball, trails and natural space. The mature trees on site offer ample shade and a pocket of nature for residents. It is anticipated that the park will be open by summer 2028.



▲ Juniper Swim and Fitness Center's 50-meter pool is scheduled for future updates including a new pool cover structure, chiller unit and pool lining.

JUNIPER OUTDOOR POOL ROOF COVER REPLACEMENT & RENOVATION:



In order to efficiently complete four projects needed for Juniper Swim and Fitness Center, the district entered into a design-build contract to replace the existing 50-meter pool cover structure, the main chiller unit, roofing material covering the south wing, and re-lining the Myrtha walls in the 50-meter pool. Work is scheduled to begin fall 2027.

PARKLAND ACQUISITION:



The district regularly acquires property for new parks, and these acquisitions are guided by the district's Comprehensive Plan which identifies park search areas that are currently underserved by parks or anticipate substantial development in the near future. The district is working on several new property acquisitions, and the most recent acquisition is a 2.1 acre property in the Easton neighborhood development in southeast Bend for a new neighborhood park.



For more on BPRD projects, visit bendparksandrec.org/about/current-projects/



Survey shows **high satisfaction** & **community optimism**



Thank you to community members who took a survey in fall 2025 to provide feedback on community priorities and experiences with parks, trails and recreation services. We greatly appreciate hearing from nearly 1,000 individuals!

OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE

93%

rate their
overall quality
of life in Bend
as good.

Typically conducted every three years, the recent survey responses indicate increased satisfaction, stronger community connection and growing confidence in local services. It also showed bounce backs to pre-pandemic levels in many areas.



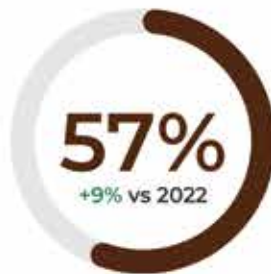
89% ARE SATISFIED WITH
PARK AND RECREATION
SERVICES



92% SAY THAT HAVING A
PARK NEAR THEIR HOME IS
IMPORTANT



94% AGREE PARKS, TRAILS
AND RECREATION
CONTRIBUTE
TO QUALITY OF LIFE



57% BELIEVE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT IS SERVING
THE COMMUNITY WELL

RESIDENTS ALSO REPORT STRONG PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN BPRD SPACES:

Your input helps us understand where to focus next, so we can continue meeting the evolving needs of the community.



92% feel welcome and 93% feel safe when using parks and facilities.

93% visited parks or trails in the past year, while 73% used a facility or participated in a recreation program.





Community Events

Part of the BPRD mission is to keep recreation inviting to everyone.

Every season, BPRD offers events for our community. The opportunities encourage kids and adults alike to have fun, but it's also a chance for people to get active, try something new and connect with others.

So, take a look at the upcoming events and get out and about!

Movie in the Park **FREE**

Friday, August 28

How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

Al Moody Park

Activities start at 6:00 p.m.,

Movies start at 7:00 p.m.

Nothing beats a family-friendly movie and fun. Bring a blanket or foldable chair to sit on. No alcohol or glass in parks. Spanish-speaking staff on site. Presented in partnership with BendFilm and sponsored by St. Charles Health System.



Lunch & Learn Series **FREE**

Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
beginning September 15

Larkspur Community Center

All adults

Fall through spring | Presented in partnership with PacificSource Medicare Health Plans.

Feed your body and your mind as local experts share their knowledge about issues important to you. Bring your lunch; dessert and coffee are on us. Check the online schedule for topics each month at bendparksandrec.org/bsc-activity-calendar.



Pavilion Palooza **FREE**

Sunday, September 13
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Pavilion

All ages | Free with advanced tickets

Join the Bend Park and Recreation Foundation on Sunday, September 13 for Pavilion Palooza! Palooza is an afternoon of roller skating, skatepark, music and family fun at The Pavilion - and it's free! Check the events web page link at right to reserve your spot.

Art Station Open Houses **FREE**

Sunday, October 11
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

and the following Saturdays:
November 14, December 12,
January 9 and February 13
with times to be determined.

The Art Station at Larkspur Park
All ages

Come see and experience the new Art Station! View art spaces and classrooms, meet staff and take in an art demonstration and more. See each event's details online.

Learn more about the new Art Station, classes and parties on pages 14 - 15.

For more information
on community events, visit
bendparksandrec.org/events





**OPENING
EARLY
FALL**

all aboard at the **Art Station**

The Art Station's new home at Larkspur Park is nearly complete! Art and enrichment programs will once again have a dedicated facility since moving out of the old train depot in the Old Mill District in 2022. At 5,000 square-foot, the newly constructed center features contemporary design, a lobby space, three classrooms including a clay studio with kiln room, gallery wall, office space and restrooms. Viewable from large classroom windows, the surrounding natural area and trails will be celebrated assets to the Art Station providing inspiration and space to create and play, while maintaining the landscape and trail experience.

CLASSES BEGIN EARLY FALL | OPEN HOUSES IN OCTOBER - FEBRUARY

A full menu of art and enrichment classes and party opportunities are available for registration now and include options for youth, adults and multi-generations. Look for open houses each month through winter including an opening celebration on October 11.

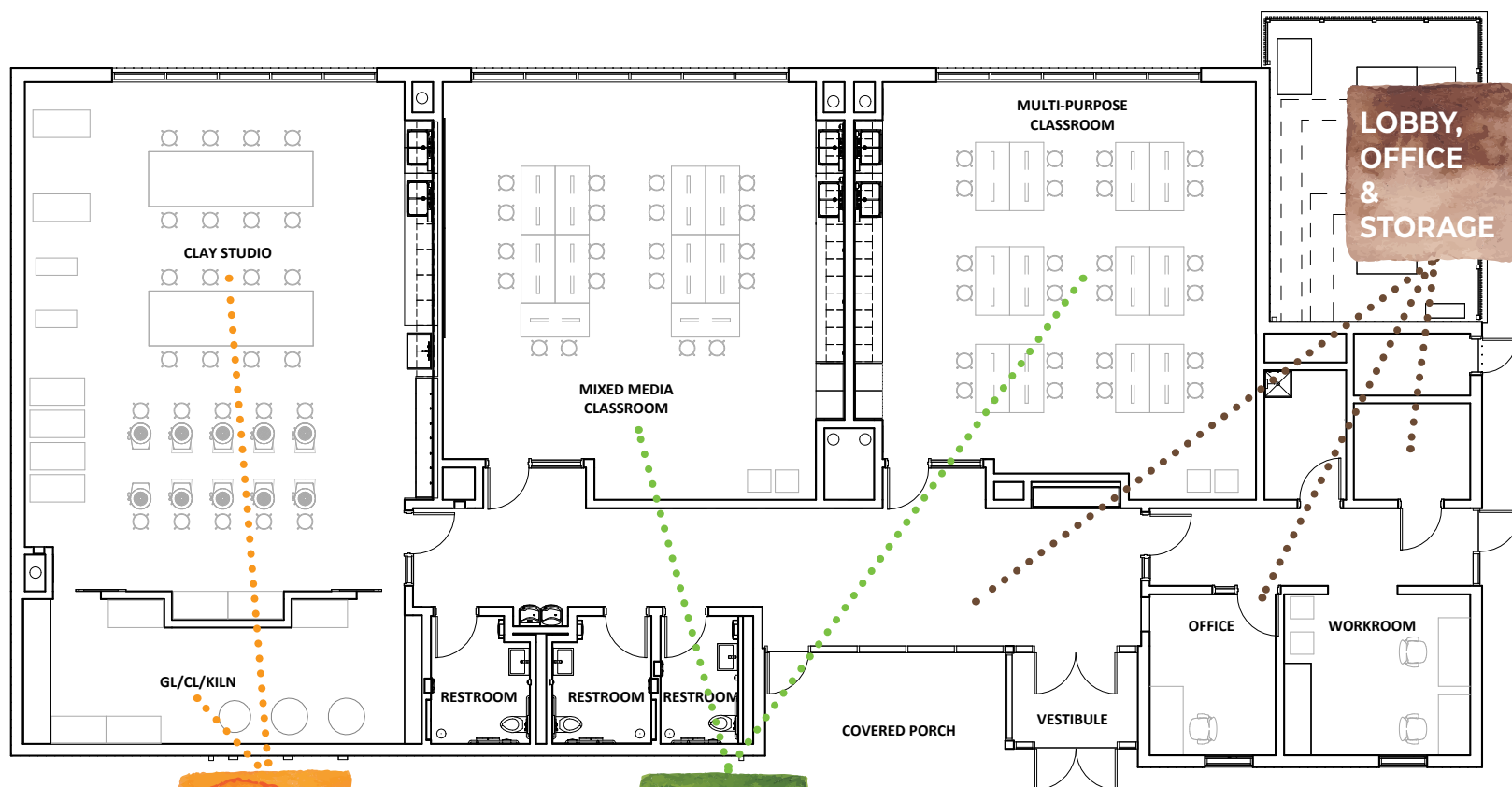
1600 SE Reed Market Rd., Bend | Ph. 541-389-7275
Hours vary | Class registration required



For more information
on the Art Station including
monthly open houses, visit
bendparksandrec.org/artstation



Class registration is available now.
To view and register for fall
art and enrichment classes, visit
bendparksandrec.org/playlist



CLAY STUDIO & KILN ROOM



Activities in the clay studio will include pottery, clay arts and ceramics with several mediums available for youth and adults to learn and practice with wheels and kilns on site.



Clay art parties will be available to reserve and Harmon Clay Studio will remain open for additional clay art class space and a kiln.



Upcoming classes include:

- **Ceramic Surface Design**
- **Adult & Teen Intro to Wheel Throwing**
- **Day Clay**
- **With A Child: Fun With Clay**
- **Clay Date: Workshop for Two**
- **Kooky Clay Creations**
- **Kids Night Out: Fun With Clay & More**
- **Homeschool Academy: Clay Arts**

CLASS-ROOMS

Art and enrichment activities in the two multi-purpose classrooms will be as creative and varied as the center itself.

Opportunities for youth, adults and adults with children together will be offered in activities such as crafts, digital arts, drawing, glass arts, jewelry making, painting, mixed media, music, robotics, science, theater, no-school day camps and more.

The classrooms feature the equipment and space needed for working through creative processes and crafting one's play and are also available for art parties and rentals.

Upcoming classes include:

- **Central Oregon Landscapes**
- **With A Child: Paint Together**
- **Musical Theatre for Beginners**
- **Nature Journaling & Sketching**
- **Fall Harvest Wreath Making**
- **Beginning Watercolor**
- **Bad Art Club**





stepping into art

as a parent and kid at heart

FIRST PERSPECTIVE BY:

Alicia Gifford, BPRD Art & Enrichment Supervisor

As a teenager and young adult, I loved spending my free time creating art - whether it was painting, drawing or making jewelry. I also fondly remember several pottery classes in high school. The teacher was a bit of a free spirit, often wearing corduroy pants, rarely seen in shoes, and always playing down-tempo music in the background of the studio. I always looked forward to those clay classes because the vibe was fun, and my sense of autonomy and joy in those classes was much higher than in any of my others.

As I got older and became a mother, I felt like some of that joy faded into the background. I didn't feel like I had the time or opportunity to do the artistic things I once loved. As my son has grown, though, I've started incorporating crafts and art activities into our routine. He's gradually become more interested and skilled, and it's been really special to watch. Now, I try to enroll us in an art class as often as we can so we can create something together. There's something about being in those classes that makes me feel like a kid again - and I love it.

I was excited to enroll my son in a With A Child clay class, although I wasn't quite sure what the class subject matter of "tropical cups" would involve. Once we got into the studio and the class began, I was happy to see other moms and their sons there as well. The instructor was knowledgeable and patient as we worked through our pieces. It was especially fun watching my son take his time, carefully painting each part of his piece and putting it together in a way that felt right to him. It brought me back to my own childhood and reminded me how much I loved those experiences.

Looking ahead, I plan to continue creating opportunities for my son and I to take these classes together so he can develop the same love for art that I have. I think next on the list might be With A Child: Acrylic Pouring or Painting Garden Gnomes.

RECREATION SPOTLIGHT

ART CLASSES

CLAY & POTTERY

CRAFTS & DIY

DIGITAL ARTS

PAINTING & PRINTMAKING

MIXED MEDIA

Look for classes on the BPRD registration website at register.bendparksandrec.org. On the home page, select "Arts & Crafts" to view different mediums and the season's available programs.

WITH A CHILD CLASSES

CLAY & POTTERY

CRAFTS

PAINTING

COOKING

BAKING

OUTDOORS

SWIM LESSONS

SKATING LESSONS

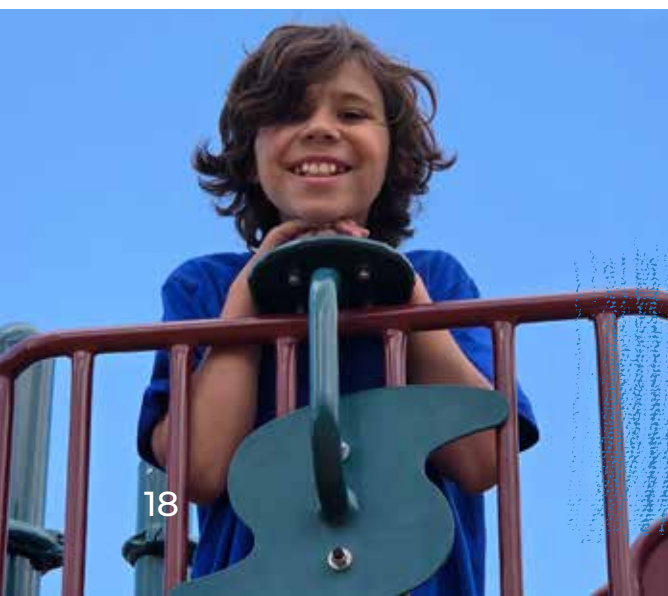
SPORTS

Look for classes on the BPRD registration website at register.bendparksandrec.org. Use "Search" and the "With A Child Activity Finder" to view all the available programs.





RECREATION SPOTLIGHT



welcome to play

With Therapeutic Recreation inclusion, everybody benefits!

BPRD's Therapeutic Recreation (TR) department is dedicated to ensuring that every member of the community, regardless of ability, has access to a wide range of recreational opportunities in a welcoming, inclusive environment. We provide safe, reliable activities that support socialization, skill development and physical activity, while helping participants connect, grow and have fun.

TR by the numbers

Over the past year, the adult TR program welcomed 150 individuals, with a strong focus on well-being and building social connections. The Adaptive Aquatics program served more than 130 participants, and Inclusion Services supported over 100 individuals in recreation programs. The district also continues long-standing partnerships with Bend-La Pine Schools, Oregon Adaptive Sports and Deschutes County to expand opportunities for our community.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Rubbish Renewed Fashion Show at The Pavilion

In May, the Therapeutic Recreation group walked the runway at the Rubbish Renewed Fashion Show at The Pavilion. Participants created a unique skirt from past Playbook magazine pages, paired with a creatively designed top made from artistic squares crafted in the adult art class. The outfit was modeled by a TR program participant, and during intermission, several other participants were invited to walk the runway to cap the experience.

Teen Fitness

The Teen Fitness program offers a fun and supportive monthly opportunity for teens to stay active and try new things. In partnership with Board House, the district offered skateboarding lessons along with engaging sessions in martial arts, soccer and more, helping teens build confidence, skills and community.



Day program for adults

One of the most valued offerings by both participants and their families is the Therapeutic Recreation Day Program for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. After feedback from individuals who had graduated from youth and school programs that they missed the social connections, BPRD responded with an adult program to foster continued interaction with peers and the community.

The district partners with a wide range of Central Oregon businesses to provide engaging, varied experiences. Activities included aerial yoga at Tula Movement, skateboarding lessons with Board House, equine therapy with StirrUp Purpose, volunteer opportunities at Harmony Farms, music lessons at School of Rock and building bird and bat boxes with Think Wild.



Partnership with Oregon Adaptive Sports

The partnership with Oregon Adaptive Sports (OAS) continues to grow. BPRD offers Biking with OAS sessions in both spring and fall, and the current construction at Pine Nursery Park includes new storage on-site for OAS when it is completed this fall. Adult TR participants joined Oregon Adaptive Sports for OAS Lake Day at Camp Tamarack, and a BPRD staff member completed an American Canoe Association Adaptive Paddleboarding workshop, gaining valuable skills to bring adaptive paddling to future programs.

Sensory-friendly swimming

BPRD is proud to offer sensory-friendly swimming sessions that create a welcoming, supportive environment for individuals with special needs. These sessions feature a controlled, low-stimulation setting, predictable routines, trained staff, calming water-based sensory input and inclusive opportunities for social interaction. Together, these elements help promote comfort, reduce anxiety and create a fun and safe recreational experience for all.

Therapeutic Recreation programs run year-round and include fitness, cooking, arts and crafts, swim nights, games, hiking and walking outings, overnight trips, trivia nights and more.

Learn more at:
bendparksandrec.org/activities/therapeutic-recreation/



TR PARTICIPANTS' AND THEIR FAMILIES' FEEDBACK

Participant Evan Ringeisen shared:

"The Bend Parks and Rec program – it's simply perfect. Perfect for everyone. Like you and me. You can always make newer friends, if you want to."

Participant parent Damaris Elix shared her experience:

"My son has participated in the therapeutic program for several years; he doesn't miss any activities."

The staff have a great heart for working with the children who participate in the program. It is not only a place where my son has fun, but he has also learned skills such as independence, sharing and service (because he is now a volunteer), and has created friendships for the rest of his life.

Thank you, Bend Park and Rec and the therapeutic program team for making these activities possible, where our children who experience a disability are included in the community."





JUST FOR FUN

HOW TO PLAY LIKE AN ADULT

Whether you want to add sports back into your life or try something new, taking that first step toward getting into the game can be tough for many reasons. BPRD makes it easy and offers a variety of opportunities for adults to join a team, get back to something they love or just get out and have fun.

Malia was looking for a place to get back into playing volleyball after recovering from breast cancer surgery. She missed the sport and wanted to prove to herself that she could play again after everything she'd been through. An internet search led her to the BPRD women's fall volleyball league and she signed up.

When she connected with BPRD sport supervisor, Peter, Malia learned that there were other women that wanted to play too and sent out a group text introducing herself and inviting the others to be part of a team. She shared "I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was amazed by the positive response."

'The Rowdy Randos' started the season with eight players that had not met or played together before, but all shared the same love

of volleyball, laughing, and enjoying the experience. "It took a little time to build chemistry and figure out our positions on the court, but we made one promise to each other from the very beginning: have fun." Malia continues, "We absolutely did and became more than just a volleyball team—we became friends who showed up, encouraged one another and made every game something to look forward to."

Want to play? Registration for the Fall Women's Volleyball league opens in early August. You can sign up as a team or like Malia, sign up as an individual and we can connect you with others that want to play too. This winter, you can try the Women's Ice Hockey League – all levels of experience and skill welcome. Other adult sport opportunities include ice skating, basketball, kickball, softball and swimming.



For more information on adult sports, visit bendparksandrec.org/activities/sports/adult-sports/

RECREATION SPOTLIGHT

BPRD SPORTS PROGRAMS JUST FOR ADULTS

FALL

- Curling
- Ice Hockey
- Ice Skating
- Martial Arts
- Masters Swimming
- Volleyball

WINTER/SPRING

- Cornhole
- Curling
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Ice Skating
- Masters Swimming
- Roller Skating
- Roller Hockey
- Volleyball

SUMMER

- Ball Hockey
- Golf
- Kickball
- Masters Swimming
- Roller Hockey
- Softball



COMMUNITY PARTNERS AT WORK

When seconds matter, new AEDs in parks aim to save lives

There is a national effort underway to include community members and public spaces like parks in life-saving efforts. By installing Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs), Bend is setting an example.

AEDs are portable medical devices used to help someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The device automatically analyzes the heart's rhythm and, if needed, delivers an electrical shock to restore a normal heartbeat.



If you've visited a BPRD sports complex lately, you may notice new devices are available at Pine Nursery, Big Sky, Skyline and Bend Whitewater parks. BPRD's sports complexes are visited 1.5 million times per year by residents and visitors. New funding was allocated to purchase and install AED equipment in sports complexes.

Bend Fire and Rescue is a national leader in cardiac arrest survival rates and has been

awarded the American Heart Association "Gold" Lifeline EMS (Emergency Medical Service) award for five years in a row for using high-quality methods to treat patients who experience cardiac arrest.

"Our family is so very grateful that Bend Park and Rec and Bend Fire are making it a priority to have emergency equipment available at our parks," said Mary Taft, volunteer with HEARTsafe Bend.

Four years ago, Taft's 13-year-old daughter collapsed during a soccer tournament and an AED helped save her life.

Hands-only CPR is the best way to help early in a heart emergency, and community members are encouraged to learn more about how they can assist as emergency responders are on their way.

"A person experiencing cardiac arrest has the best chance of survival when bystanders begin lifesaving efforts immediately, even before responders reach the scene. This means understanding how to perform hands-only CPR and how to use an AED is crucial for

community members to know," said Bend Fire Deputy Chief of EMS Drew Norris.

The National Emergency AED + Resource (NEAR) Registry mobile app provides a unified, authoritative source of emergency resource locations, including AEDs for cardiac arrest and bleeding control supplies for severe bleeding.

If a medical emergency occurs at one of the sports complexes, a call to 911 will lead the operator to share an access code for the AED cabinet and they will talk someone through steps for how to use it while first responders are on the way.

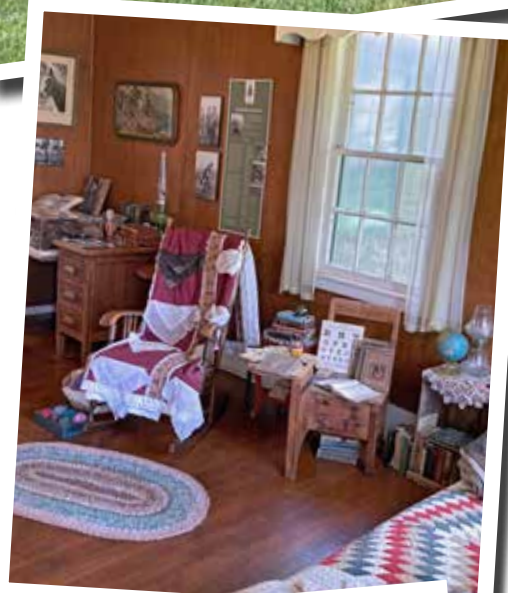
"When someone calls 911, our telecommunicators can help direct callers to a public AED and provide step-by-step instructions for its use. We're proud to partner with Bend Park and Recreation and Bend Fire and Rescue to help make our community safer and better prepared to respond when seconds matter," said Chris Perry, Deschutes County 911 Operations Manager.

To sign up for free monthly CPR classes for the community, visit bendoregon.gov/fire.





PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



DESCHUTES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HOLLINSHEAD-MATSON HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

history made together

Many of the properties that are now part of the parks and trails in Bend hold deep connections to our region's rich past. These sites play an important role in telling the stories of our community, from time immemorial to the present.

Bend Park and Recreation District has been the caretaker for parks and trails in Bend for more than 50 years. When perspective is needed to understand and honor the history of these places, the district looks to Deschutes County Historical Society (DCHS) for their expertise. The historical society's mission to preserve, promote and celebrate local history pairs well with the park district's goal of providing stewardship and engaging the community with our public spaces.

DCHS is often called on by the park district for information needed with acquisition and development of new park and trail properties, renovations to existing sites, creating interpretive signs and other special projects. The Hollinshead-Matson Homestead Museum in Hollinshead Park is one of these projects.

The early 20th century homestead was restored in the late 1980s by Tony and Sharron (Matson) Rosengarth with support from the park district and furnished to match Sharron's memories of growing up in the home. For many years, Sharron and Tony offered tours by appointment for small groups and shared stories about Sharron's family and life in Bend in the 1940s.

With the shared goal of making this local history available for more people and support from a grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission in 2019, BPRD and staff from DCHS began cataloging the items in the homestead house and creating interpretive experiences for visitors. A second grant in 2023 offered the opportunity to develop exhibits in the tack shed and bunkhouse that is part of the property. The DCHS staff, volunteers and resources played a vital role in these projects; honoring the legacy of the Hollinshead and Matson families, while providing archival care for the collection and creating interpretive displays and exhibits to share the story of that era with visitors of all ages.



HOLLINSHEAD-MATSON HOMESTEAD MUSEUM 2026 OPEN HOUSES

Second Saturdays | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
September 12 | October 10 | December 12
1235 NE Jones Rd., Bend



Today, the Hollinshead-Matson Homestead Museum is open for visitors on the second Saturday of each month from May through October. Sharron also hosts a special holiday open house in December. Tours are free and visitors can experience what it was like to live and work on a mid-century farm. More information is available at bendparksandrec.org/museum.

DESCHUTES HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Tuesday - Saturday | 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Sunday - Monday
129 NW Idaho Ave., Bend



For locals and visitors interested in more stories about the history of our community, The Deschutes Historical Museum, located in the historic Reid School in downtown Bend, is a great place to explore. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday all year. Learn more online at deschuteshistory.org

SHARRON MATSON ROSENGARTH: HOLLINSHEAD AT HEART

Sharron Matson Rosengarth is the heart of the Hollinshead-Matson Homestead Museum. Sharron's passion for history and sharing stories about her childhood touches hundreds of visitors including families, neighbors and groups of school age children. Her stories offer important perspective on growing up in Bend in the mid-1900s and the contrast with life today.

This year, Sharron was honored as a Standout Heritage Volunteer by the Oregon Heritage Commission. The honorary award recognizes the important contribution that Sharron and other volunteers across the state make to local and statewide heritage preservation efforts.

Thank you, Sharron.

Donate to recreation scholarships

There are many people in our community that need a little extra help to participate in recreation programs like swim lessons, a fitness class or the chance to play on a team. Your donation to the Bend Park and Recreation Foundation can provide the resources needed to take part in activities that improve health, increase confidence and independence, and enrich lives.

- **\$50 supports a session of swim lessons for a child**
- **\$100 provides a month of fitness and swim activities for a family of four**
- **\$150 funds assistance with one month of afterschool care for a child**

For information about giving to the foundation and upcoming events, visit bendparksandrec.org/foundation or call 541-706-6127.



Bend Park & Recreation Foundation is the 501 (c) (3) non-profit partner of Bend Park & Recreation District.



RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS

grow thru play

Javi proudly wears his Bend Park and Recreation District employee name badge and shares that what he likes most about his job is helping kids. Javi works part-time as staff with therapeutic recreation programs that provide recreation experiences for children with disabilities.

Just a few years ago, Javi was one of the kids in those programs. He began participating in therapeutic programs when he was very young. As a teen, he volunteered at summer events and last fall he was hired as a BPRD Recreation Assistant. And he now participates in several of the therapeutic recreation programs and activities for adults with disabilities.

Javi and his siblings have received scholarship support for several years from the Bend Park and Recreation Foundation through a special fund called the Opdycke Fund. This fund offers people with disabilities financial assistance with registration fees for BPRD programs. The resources available come from generous contributions made by private donors, including the Opdycke family.

Javi's mom Damaris is thankful for the scholarship support and what it has meant for her family. "Having the extra support through the foundation has been such a blessing." She continues, "Without

this assistance, my family wouldn't be able to take part in these activities. Participating in BPRD programs has helped my children develop many important skills, including independence, social skills, and confidence. It has also given them the opportunity to spend time doing activities they enjoy and to build meaningful friendships."

She sees that Javi has especially grown because of his participation with BPRD programs. "The experiences have been incredibly important for his personal and professional growth. We are grateful for the opportunities and to see him grow from a participant to a member of the team."

When asked why he wanted to work for BPRD, Javi replied "I wanted to be like them (therapeutic recreation staff). I feel confident because I know I have friends who will help me do my job, and I always feel supported."

To learn more about the Bend Park and Recreation Foundation and how your donation can help families like Javi's and others that need assistance with participating in recreation programs, visit the link to the left.

FUNDraising for scholarships

Play ball!

When singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile came to Bend for two concerts in May, her crew and fans wanted to play some baseball. Superfan and former BPRD recreation manager Sue Boettner reached out to them with an idea and the result was two days of just-for-fun baseball at Vince Genna Stadium and a fundraising opportunity for the Bend Park and Recreation Foundation. Players and spectators were encouraged to donate to Brandi's Looking Out Foundation and raised over \$5,000 to support recreation scholarships!



And BINGO!

On July 12, Bend Park and Recreation Foundation hosted Not' Cho Grandma's Bingo at Silver Moon Brewing. More than 200 people came to play bingo and had a blast singing along, dancing and raising money to support recreation scholarships. Thank you to everyone that made the morning an incredible success, raising close to \$10,000 that will help children and families with participating in BPRD programs like swim lessons, playing on a team or safe after-school childcare. A special shout out to Dusty and Stacia with the YOUNI Movement for creating this fundraising opportunity for non-profits in our community and to the staff at Silver Moon for providing a fun place to play.



Save the date for Pavilion Palooza! It's free!

Mark your calendar to join BPR Foundation on Sunday, September 13 for Pavilion Palooza! Palooza is an afternoon of roller skating, music and family fun at The Pavilion – and it's free! Look for additional information and links to reserve your spots on page 13.

Pedal on!

BIKING IN BEND PARKS & TRAILS

Looking for a fun way to get outside with family and friends? Biking in Bend parks is a great way to enjoy fresh air, stay active and explore some of the community's most scenic places. The district offers options for many ages and abilities, including paved pathways, family-friendly loops, bike skills courses and singletrack trails.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pedal-assisted e-bikes are allowed in parks and on trails.
- Throttle-powered e-bikes are limited to roads and parking areas.
- Some parks and trails do not allow bicycles, so watch for posted signs and follow all regulations.
- Biking hours in parks are from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. with some parks limited to dawn to dusk.

RIDE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY

- Wear a helmet. Oregon law requires helmets for riders under age 16, and protective gear such as elbow and knee pads are recommended for riders of all ages.
- Choose routes and trail features that match your skill level.
- Slow down in busy areas, give others plenty of space and move off the trail if you need to stop.
- Remember that parks and trails are unsupervised, and riding always involves some risk.
- Stay on designated trails to avoid disturbing and damaging natural areas.

SHARED TRAIL COURTESY

- Courtesy helps everyone enjoy Bend's parks and trails. On shared trails, slow down around others, communicate clearly and yield when needed. In bike parks, riders have the right of way on bike-specific features and trails. Pedestrians and spectators should stay alert and avoid standing where they may block visibility or interfere with riders.

TOP PLACES TO RIDE YOUR BIKE

Bend's parks and trail system offer many ways to get outside and explore on two wheels. Grab your helmet, choose a route and discover your next favorite ride!

Big Sky Bike Park & Trails

Access: Big Sky Park, 21690 NE Neff Rd.

Bend's popular bike destination, Big Sky Bike Park was designed with input from local community partners and welcomes riders ranging from beginners to seasoned cyclists. The facility includes a pump track, learning area, trials area, skills course and singletrack trails connected by approximately 0.8 miles of trail with no road crossings.

Visitors can also enjoy a playground, picnic shelter, sports fields, off-leash area, scenic canal corridors and Cascade Mountain views. A privately operated BMX track, managed by Bend BMX, is located on site.



Deschutes River Trail & Old Mill District

Access: Riverbend Park, 799 SW Columbia St.

The Deschutes River Trail through the Old Mill area offers one of Bend's most scenic and versatile cycling experiences. With more than six miles of paved and natural-surface trails, riders can create loops and out-and-back routes without crossing roads.

The trail system connects Farewell Bend Park, Riverbend Park, Miller's Landing Park, McKay Park, Bend Whitewater Park and the Old Mill District. Three pedestrian bridges and three tunnels help riders move through the corridor while avoiding vehicle traffic, making this a strong option for cyclists of many skill levels.

Haul Road Trail

Access: McKay Park, 166 Shevlin-Hixon Rd.

For riders looking to explore beyond the city center, the Haul Road Trail provides an easy connection between downtown Bend and the Deschutes National Forest boundary. The paved route stretches approximately 3.8 miles west from the McKay Park area and links to other regional trails, including the Deschutes River Trail South Canyon Reach and the Discovery Trail.

Larkspur Trail

Access: Larkspur Park, 1600 SE Reed Market Rd. or Pilot Butte Neighborhood Park, 1310 NE Highway 20

This two-mile out-and-back trail combines paved and fine-gravel surfaces, making it a comfortable choice for grade-school-aged riders and older. Along the route, cyclists can enjoy natural canal corridors, Larkspur Park and nearby Pilot Butte State Scenic Viewpoint. A few road crossings are required, offering young riders a chance to practice safe trail and street awareness.



Pine Nursery Trail

Access: Pine Nursery Park, 3750 NE Purcell Blvd.

The Pine Nursery Trail is a favorite family ride, featuring a 1.9-mile paved loop around the park perimeter. Riders can take in wide-open Cascade Mountain views while passing park amenities such as playgrounds, sports fields and a fishing pond. With gentle terrain and a straightforward route, it is an excellent choice for families with school-aged children.

Rockridge Park Trail & Bike Skills Course

Access: Rockridge Park, 20885 Egypt Dr.

For riders looking to build confidence and technique, Rockridge Park offers more than a mile of paved and natural-surface trails, along with a dedicated bike skills course. The beginner and intermediate courses include boardwalks, corduroy sections and armored trail features. Riders can choose which challenges to tackle and which to bypass as they develop their skills.

Beyond the bike features, Rockridge Park also includes a playground, picnic shelter, skatepark, disc golf course, natural areas and striking rock outcroppings, making it a destination the whole family can enjoy.

ABOUT BIKING RULES & ETIQUETTE

Biking is a great activity to share with families and friends with fresh air, a little exercise and interesting sights to see. With many off-street trails available, BPRD's trail system is well-suited for all ages to pedal together.

PARK RULES ALLOW PEDAL-ASSISTED E-BIKES IN PARKS AND ON TRAILS. Throttle e-bikes can only be used on roads or parking areas. Some trails and parks do not allow any bikes, so check details and signs.

KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

Commute Options offers an e-bike safety course to help riders stay safe. The City of Bend also has a handy guide that includes how to safely navigate a roundabout on an e-bike.

KNOW WHERE YOU CAN RIDE IT SAFELY AND LEGALLY. Visit Bend offers a comprehensive guide of locations where various types of e-bikes are allowed.

THINKING ABOUT BUYING AN E-BIKE? DO YOUR RESEARCH. Many of the electric vehicles available to purchase are not street legal. General rules to know: if it doesn't have pedals, it is not an e-bike. And even if it has pedals, the Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes' motors cut off at 20 MPH and Class 3 e-bikes' motors stop helping at 28 miles MPH. If you are considering purchasing something with a large motor and speeds advertised above 28 MPH, it's an electric dirt bike or motorcycle and is not allowed on roads or trails or in parks.

For everyone's safety and enjoyment, respect other trail users, watch your speed, have fun and be safe.

Learn more about biking in Bend parks on the BPRD website:
bendparksandrec.org/parks-trails/biking/



community events with earth in mind

BPRD & COMMUNITY PARTNERS AIM TO REDUCE WASTE IN PARKS & BEYOND

From neighborhood gatherings to large community celebrations, events bring people together to connect, play and enjoy shared public spaces. Events can also generate significant waste and consume valuable resources. Fortunately, sustainable event practices are helping organizers reduce their environmental footprint while still creating memorable experiences for attendees.



At Bend Park and Recreation District, Rental and Event Specialist Daniela Ahmed has spent the past year and a half developing

resources and practices that support more sustainable events in parks. These efforts help reduce costs, divert waste from landfills and encourage greater stewardship of community spaces.

One of the biggest challenges in reducing event waste is attendee participation. According to Ahmed, recycling and waste reduction are learned behaviors that improve through education and repetition. "The more someone practices reducing waste, the easier it becomes," she said.

Community partnerships play an important role in supporting these efforts. Deschutes County's EventCycle Solutions program offers free waste and

recycling bins for events, making it easier for organizers to encourage environmentally responsible habits. Refill stations for reusable water bottles have also become increasingly common, helping reduce the number of single-use plastic bottles at events.

Food service presents another opportunity for innovation. Disposable dishware remains a significant source of waste, but reusable alternatives are gaining traction.

"The Environmental Center launched a reusable dishware program, which we will begin to see at food truck lots and a few upcoming events," said Ahmed. "The good news is that even small events can borrow these items for free and not purchase disposables."

Ahmed has also seen creative approaches behind the scenes. At one event, water bottles used by musicians backstage were collected, washed and sanitized after each use, reducing the large volume of single-use plastics often generated in production areas.

While providing the right infrastructure is important, Ahmed believes education remains the most effective tool for reducing waste. Events can create opportunities for participation, but attendees must understand why their actions matter.



Local efforts such as the Hayden Homes Amphitheater's Green Team, which helps guests sort waste correctly, and nonprofit partners using the BottleDrop Blue Bag program for redeemable containers demonstrate how education and engagement can work together.

Sustainability continues to guide many decisions at Bend Park and Recreation District. By working with event partners and community members, the district is helping create events that are not only enjoyable but also environmentally responsible.

**Learn more about these
initiatives by visiting the BPRD
Sustainability web page at
[bendparksandrec.org/
sustainability](https://bendparksandrec.org/sustainability)**



the best park experience starts with **KNOWING YOUR DOG**



GUEST COLUMNIST

By Amber Kostoff, CAWA

Executive Director, Humane Society of Central Oregon

One of the greatest joys of living in Central Oregon is exploring our parks, trails and open spaces with our dogs. A neighborhood walk,

a hike or an afternoon at an off-leash park can strengthen the bond we share with them. The key is choosing an experience that is right for the individual dog.

This is especially important when welcoming a newly adopted dog into your home (and is solid advice for long-time pets too). Your dog is adjusting to unfamiliar people, routines, sounds and surroundings. It may take days, weeks or even months for them to feel safe and show their full personality.

Before heading to a busy park or off-leash area, start small. Build trust through quiet walks, consistent routines, and positive experiences together. Give your dog time to become comfortable with you before introducing more stimulating environments.

Dogs cannot tell us how they feel with words, but they communicate constantly through body language. Signs of stress can be subtle, including lip licking, turning away, lowering their body, tucking their tail, avoiding interaction, or

even yawning at an unexpected moment. Recognizing these signals early gives you the opportunity to create more space, change direction or leave before your dog becomes overwhelmed.

Not every dog enjoys meeting unfamiliar dogs or people, and that is perfectly okay. Some dogs are happiest exploring on leash. Others may enjoy off-leash adventures once they have developed confidence, strong social skills and a reliable recall. When visiting a location that allows unleashed dogs, before unclipping the leash, consider whether your dog will return when called, remain comfortable around unfamiliar people and animals, and respond calmly in a busy environment.

Responsible park use also means respecting the needs of others. Not every dog wants to say hello, and not every person is comfortable being approached by an unfamiliar dog. Keep your dog close when passing others, ask before allowing greetings, and pay attention to posted leash requirements.

At the Humane Society of Central Oregon, we believe strong relationships begin with understanding the animal in front of us. By recognizing your dog's personality, communication, and comfort level, you can build trust, deepen your bond, and help keep our shared parks welcoming for everyone.



HUMANE SOCIETY OF CENTRAL OREGON

Learn more about pet care, adoption
and community resources at
hsc.org.



DOGS IN PARKS

View parks, trails and off-leash areas
to enjoy with your dog at
bendparksandrec.org/dogs





How Bend parks are adapting to **fire & water** challenges

If you've noticed drier lawns, smokier summers, or more talk about wildfire, you're not imagining it. Central Oregon is changing—and so are the ways local parks are managed to keep our community safe and thriving.

At Bend Park and Recreation District, two big priorities are guiding the work: saving water and reducing wildfire risk. While they may seem like different issues, they're closely connected by one thing—how we care for the land.

► Smarter water use in a drying climate

After a winter with very little snow, water conservation is top of mind. Across more than 3,000 acres of park land, only a small portion—about 195 acres—is irrigated turf. That means most park land already relies on natural conditions rather than sprinklers.

Still, staff are finding ways to do even better.

Using smart irrigation controllers and weather stations, teams track conditions and adjust watering in real time. These systems help keep grass healthy while using less water and reducing runoff.

The results are adding up. During summer 2025, BPRD not only met the city's request to cut water use by 12 percent — the team exceeded it. In August alone, water use dropped significantly compared to past years.

But the biggest changes aren't always visible in a data chart—they're in the landscape itself.

Parks like Alpenglow and Eagle Park use more native and drought-tolerant plants. Over time, some areas no longer need irrigation at all once plants are established. These designs don't just save water—they support pollinators and create spaces that feel more natural to Central Oregon.

► Building healthier forests to reduce wildfire risk

At the same time, BPRD is tackling another growing concern: wildfire.

Many of Central Oregon's forests were shaped by frequent, low-intensity fires. Today, those natural cycles have been disrupted, leading to denser forests and more fuel on the ground.

To address that risk, BPRD runs a forest health and fuels reduction program focused on making natural areas more resilient.

This work includes:

- Thinning dense vegetation
- Removing “ladder fuels” that allow fire to climb into tree canopies
- Managing areas where parks border neighborhoods

Special attention is given to areas close to homes—especially within about 30 to 100 feet—where reducing fuel can help slow the spread of wildfire.

In the past year alone, crews completed multiple projects across dozens of acres to improve forest health. And more work is already planned for the years ahead.



While this work happens behind the scenes, its impact reaches every resident.

- Safer neighborhoods: Healthier forests reduce wildfire risk near homes
- Stronger ecosystems: Native plants and balanced forests support wildlife
- Smarter resource use: Less water use helps stretch limited supplies



You may notice changes in your favorite parks, which have fewer manicured lawns, more natural areas, or vegetation being cleared in wooded spaces. These shifts are intentional and part of a larger strategy of forest health and fire management.

► A shared effort

BPRD's work also connects with what homeowners can do. While park lands are managed differently than private property, both efforts work together to create safer, more resilient communities.

In the end, the message is simple: small, thoughtful changes—across parks, neighborhoods, and homes—add up to a big difference.

As Central Oregon continues to face dry summers and wildfire risk, Bend's parks are showing how careful planning today can help protect the places we all love for years to come.

BPRD CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN IN DEVELOPMENT

BPRD is developing a Climate Adaptation Plan, which outlines strategies to address the impacts of climate change on parks, facilities and operations, including increasing extreme heat, drought, wildfire, smoke and heavy rainfall. These conditions are expected to influence park infrastructure, natural areas and community safety in the coming decades.

The plan builds on the district's existing efforts of preparing for and adapting to changing conditions. The plan is expected to be completed by 2027.

LEARN MORE ONLINE



BPRD's water conservation efforts, forest health and fire management information is available at:
bendparksandrec.org/about/maintenance/

A hub for recreation, community & connection

pine nursery park



Pine Nursery Park is one of Bend's largest and most dynamic community parks, spanning 159 acres in northeast Bend. Since its acquisition from the U.S. Forest Service in 2004, an effort that required two Acts of Congress, the park has grown into a vital recreational destination for residents of all ages and abilities.

The park's name reflects its original use, and today it continues to evolve, highlighting natural beauty and modern amenities. Early development was supported through partnerships, including pond improvements with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2006 and additional park development through a local government grant in 2008.

Visitors can enjoy a wide range of amenities, including a sports complex, natural areas, a fishing pond, trails, a disc golf course, an expansive off-leash dog area, an all-abilities playground, pickleball, sand volleyball courts, soccer fields and rental shelters.

The park continues to grow with ongoing improvements designed to increase access, expand programming opportunities, and meet the community's evolving needs. Current projects – anticipated to be completed by fall - include upgrades to athletic fields, expanded pickleball facilities, improved ADA accessibility, trail lighting and maintenance enhancements, all designed to make Pine Nursery Park more usable year-round and for a broader range of users.

PINE NURSERY PARK IMAGES: Top left - Fishing at the park's stocked pond. Bottom left - Playground. Top center - Disc golf course. Top right - Sports fields. Second from top right - Pickleball court complex. Third from top right - Off-leash area. Bottom right - Sand volleyball courts.

PARK SPOTLIGHT



Park projects: Late summer 2026 completion

- Athletic field improvements: Conversion to artificial turf infields will increase capacity, improve durability, help with staffing efficiency and extend play into shoulder seasons.
- Lighting enhancements: New field and trail lighting will support increased use during shorter daylight months while maintaining dark sky compliance. Pine Nursery Park lights were certified by the Dark Sky International Outdoor Sports Lighting Program.
- Pickleball expansion: New courts complement the park's already popular pickleball facilities.
- Full-court basketball: A new court will be open in late summer.

Access and inclusion enhancements:

- New ADA-compliant trails and improved park circulation.
- Enhanced access from Deschutes Market Road.
- Trail paving and root heave repairs for smoother travel.

Bob Wenger Off-Leash Area enhancements

Pine Nursery's off-leash area is fully fenced and features a large turf play area, trails and a small dog area.

The popular off-leash area honors Bob Wenger, whose dedication helped shape this beloved space. Through volunteer work ranging from trail building to ongoing care, he created a welcoming place for people and their pets.

Recent off-leash area improvements include a more accessible off-leash dog area with two new entry points. Visitors can now enter from Deschutes Market Rd. and there is a paved accessible path all the way to the lawn.

Park partnerships

- Bend FC Soccer Complex: A multi-phase, 10-year project is transforming eight acres into a competition-level facility with turf fields, lighting and a planned clubhouse.
- North Pacific Juniors Volleyball: Five sand volleyball courts provide year-round play, tournaments and rental opportunities.
- Oregon Adaptive Sports (OAS): Pine Nursery Park serves as a hub for adaptive cycling programs, including a new permanent ADA-compliant storage facility for OAS at the park site.
- Bend Pickleball Club: Three phases of court development since 2012 have occurred at Pine Nursery in partnership with the Bend Pickleball Club.

With continued investment and strong community partnerships, Pine Nursery Park remains a cornerstone of recreation in Bend, offering expanded opportunities, improved access and a welcoming space for all.

PARK USE REMINDERS:

- Respect other users and wildlife.
- Keep dogs on leash unless in the off-leash area. Pick up after your pet.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Pack out trash or use trash cans at the park.
- Cyclists, watch your speed. Only Class I and II (pedal-assist) E-bikes are allowed; no Class III (throttle) E-bikes.

Maps and more details
on Pine Nursery Park
at

**[bendparksandrec.org/park/
pine-nursery-park/](https://bendparksandrec.org/park/pine-nursery-park/)**



Thanks, Coach!

Thanks, Coach! Cheers to the fabulous volunteers that gave their time and heart as coaches for spring sport programs. You made it a great season for the young players and their families and we can't thank you enough!

- Youth lacrosse
- Middle school cheerleading

Thank you, sponsors!

Sponsor involvement with BPRD sport programs helps provide the resources for recreation scholarships so that everyone has a chance to play. Sponsors receive recognition and more kids have opportunity to be part of a team - it's a win-win!

Thanks, sponsors! Your support helps make it possible for children, families and adults to participate in enriching recreation activities that can make a difference for a lifetime. Please join in thanking these sponsors for 2026-27 sports programs:

RIDGELINE ORAL SURGERY

- Kindergarten soccer
- Youth soccer
- Youth flag football
- Youth volleyball
- Bitty basketball
- Youth ice hockey
- Youth basketball
- Youth lacrosse

BIGFOOT BEVERAGES

- Middle school basketball

WOODS ORTHODONTICS

- High school basketball
- Middle school tennis

QXO (Formerly Miller Lumber)

- Adult curling
- Adult hockey



Volunteer coaches needed **now** for fall youth sports programs

Youth sport programs rely on fabulous volunteers to coach teams and support players. If you enjoy sports and spending time with great kids, consider being a coach. We want all kids to have the opportunity to play and make it easy to be a coach. We know it will be rewarding and fun! Volunteer coaches are currently needed for these fall sport programs:

- Kindergarten soccer
- Youth soccer
- Youth flag football
- Girls flag football
- Middle school tennis
- Youth volleyball

Sport experience preferred, but mostly need to enjoy working with kids. Application and background check required. Training and support provided. For more information, contact BPRD sports program staff at 541-693-1044 or sportsinfo@bendparksandrec.org.

volunteer coaches & sponsors are key to play

Making a difference for hundreds of kids & families

Volunteer coaches are an essential part of BPRD youth sport leagues. These volunteers lead practices and games, but more than that, they support the opportunity for children to be part of something, to learn about being active and working with a group, help them build confidence and maybe even fuel a passion that can last a lifetime. Over 700 volunteer coaches are needed each year for a variety of sport programs, supporting the nearly 6,000 children that want to play. If you enjoy sports and working with children, consider being a coach and make a difference for a great group of kids.



GETTING THEIR HANDS DIRTY

Supporting natural spaces and trails

This summer, volunteers of all ages are joining the BPRD Natural Resources and Trails team to help take care of several of the parks and trails in our community.

Volunteers are lending a hand at scheduled project days to pull weeds, close off user-created trails, improve access, and restore native areas. This is dirty work that truly

makes a difference for those places and the people that enjoy them. Many thanks to everyone that has helped with a project so far this summer.

Want to volunteer? There is an additional project scheduled for early October. To learn more and sign up, visit bendparksandrec.org/events.

play-full ways to volunteer

Volunteering with BPRD is a fun way to connect with your interests, share your talents, meet people, and gain some skills, all while helping provide great experiences and taking care of the places that we all love.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

COACH A YOUTH SPORT TEAM

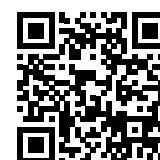
- Adult volunteers sign up now to coach youth sport leagues that start in the fall.
- A variety of sport programs are offered throughout the year. If you have a favorite sport and enjoy working with kids, consider being a coach!

HELP CARE FOR OUTDOOR PLACES

- Volunteers serve as hosts at Riley Ranch Nature Reserve, Shevlin Park and a few other community favorites, offering information and friendly reminders about park rules.
- Individuals and groups can adopt a park or trail or join a volunteer project day to help with litter pick up, weed removal and other maintenance efforts.

LEND A HAND AT EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- Activities at Larkspur Community Center.
- Fitness classes and aquatics programs.
- Community events and outreach efforts.



To learn more about
volunteer opportunities,
visit [bendparksandrec.org/
volunteer](https://bendparksandrec.org/volunteer)



EMPLOYMENT SPOTLIGHT

Kids Inc. pairs afterschool jobs with college scholarships

Scholarship program for COCC students now updated with more options

Bend Park and Recreation District is Central Oregon's largest childcare provider for school-age kids, employing youth recreation leaders who facilitate crafts, games, STEM projects and outdoor activities for the district's Kids Inc. afterschool program. BPRD is hiring more than three dozen youth recreation leaders now for the upcoming school year, with recruiting underway.

The afterschool positions run Monday through Friday, September through June, and offer flexible schedules along with hands-on experience in childcare, education and team leadership. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and currently attending high school or hold a diploma or equivalent. Those with prior childcare or education experience can qualify for a Team Lead role.

The program includes paid scholarship and internship opportunities through partnerships with local schools and colleges. A recently updated scholarship for Central Oregon Community College students now offers more options, letting those enrolled in at least nine credit hours per term earn \$1,050 per term working 10 to 14.99 hours a week, or \$1,750 per term working 15 or more hours, for up to \$5,250 annually. Oregon State University-Cascades students taking at least nine credit hours per term are eligible for \$5,250 a year, paid at \$1,750 per term, while working about 20 hours a week during the school year. Both scholarship programs run alongside paid employment, giving students income and tuition support at once.

Bend-La Pine high school juniors and seniors can apply for paid internships along with school credit in 10- or 20-hour weekly options.

Learn more about available positions and scholarships and apply at bendparksandrec.org/kidsincjobs.

WORK FOR PLAY AT BPRD

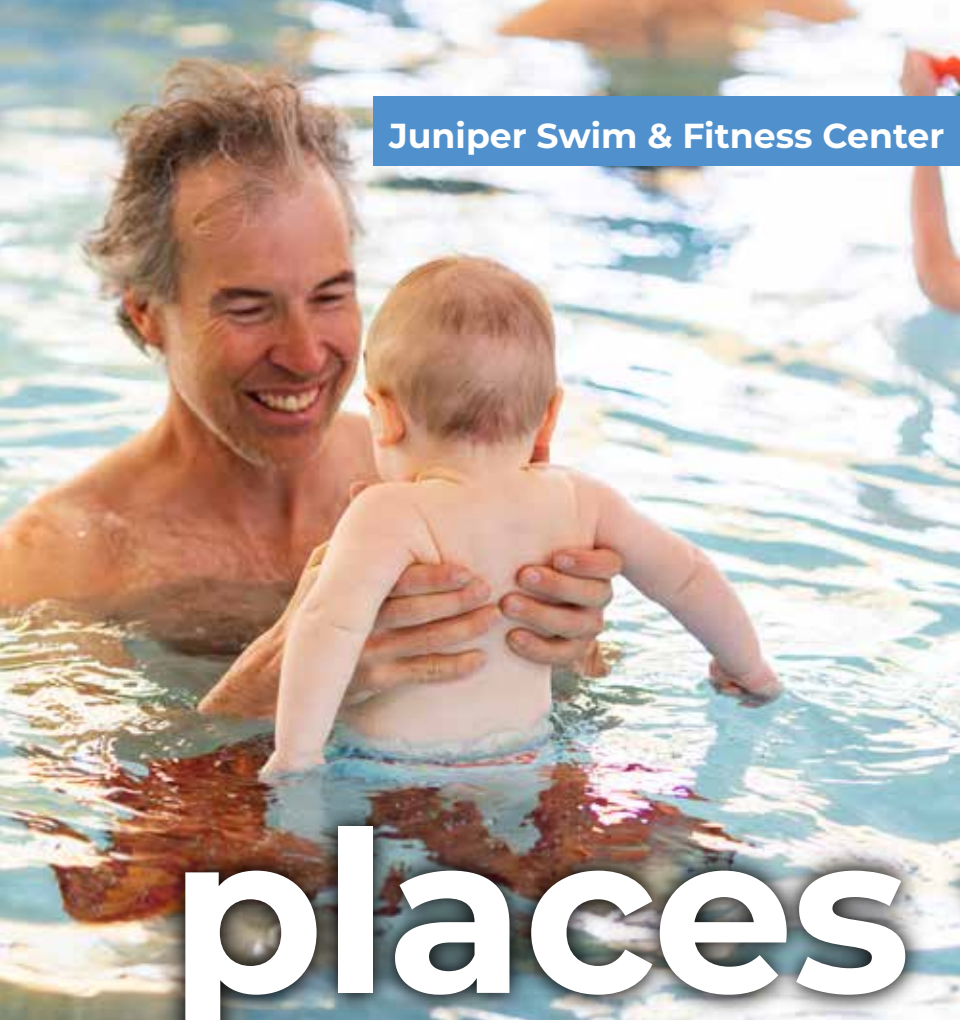
There are lots of ways to combine work and play as a BPRD employee. Regular openings for the season ahead and beyond may include:

- Youth Recreation Leader
- Therapeutic Recreation Leader
- Landscaper
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- Custodian

Some positions may be available for 14 years and older; most positions are for 18 years and older.

For current job opportunities and to apply, visit bendparksandrec.org/jobs.





Juniper Swim & Fitness Center



The Pavilion

places to play

recreation centers



Bend Senior Center



Larkspur Community Center



Let's go!

Recreation Center Fees & Passes

Bend Park & Recreation District offers three unique recreation centers with hundreds of weekly drop-in activities. To use a BPRD facility, choose the fee structure and payment option that best matches your household's needs.

No matter what you choose, you can workout, swim, skate and play with the confidence that there are:

- **No initiation or start up fees**
- **No contracts**

Match your play with the perfect pass

10-Visit Passes

- **Save an average of 15% off regular fees**
- **Pre-paid to use as you go**
- **Use at any recreation facility**

10-Visit Passes may be used for drop-in activities at all locations. Patrons may use visits for themselves or guests at the same or lower entrance fee. This pass doesn't expire.

Annual Pass Discount

Save 20% off the Auto-Renewal/3-Month Pass with an Annual Pass. Combine with partner and family pass for the best value!

Partner Discount

Save 10% off Auto-Renewal/3-Month pass and Annual Passes when two people in the same household purchase a pass at the same time. Includes adults, youth and senior family members in the same household.

Family Pass

Available for adult, youth or senior family members living in the same household. Three-member minimum required.

30-Day, Auto-Renewal, 3-Month & Annual Passes

- **Great for the frequent user**
- **Unlimited in-and-out privileges**
- **Quick and easy check-in**
- **Four options for pass duration**
- **Awesome savings - the more you use your pass, the more you save**

30-Day, Auto-Renewal, 3-Month and Annual Passes may be purchased at any time. Full payment is required at time of purchase. 30-Day Passes offer the control to purchase every 30 days at your choice. Auto-Renewal Passes offer the convenience of monthly auto-renewal with three-month minimum commitment; 3-Month and Annual Passes offer online/in-person renewal. Passes are not transferable or refundable, and may not be suspended or extended except for documented medical reasons. Passes are not prorated for scheduled closures such as holidays, special events and maintenance periods.

Out-Of-District Fee Policy

The prices listed are the discounted rates for residents of the Bend Park and Recreation District. Persons residing outside of the Bend Park and Recreation District boundaries are charged an additional 20% because they do not pay property taxes that support the district. If you need help determining if you live inside or outside the district boundaries, view the district map at bendparksandrec.org or call us at 541-389-7275.

SINGLE
VISIT
FEES

JUNIPER SWIM & FITNESS CENTER,
LARKSPUR COMMUNITY CENTER
& THE PAVILION

Drop-in fitness classes, swim activities,
spa features, fitness centers, indoor
track, social activities and public ice/
roller skating sessions.
Skate rental: \$4.00.

Adult (19-64)	\$10.00
Older Adult* (65-79)	\$9.00
Youth (3-18)/Honored Citizens (80+)	\$8.00
Children under 3 with paying adult	Free

Purchase your pass in person at
recreation centers or online at
register.bendparksandrec.org.



FITNESS,
SWIM & SKATE
IN-DISTRICT
PASSES

JUNIPER SWIM & FITNESS CENTER,
LARKSPUR COMMUNITY CENTER
& THE PAVILION

All passes include: Drop-in fitness classes, swim
activities, hot tub/spa features, fitness centers,
indoor track, social activities, public ice/roller
skating sessions and skatepark and drop-in
basketball sessions. Skate rental: \$4.00.

Does not include access to registration programs.

See activity details on pages 40 - 46.

10-Visit
Pass

Save an
average
of 15%

Adult (19-64)
Older Adult* (65-79)
Youth (3-18)/Honored Citizens (80+)
Children under 3 with paying adult

\$85.00
\$77.00
\$68.00
Free

30-Day
Pass

Unlimited
visits!

Adult (19-64)
Older Adult* (65-79)
Youth (3-18)/Honored Citizens (80+)
Family - Any mix of 3 or more household members

\$80.00
\$62.00
\$43.00
\$146.00

Auto-
Renewal
Pass

Unlimited
visits!
Priced per
month.

Adult (19-64)
Older Adult* (65-79)
Youth (3-18)/Honored Citizens (80+)
Family - Any mix of 3 or more household members

\$72.00
\$55.00
\$39.00
\$132.00

3-Month
Pass

Unlimited
visits!

Adult (19-64)
Older Adult* (65-79)
Youth (3-18)/Honored Citizens (80+)
Family - Any mix of 3 or more household members

\$216.00
\$165.00
\$117.00
\$396.00

Annual
Pass

Unlimited
visits!
Save 20%
off the
monthly fee.

Adult (19-64)
Older Adult* (65-79)
Youth (3-18)/Honored Citizens (80+)
Family - Any mix of 3 or more household members

\$691.00
\$528.00
\$374.00
\$1,267.00

ADULT
SOCIAL
ACTIVITY
IN-DISTRICT
FEES & PASSES

BEND SENIOR
CENTER

Includes participation
in drop-in social
activities including
games, billiards &
Senior Center events.

Does not include
access to registration
programs.

**See activity details
on page 44.**

Single
Visit
Admission

Adult (19-64)
Older Adult* (65-79)
Youth (3-18)/Honored Citizens (80+)

\$3.50
\$1.50
\$1.25

10-Visit
Pass

Save an
average
of 15%

Adult (19-64)
Older Adult* (65-79)
Youth (3-18)/Honored Citizens (80+)

\$29.00
\$12.00
\$10.00

Monthly
Pass

Unlimited
visits!

Adult (19-64)
Older Adult* (65-79)
Youth (3-18)/Honored Citizens (80+)

\$24.00
\$16.00
\$13.00

Effective beginning June 12, 2026.

Older Adult Rate*: Those born on or before December 31, 1961 will receive the older
adult rate even though they may not be 65 years or older yet.

Partner Discount: Get a 10% discount on Auto-Renewal, 30-Day, 3-Month and Annual
Passes when two family members in the same household purchase a pass at the same
time.

VIRTUAL FITNESS FEES & PASSES

Monthly pass offers unlimited access to web-hosted fitness classes
for a month. **See virtual class details on page 43.**

Single Class - All Ages
Monthly Pass - All Ages

\$5.00
\$20.00



Code of Conduct for Facilities

Our goal is to provide a fun, safe and enjoyable experience for all patrons.

All Bend Park and Recreation District facilities' visitors are to follow the district's rules, regulations and code of conduct.

You can learn more below about the rules and code of conduct by visiting bendparksandrec.org/rules.

Please take a few minutes to go over these rules and share them with your children as needed. If you have any questions, please let us know.



Drop-in Ice & Roller Skate Sessions

Location: The Pavilion

- Ice season: late October - April
- Roller season: April - September
- Facility information on page 46.
- Fees: Pass or drop-in fee. See pages 38 - 39.
- Rental skates available.
- Helmets available to borrow.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/pavilion

Open Skate

ROLLER & ICE

All ages

Open Skate sessions offer a recreational opportunity for all ages and abilities to enjoy the rink. Children under 10 years must be supervised by a responsible person 16 years or older. Sticks, pucks and maneuvers that would endanger others are not allowed.

\$8 Family Skate

ROLLER & ICE

All ages with adult

Open Skate for families at a special discounted fee including skate rental. All children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.

Roller skating offered through September.

Ice season begins in October 21 (tentative).

\$8 Cheap Skates

ROLLER & ICE

All ages

Only \$8 per person for all ages, including skate rental for special Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon Open Skate sessions.

\$8 With A Child Skate

ROLLER & ICE

Ages: 18 & under with adult

Special discounted Open Skate session for adults to skate with their child. Includes skate rental. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Adult and children groups such as homeschool groups or young children play groups are welcome. For ages 5 and under, there is skate instructor support available for a positive experience.

During roller skating season, you can expect an open play space (with mats and balls) along with roller skating.

OPEN SKATE SPECIAL

Adults are \$8 each when adult accompanies paid child.

Not available for Holiday Skate.

Friday Night Roller Dance

ROLLER ONLY

All ages

Open Skate with those Friday night dance vibes. Complete with themes, good music and roller dancing.

Saturday Night Adult Skate

ROLLER ONLY

Ages: 18 & over

S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y Night! We'll bring out the music, turn down the lights and let the big kids play at these adults-only skate sessions. We're talking youthful "skate center" vibes and joy!

Skatepark Features

ROLLER

All ages

The skatepark features at The Pavilion are open during Open Skate and Family Skate times. During this skate time, riders must wear a helmet. Skateboards, inline skates, roller skates and scooters welcome. Sorry, no bikes.

Large Groups: 10 & more

School groups and other large groups are welcome at The Pavilion and discounts are available. Reservations are needed for groups of 10 and more. Reservations must be booked 72 hours in advance for special rates. Group reservations are not available during Holiday Skate.



RECREATION SWIM SPECIAL

Adults are \$8 each when adult accompanies paid child.

Good for: Open Recreation Swim, Family Swim, Parent-Child Swim and Sensory-Friendly Swim.

Drop-in Swim Sessions

Locations: Juniper Swim & Fitness Center and Larkspur Community Center

- Facility information: Pages 45 - 46.
- Fees: Pass or drop-in fee. See pages 38 - 39.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/recswim

bendparksandrec.org/lapswim

Open Recreation Swim

All ages

Recreation swim is open to all ages; however, children under 10 years must be supervised by a responsible person 16 years or older. Infants, toddlers and weak swimmers must be supervised within arm's reach.

Family Swim

All ages with adult

A perfect time for families to use the pools for recreating and swimming. All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Hot tub use available to ages 6 and up only while accompanied by an adult.

Parent-Child Swim

Ages: 6 & under with adult

A special time in the pool for parents and their young kids to explore the wonderful world of water and practice swimming skills. Adult supervision in the water is required. Swim diapers are required for those who are not toilet trained.

Sensory-Friendly Swim

All ages with adult

This is a great alternative for our community members with diverse sensory needs to enjoy the pools and amenities. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Spa use is for ages 16 and up and children 6 - 15 only with an adult. Five and under may not use the spa.

Lap Swimming & Water Work Out on Your Own

All ages

Swim for fitness! Swim for fun! Two facilities welcome you to lap swim or do your own water work out. Check the website for pool schedule, pool length, number of lanes and requirements.

Masters Swimming Bend's Adult Swim Program

Ages: 18 & up

Improve your skills and enjoy training in structured practices with experienced coaches. Masters Swimming emphasizes fitness, fellowship and fun for all adults and abilities, who can swim comfortably for 500 meters (20 lengths).

Current Channel Work Out on Your Own

Ages: 16 & up; 12 - 15 with adult

Uninstructed, drop-in times at Larkspur Community Center with moderate levels of resistance for you to walk, stabilize, stretch and tone for all abilities and levels. No swimming.

Hot Tub, Sauna & Steam Room Use

Ages: 16 & up; 6 - 15 with adult

The coed hot features, including hot tub, sauna and steam room, are available when Juniper's indoor pool is open.

The hot tub at Larkspur is open when Larkspur's pool is open.

Youth ages 6 years and up are only allowed in the hot tubs with an adult; not allowed during Open Recreation Swim.

Large Groups: 10 & more

School groups and other large groups are welcome for open recreation swim and discounts are available. Reservations are needed for groups of 10 or more. Reservations must be booked 72 hours in advance for special rates.

let's party!

ROLLER & ICE SKATING PARTIES

Great for birthday parties and more! During ice season, The Pavilion features an indoor viewing room with fireplace. During roller season, guests can enjoy the outdoor pavilion.

POOL PARTIES

Make waves at your next celebration with a pool party.

Available at both Juniper and Larkspur pools with options for both indoor and outdoor pool parties.

Private pool parties can be customized for exclusive fun with rental of Juniper's pools.

Learn more about parties and event rentals on the BPRD website at bendparksandrec.org or call 541-389-7275.

SUPERVISION OF MINORS IN POOLS

Those under the age of 10 must be under the direct supervision of a person aged 16 years or older. Infants, toddlers and weak swimmers must be supervised within arm's reach.

Details at bendparksandrec.org/rules/



Fitness passes through health insurance

There is a low-cost or no-cost fitness pass option for insurance-reimbursed fitness programs, including: Active & Fit Enterprise, Active & Fit Direct, AARP Renew Active, Optum Renew Active and Silver & Fit. Eligible programs will include unlimited access to BPRD fitness centers, lap swimming, social activities and drop-in fitness classes, including water fitness classes and workout-on-your-own sessions.

Learn more at:
bendparksandrec.org/medicare



Drop-in Fitness Classes

Juniper Swim & Fitness Center and Larkspur Community Center

- Facility information: Pages 45 - 46.
- Fees: Pass or drop-in fee. See pages 38 - 39.

Ages: 16 & up; 12 - 15 with adult

DROP-IN CLASSES & SCHEDULES: Classes are held on a weekly basis. Check schedules at bendparksandrec.org/fitness-swim/. You can start at any time. Classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

SAME INSTRUCTORS: Both locations feature the same great instructors.

ADVISED: We strongly recommend checking with your physician before starting any exercise program.

Cardio Fitness & Dance

Features: Move and groove with us. These classes are full of variety with dance, step, kickboxing and always your choice of high- or low-impact. Engage your muscles and get your heart pumping for increased strength and resilience.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/cardio

Indoor Cycling

Features: Experience the Ride! Based on a road cycling experience, indoor cycling is an individually paced, non-impact cardio workout. Classes are held in our theater-style indoor cycle studio with beautiful park views. Our state-of-the-art, Spinner® Chrono™ Power bikes use accurate power measurements and watts-based training, giving you the ability to customize the ride to meet your goals.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/indoor-cycling/

Mind & Body

Features: Rooted in traditional practices, Mind & Body classes aim to improve your overall health and well-being through stretching, focused breathing, relaxation techniques, movements and poses that bring flexibility and strength together to develop joint mobility. Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, meditation and other practices are known to support both physical and mental awareness and wellness.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/mind-and-body

Strength & Conditioning

Features: Improve your day-to-day function with strength and conditioning! Burn calories at a higher rate through resistance training and use a variety of equipment to increase your muscle strength, metabolic rate, endurance, bone density and balance.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/strength-and-conditioning

Water Fitness

Features: Water is a great equalizer! Help rehabilitate an injury, cross train to enhance athletic performance or simply enjoy the feel-good nature of a water workout. The buoyancy and natural resistance of the water creates an optimal exercise environment with little to no impact on your joints while improving cardio fitness and strengthening muscles. No swimming skills are needed and classes held in deep water use floatation devices. Water shoes recommended.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/water-fitness



Therapeutic Fitness

BPRD can help you make the most of your fitness with targeted therapeutic fitness programs which research has shown to offer health benefits. Here are some health challenges where therapeutic fitness could offer help: mobility issues; chronic conditions, especially related to joints and muscles; preventing injury; preparing for surgery; recovering from surgery or injury; next steps from physical therapy and weight loss. Whether you are seeking low-impact and light-intensity, cardio, strength or mobility, you can take a class or work individually with staff to get back on track.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/therapeuticfitness



Pre-/Postnatal and Baby & Me Fitness

If you are expecting or have been cleared for exercise by your physician or midwife after having a baby, you are welcome to join any drop-in fitness class at BPRD's recreation centers. Classes are ongoing and you can start any time.

In addition, there are water- and land-based classes that incorporate specifically designed gentle-paced cardio with strength and stretching exercises that follow the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists guidelines.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/babyandme

Virtual Fitness Classes

Online

- Use your pass or pay \$5.00 single virtual class / \$20 monthly virtual pass.

Keep moving, even remotely! BPRD online classes are brought to you using Zoom, a web-hosted video conference application. Step-by-step instructions are provided to help you get connected. Variety of classes offered in Cardio Fitness & Dance and Strength & Conditioning. Advance registration is required.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/virtualfitness/

For more information, call 541-389-7275 or visit bendparksandrec.org • Register at register.bendparksandrec.org
Recreation centers, activities and registration information on pages 37 - 51. • Park locations on pages 52 - 55.

Drop-in Fitness Center Use

Juniper Swim & Fitness Center and Larkspur Community Center

- Facility information: Pages 45 - 46.
- Fees: Pass or drop-in fee. See pages 38 - 39.

Ages: 17 & up; 12 - 16 with adult

Fitness Center Orientation

Designed to give you the basic skills to use the equipment safely and effectively. Orientations are strongly recommended prior to using the fitness center, and in some cases, it may be required.

Fitness Center & Under 17 Use

Youth ages 14 - 16 may use the fitness centers only after completing an orientation or when working out under the supervision of a parent/guardian aged 18 years or older.

Youth ages 12 - 13 may use the fitness centers only when working out under the supervision of a parent/guardian aged 18 years or older. Youth ages 11 and under are not allowed in fitness centers.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/fitness-centers

Personal Training

Juniper Swim & Fitness Center and Larkspur Community Center

- Facility information: Pages 45 - 46.

A BPRD personal trainer can help you:

- Focus on your personal goals.
- Prepare for an adventure, race or event.
- Make your fitness routine fresh and interesting.
- Meet your desired activity and fitness level.
- Take the next step in your recovery from an injury or surgery.
- Train as an individual or group.

BPRD has a diverse group of trainers and services to meet your needs.

Personal training requires advanced registration and separate fees.

More at: bendparksandrec.org/fitness-swim/personal-training/



Drop-in Older Adult Social Activities

Larkspur Community Center - Home of the Bend Senior Center

- Facility information: Page 46.
- Fees: Pass or drop-in fee.
See pages 38 - 39.
- More at: [bendparksandrec.org/
bend-senior-center](http://bendparksandrec.org/bend-senior-center)

BPRD is proud to welcome older adults to social activities, such as games and group gatherings.

Check the website regularly for additional information, schedules and updates.

Lunch & Learn Series

FREE

Tuesdays at 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. |
September through May

Feed your body and your mind as local experts share their knowledge about issues important to you. Bring your lunch; dessert and coffee are on us. Check online schedule for topics each month.

Super Tuesday Brunch

Second Tuesday of the month at
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a tasty brunch on the second Tuesday of each month. A suggested donation of \$3 per person benefits BPRD's scholarship program.

Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Drama, comedy, adventure! Join us weekly to watch a movie with friends. We'll show both contemporary and classic films. Check online schedule for movies offered.

Cards & Games

Join a game of Bridge, Mexican Train, Mah jongg or Pinochle. Inquire at the front desk for days and times.

Pool/Billiards

Come enjoy a game of billiards. Fun times and good friendships guaranteed! Check online schedule for days and times.

Crochet, Knitting, Quilting, Rug Hooking & Stitching Groups

Celebrate and enjoy fiber arts together! Bring in your hand work and knit, stitch and/or hook projects together while making friends. Four different groups meet regularly. Check online schedules for details.

Yesterday's Tunes

Wednesdays at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come spend some time with friends old and new in the Senior Lounge listening to "oldies" from the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Work on a jigsaw puzzle, get up and dance or simply tap your toes and reminisce.

The ABC & D's of Medicare

FREE

Fourth Wednesday of the month at
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join us for an informational Q & A session about Medicare.

Library Book Club

FREE

Third Wednesday of the month at
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Come join our book club hosted by Deschutes Public Library. This is an open book group, so no registration is necessary. Simply show up whichever meeting dates you are available.

Connection Cafe

FREE

Third Thursday of the month at
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

A welcoming and compassionate space hosted by Peaceful Presence Project for supportive conversations about illness, death and grief.

Technology Troubleshooting

FREE

Third Wednesday of the month at
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Get your tech in order! Come to the Senior Center lobby for free technology advice and support with our friends from Deschutes Public Library. Bring in your smart phone, laptop, tablet or watch. Sessions are first-come, first-serve for up to 20 minutes per person.

AARP Smart Driver Class

Fourth Thursday of the month at
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The AARP Smart Driver Course is one of many programs offered by AARP Driver Safety. It's the nation's largest classroom and online driver safety course and is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. The class meets 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with a lunch break. Fees are \$20.00 for AARP members; \$25.00 for non-members.

For the next class and to register, call
503-676-3653.



recreation centers

centered on play

Bend Park and Recreation District features three recreation centers - Juniper Swim and Fitness Center, The Pavilion and Larkspur Community Center - Home of the Bend Senior Center.

You're invited to visit one, two or all three for any of the hundreds of hosted weekly activities including fitness classes, swim sessions, roller or ice skating and enrichment activities.

- Fees and Passes, pages 38 - 39.
- Drop-in Roller Skating, page 40.
- Drop-in Swimming, page 41.
- Drop-in Fitness, pages 42 - 43.
- Drop-in Older Adult Social Activities, page 44.



Juniper Swim & Fitness Center

Located in the heart of Bend's east side, Juniper serves as our community swim and fitness facility and features fitness and recreation opportunities to people of all ages and abilities.

Location

800 NE 6th Street, Bend, OR 97701

Juniper Swim & Fitness Center is located in Juniper Park. For public transit, Juniper is located two blocks from the Hawthorne Street transit center of Cascade East Transit.

Phone

541-389-7665 (POOL)

Hours

Monday - Thursday: 5:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 5:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Holiday hours online.

Fees, Schedules & Information

Visit bendparksandrec.org/juniper for schedules, rules and regulations.

Fees on pages 38 - 39.

Rentals

The pools are available to rent. Visit bendparksandrec.org/poolparty for details.

Social Media

facebook.com/JuniperSwimandFitnessCenter

instagram.com/juniperswimandfitness

Activities

Childcare & Preschool

Fitness Classes

Fitness Center

Personal Training

Swim Lessons

Swimming

Therapeutic Fitness

Wellness & Relaxation

Swimming Pools, Spa Features & Fitness Amenities

Indoor/Outdoor Olympic 50-Meter Pool

Indoor 25-Meter Pool

Indoor Children's Pool

Outdoor Activity Pool

(Open late May to early September)

Hot Tub / Steam Room / Dry Sauna

Fitness Center, Studios & Equipment



Larkspur Community Center

Larkspur is a vibrant place where people of all ages, interests and abilities can gather for lifelong fitness, learning and recreation. Larkspur is Home of the Bend Senior Center.

Location

**1600 SE Reed Market Road
Bend, OR 97702**

Larkspur is located in Larkspur Park. For public transit, use Cascade East Transit routes #5, 6 or 9.

Phone

541-388-1133

Hours

Monday - Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holiday hours online.

Fees, Schedules & Information

Visit bendparksandrec.org/larkspur for schedules, rules and regulations.

Fees on pages 38 - 39.

Social Media

facebook.com/Larkspur-Community-Center

instagram.com/larkspurcommunitycenter

Rentals

Event Room, meeting rooms and pool are available to rent. Details at bendparksandrec.org/larkspur.

Activities

Enrichment Activities for All Ages

Fitness Classes & Fitness Center

Personal Training

Social Activities for Adults 50+

Swimming & Swim Lessons

Therapeutic Fitness

Wellness & Relaxation

Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, Fitness Amenities & Walk/Jog Track

Recreation & Leisure Pool and Hot Tub

Current Channel with Hydro Feature

Accessible, ADA-friendly Features

Fitness Center & Group Fitness Rooms

Walk/jog Track

Bend Senior Center

3,500-sq.-ft. Event Room and Kitchen

Social Lounge, Billiards Room, Book and Puzzle Lending Library and Free Wi-Fi



The Pavilion

Two kinds of play - The Pavilion has distinct personalities! Cold and fresh for ice sports and skating. Bright, active and ever-evolving for roller sports, kids camps and other activities.

Location

**1001 SW Bradbury Way
Bend Oregon 97702**

The Pavilion is located at the Simpson and Colorado Avenue roundabout. For public transit, The Pavilion can be accessed via Cascade East Transit.

Phone

541-389-7588 (SK8T)

Hours

Days and times vary. Check online schedules for sessions.

Holiday hours online.

Fees, Schedules & Information

Visit bendparksandrec.org/pavilion for schedules, rules and regulations.

Fees on pages 38 - 39.

Social Media

facebook.com/thepavilioninbend

instagram.com/thepavilioninbend

Rentals

Rink, outdoor pavilion, lawn area and indoor viewing room are available to rent. Visit bendparksandrec.org/pavilion for details.

Activities

APRIL - SEPTEMBER:

Roller Skating & Hockey

Skateboarding & Scootering

Skate Parties

Adult Sports Leagues

Youth Summer Camps

LATE OCTOBER - APRIL:

Ice Skating & Lessons

Hockey

Curling

Skate Parties

Amenities

Roller Sports Flooring (April - September)

Skatepark (April - September)

NHL-size Ice Sheet (Late October - April)

Viewing Room

Concessions

Art & Enrichment



Therapeutic Recreation



ways to play

registration

recreation activities

Sports & Outdoors



Swim Lessons



let's play, learn create and grow

REGISTRATION FOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES

No matter the season, BPRD has a multitude of programs and classes available for children and adults.

The following pages feature categories of registration programs offered regularly at the district.

Registration opens seasonally.

FALL ACTIVITIES

For current offerings, learn more online in the digital “Playlist” at bendparksandrec.org/playlist or on the registration website at register.bendparksandrec.org.

For information on how to register, see page 51.

WINTER & SPRING ACTIVITIES

The “Playlist” winter/spring activities guide will be available in late November and winter through spring program registration opens December 8.

See page 51 for more information.



Visit register.bendparksandrec.org to view programs and register.



Aquatics & Swimming

Our swim program allows you to progress from no experience to becoming a master swimmer.

Lessons are available for ages 6 months and up.

Registration classes and programs for youth and adults include:

- **PARENT-TOT SWIM LESSONS**
- **SEA STARS YOUTH SWIM LESSONS**
- **JOURNEY YOUTH SWIM LESSONS**
- **LEVEL YOUTH SWIM LESSONS**
- **LEVEL TEEN SWIM LESSONS**
- **CLASES DE NATACION PARA FAMILIAS EN ESPANOL / FAMILY SWIM LESSONS IN SPANISH**
- **YOUTH SWIM LEAGUES**
- **YOUTH SPRINGBOARD DIVING**
- **WATER POLO**
- **ADULT SWIM LESSONS**
- **MASTERS SWIMMING: BEND'S ADULT SWIM PROGRAM**
(drop-ins welcome with pass; check online schedules)



Arts & Crafts

Create yourself.

Whether you're taking classes for the first time or have been creating for years, art is more than just a learned practice, a skill or a form of recreation. It's about connecting and discovering yourself.

Registration classes and programs for youth and adults include:

- **CLAY & POTTERY**
- **CRAFTS**
- **DIGITAL ARTS**
- **DIY/DO-IT-YOURSELF**
- **DRAWING**
- **GLASS ART**
- **JEWELRY**
- **MIXED MEDIA**
- **PAINTING**
- **SEWING**
- **WITH A CHILD: ART INCLUDING CLAY & PAINTING**
- **ART PARTIES FOR YOUTH & ADULTS IN CLAY OR MIXED MEDIA**





Childcare & Youth Camps

Learn + play.

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.”

- Fred Rogers, aka Mister Rogers

BPRD childcare and youth camps aim to combine play with learning. Because if you're having fun, then discovery and development come easy!

Registration classes and programs for children include:

- **BUSY BUDDIES PRESCHOOL**
- **KIDS CORNER CHILDCARE**
- **KIDS INC. AFTERSCHOOL CARE**
- **KIDS INC. NO-SCHOOL DAY CAMP**
- **NO-SCHOOL DAY PROGRAMS**
- **THE PAC SUMMER DAY CAMP**
- **OPERATION RECREATION SUMMER DAY CAMP**
- **SUMMER DAY CAMPS**



Enrichment Activities

Let's discover something new - together! No matter one's age, having fun, learning new skills and connecting with others is beneficial for both body and mind.

Registration classes and programs for youth and adults include:

- **COOKING & BAKING**
- **GAMES**
- **LEARNING**
- **TRAVEL, TOURS & TRIPS**
- **DANCE & MOVEMENT**
- **GENERAL ENRICHMENT**
- **MUSIC, THEATER & VOICE**
- **OUTDOORS & NATURE**
- **SCIENCE**
- **TECHNOLOGY**
- **ENGINEERING**
- **MATHEMATICS**
- **WILDERNESS SAFETY & FIRST AID**



Fitness & Wellness

Throughout the year, BPRD offers a variety of special fitness classes, workshops and events to complement the drop-in weekly fitness classes and cater to a wide range of people and their fitness goals.

Registration classes and programs for adults and children include:

- **FITNESS EVENTS**
- **SPECIALIZED FITNESS**
- **TRIATHLON**
- **WELLNESS**



Ice & Roller Activities

Put some time in at the rink!

Whether you roll, slide or skate, The Pavilion offers a rink and activities for every season. Fall through winter, the rink is a sheet of ice then on the flip seasons of spring through fall, the rink is covered with roller sports flooring. Ice or not, there's plenty of fun and action to be had for youth and adults alike.

Fall - winter offerings include:

- **CURLING**
- **ICE HOCKEY**
- **ICE SKATING**

Spring - fall registration programs and leagues include:

- **ROLLER HOCKEY**
- **ROLLER SKATING**

Drop-in fitness, swimming and skating activities offered at recreation centers.

- Juniper Swim & Fitness Center
- Larkspur Community Center
- The Pavilion

No registration needed and discount passes available. Learn more on pages 38 - 43.

We're
here for
everybody

With inclusion, everybody benefits!

If you or your child has a disability and are interested in participating in a general program, we will help make it happen. When people with disabilities participate in general programs EVERYBODY benefits!

To ensure successful inclusion, we encourage you to check the box on the registration form that says “check here if you want an assessment team to contact you about disability accommodations.” Someone from the Therapeutic Recreation Department will contact you to discuss what we can do to make your experience a success!



Sports

Everybody wins.

Sports, whether team-based or individual, are great activities that provide a variety of benefits other than just physical activity. Sports help build self-esteem and confidence, motivate us to excel and develop social skills. With those benefits, everyone wins.

Programs and leagues for youth and adults include:

- **ALL-SPORTS CAMPS**
- **ARCHERY**
- **BASEBALL**
- **BASKETBALL**
- **CHEERLEADING**
- **CORNHOLE**
- **DISC GOLF**
- **FLAG FOOTBALL**
- **GOLF**
- **KICKBALL**
- **LACROSSE**
- **MARTIAL ARTS**
- **OBSTACLES & PARKOUR**
- **ROCK CLIMBING**
- **RUGBY**
- **SCOOTER & SKATEBOARD**
- **SOCCER**
- **SOFTBALL**
- **TENNIS**
- **TRACK & FIELD**
- **ULTIMATE**
- **VOLLEYBALL**
- **WEIGHT TRAINING & WRESTLING**



Therapeutic Recreation

Limitless ways to play.

The district provides recreation for people of all abilities including youth and adults with disabilities. We provide a wide variety of program options that offer opportunities for our participants to engage in activities that promote socialization, skill development and physical activity.

Registration classes and programs include:

- **ADULT, TEEN & YOUTH OFFERINGS**
- **ADAPTIVE SPORTS**
- **COMMUNITY OUTINGS & FIELD TRIPS**
- **ARTS & CRAFTS**
- **COOKING & BAKING**
- **FITNESS**
- **FUN & GAMES**
- **OUTDOORS**
- **OVERNIGHT TRIPS**
- **SPORTS**
- **SWIMMING & SWIM LESSONS**



Fall program
registration
now open

about registration



Visit **register.bendparksandrec.org**
to view programs and
register.

Fall Program Registration Open Now

Registration is currently open for all recreation programs held now through December. If programs are full, please sign up on wait lists.

Winter/Spring Program Registration

Program registration opens for January - early June programs and winter/spring sports leagues:

- **Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 a.m.: Recreation, enrichment, swim and sports programs and leagues.** Program and league details online.

Once opened, registration is ongoing throughout the season.

Registration Options

Registration is available online at register.bendparksandrec.org. You can view programs, add activities to a Wish List and manage your household account. You can create a new account online or in person.

If you are not able to register online, you can register in person at Juniper Swim & Fitness Center, Larkspur Community Center, The Pavilion or the BPRD District Office. If you need further assistance, call Customer Service at 541-389-7275.

About Registration Opening Days

When registration opens for a season, there can be high demand for certain activities and a high volume of traffic on the BPRD registration website. To ease the load and wait, a virtual waiting room is used when registration opens each morning. To be prepared, read helpful tips online at bendparksandrec.org/how-to-register.

Out-of-District Fee Policy

Out-of-district residents do not pay property taxes that support the district and will be charged an additional 20% for most programs. If you need help determining if you live inside the district boundaries, call us at 541-389-7275.

Sign Up for Email Notifications

If you're not regularly receiving emails about seasonal program registration openings and other information, sign up for BPRD's e-newsletters. We promise to send you only the good stuff - no spam - and keep you up to date on programs, leagues and more. Sign up at bendparksandrec.org/e-newsletters.



Recreation Scholarships

We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to participate in recreation activities. Financial need-based scholarship assistance is available to qualifying individuals for many recreation programs. The goal is to remove financial barriers for community members with limited financial resources.

In the past year, more than 3,100 individuals have received financial support to participate in programs that provide safe, enriching activities and contribute to a physically active community.

ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **Visit bendparksandrec.org/scholarship to download application forms** or pick up an application at the district office or recreation facilities.
- **You may submit your application at any time; allow at least one week for processing prior to registering for an activity.**
- Scholarships can be used by children, adults and families for most recreation programs and facility passes.
- Scholarship assistance ranges from 25 percent to 75 percent of the regular fee, depending on the applicant's level of need, and the specific activity or program.
- Eligibility is based on household income and number of dependents living in the household, and aligns with the Federal Poverty Guidelines and other assistance programs. Generally, you may be eligible for scholarship assistance if your household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or Oregon Health Plan and are a resident of Bend Park and Recreation District. Some school-based programs are exempt from the district resident requirement.
- Scholarships are valid for one year. You must reapply for renewal.



Everyone can play. Additional support with program fees and equipment may be available through funding provided by Bend Park and Recreation Foundation.



Hollinshead Barn



Aspen Hall



The Pavilion



Picnic Shelter at Riverbend Park

Park & Facility Rentals: For Your Next Event



Consider a Bend Park and Recreation District facility or park for your special celebration, meeting or event. Offering a variety of buildings and places, BRPD has the rental spaces available to match your event needs.

HOLLINSHEAD BARN

rests in a lush park in the heart of Bend. The two-story barn combines the charm of its historic origins with a cozy, intimate atmosphere. Inside, the barn has gorgeous wood floors, a kitchen and an ADA-accessible elevator to the second floor. The outdoor space features a fenced-in lawn, two patios and outdoor benches.

ASPEN HALL is located in beautiful Shevlin Park, just minutes from downtown. The hall features open-beamed ceilings, polished concrete floors with wood-framed windows and a full kitchen. Doors open out to a beautiful patio, towering pines, lawn and shimmering pond.

RIVERBEND COMMUNITY ROOM is located in the District Office and available for presentations, meetings or small events fall through spring. The room opens up to an outdoor plaza overlooking Riverbend Park.

THE PAVILION welcomes groups for birthday parties and other special events and the indoor party room and outdoor Little Pavilion can be included. In addition, the entire facility is available during the non-ice season for event rentals.

LARKSPUR COMMUNITY CENTER welcomes groups of various sizes for gatherings, celebrations, meetings and other events. The event room features a maple hardwood floor and natural light. Various smaller rooms are perfect for meetings and gatherings. All rooms feature audio-visual equipment; details available online.

PARKS & SPORTS FIELDS are available for rent. Fees are based on the size of your group, park amenities, type of function and duration of your event. Sports fields are available for rent seasonally from April 1 to October 31.

PARK PICNIC SHELTERS are a great option for a variety of events, including company picnics, birthday parties, family gatherings, weddings, receptions and more. Fees are based on the size of your group, event amenities and type of function.

ART, SKATE & POOL PARTIES can be great options for birthday parties and other celebrations. Held at recreation centers and the new Art Station, activity-based parties are available for children and adults. View recreation center web pages at bendparksandrec.org to learn more.

Visit bendparksandrec.org or call 541-706-6149 for rental details and reservations.



Park Features & Amenities

Get out and play with our features and amenities guide.

Need to know how to get to a park?

An interactive map is available online at bendparksandrec.org and a print map is available at our facilities.

For additional information on parks and trails, visit bendparksandrec.org or call 541-389-7275.



Hollygrape Park



Canal Row Park

PARK NAME	ADDRESS	BALL FIELDS	BASKETBALL	DISC GOLF	DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS	FACILITY RENTALS	FISHING	HORSESHOES	NATURAL AREAS	PICKLEBALL	PICNIC SHELTER	PLAYGROUND	RESTROOMS (YEAR-ROUND)	RESTROOMS (SEASONAL)	RIVER ACCESS	SKATEBOARDING	TENNIS
Al Moody Park	2225 NE Daggett Ln	●								●	●		●				
Alpenglow Park	61049 SE 15th St			●	●			●		●	●	●					
Alpine Park	61355 SW Swarens Ave							●									
Art Station	1600 SE Reed Market Rd				●												
Awbrey Village Park	3015 NW Merchant Way											●					
Bend Senior Center	1600 SE Reed Market Rd				●			●					●				
Bend Whitewater Park	166 SW Shevlin Hixon Dr														●		
Big Sky Park	21690 NE Neff Rd	●		●				●		●	●	●					
Blakely Park	1155 SW Brookswood Blvd	●									●	●					
Boyd Park	20750 NE Comet Ln	●								●	●			●			
Brooks Park	35 NW Drake Rd					●									●		
Canal Row Park	1630 NE Butler Market Rd							●		●	●			●			
Columbia Park	264 NW Columbia St						●			●	●	●			●		
Compass Park	2500 NW Crossing Dr							●		●	●	●					
Discovery Park	1315 NW Discovery Dr			●				●		●		●					
Dohema River Access	35 NW Drake Rd														●		
Drake Park	777 NW Riverside Blvd					●							●		●		
Eagle Park	62891 NE Nolan St									●	●			●			
Empire Crossing Park	63145 Lancaster Street							●		●							
Farewell Bend Park	1000 SW Reed Market Rd					●		●		●	●	●			●		
Fieldstone Park	3750 Eagle Rd							●		●	●			●			
First Street Rapids Park	1980 NW First St					●		●				●			●		
Foxborough Park	61308 Sunflower Ln	●									●			●			
Gardenside Park	61750 Darla Pl									●	●			●			
Goodrich Pasture Park	941 NW Quimby Ave									●				●			
Harmon Park	1100 NW Harmon Blvd	●								●	●	●			●		



Discovery Park



Orchard Park



River Rim Park

PARK NAME	ADDRESS	BALL FIELDS	BASKETBALL	DISC GOLF	DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS	FACILITY RENTALS	FISHING	HORSESHOES	NATURAL AREAS	PICKLEBALL	PICNIC SHELTER	PLAYGROUND	RESTROOMS (YEAR-ROUND)	RESTROOMS (SEASONAL)	RIVER ACCESS	SKATEBOARDING	TENNIS
Harvest Park	63240 NW Lavacrest St											●		●			
Hillside I Park	2050 NW 12th St		●									●	●				
Hillside II Park	910 NW Saginaw Ave			●													
Hixon Park	125 SW Crowell Way																
Hollinshead Park	1235 NE Jones Rd				●	●							●				
Hollygrape Park	19489 SW Hollygrape St											●	●				
Jaycee Park	478 Railroad St		●									●		●			
Juniper Park	800 NE 6th St	●						●	●		●	●	●				●
Juniper Swim & Fitness Center	800 NE 6th St					●							●				
Kiwanis Park	800 SE Centennial Blvd	●	●								●	●		●			
Larkspur Community Center	1600 SE Reed Market Rd											●					
Larkspur Park	1700 SE Reed Market Rd		●					●	●		●	●	●				
Lewis & Clark Park	2520 NW Lemhi Pass Dr		●									●					
Little Fawn Park	61012 Parrell Rd		●						●		●	●		●			
Manzanita Ridge Park	62691 Mt. Hood Dr								●		●	●		●			
McKay Park	166 SW Shevlin Hixon Dr						●						●		●		
Miller's Landing Park	55 NW Riverside Blvd						●				●		●		●		
Mountain View Park	1975 NE Providence Dr		●									●		●			
Northpointe Park	63800 Wellington St											●		●		●	
Orchard Park	2001 NE 6th St		●								●	●		●			
Overturf Park	475 NW 17th St				●			●	●			●					
Pacific Park	200 NW Pacific Park Ln						●										
Pageant Park	691 NW Drake Rd						●								●		
The Pavilion	1001 SW Bradbury Way					●										●	
Pilot Butte Neighborhood Park	1310 NE Highway 20	●									●	●	●				

PARK NAME	ADDRESS	BALL FIELDS	BASKETBALL	DISC GOLF	DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS	FACILITY RENTALS	FISHING	HORSESHOES	NATURAL AREAS	PICKLEBALL	PICNIC SHELTER	PLAYGROUND	RESTROOMS (YEAR-ROUND)	RESTROOMS (SEASONAL)	RIVER ACCESS	SKATEBOARDING	TENNIS
Pine Nursery Park	3750 NE Purcell Blvd	●		●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●				
Pine Ridge Park	61250 Linfield Ct										●	●		●			
Pioneer Park	1525 NW Wall St						●				●		●				
Ponderosa Park	225 SE 15th St	●	●		●					●	●	●	●			●	
Providence Park	1055 NE Providence Dr		●									●		●			
Quail Park	2755 NW Regency St		●						●	●	●	●		●			
Riley Ranch Nature Reserve	19975 Glen Vista Rd						●		●				●		●		
River Canyon Park	61005 Snowbrush Dr								●								
River Rim Park	19400 Charleswood Ln								●						●		
Riverbend Park	799 SW Columbia St						●				●		●		●		
Riverview Park	225 NE Division St								●								
Rockridge Park	20885 Egypt Dr			●					●		●	●	●			●	
Sawyer Park	62999 O.B. Riley Rd						●		●				●		●		
Sawyer Uplands Park	700 NW Yosemite Dr								●			●					
Shevlin Park	18920 NW Shevlin Park Rd				●	●		●		●		●	●		●		
Skyline Sports Complex Park	19617 Mountaineer Way	●									●	●	●				
Stone Creek Park	61531 Stone Creek Ln								●		●			●			
Stover Park	1650 NE Watson Dr	●										●	●				
Summit Park	1150 NW Promontory Dr		●						●								●
Sun Meadow Park	61150 Dayspring Dr		●								●	●		●			
Sunset View Park	990 NW Stannium Rd								●								
Sylvan Park	2996 NW Three Sisters Dr								●			●					●
Three Pines Park	19089 Mt Hood Pl											●					
Wildflower Park	60955 River Rim Dr										●	●					
Woodriver Park	61690 Woodriver Dr		●									●		●			



Big Sky Park

Park & Trail Rules & Regs

- These rules are in place for the safety and enjoyment of all park users. Park users are responsible for knowing and following all park rules. This is a partial list. For the full rules and regulations text, call 541-389-7275 or visit our website at bendparksandrec.org/rules.
- For non-emergency police matters, call 541-693-6911.
- For emergencies, dial 911.
- Parks and trails are open 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.
- City ordinances require that dogs must be on leash at all times within the city limits (except at designated off-leash areas) and their waste properly removed. Dog “rest stops” along the trails and in the parks provide you with disposal bags and trash cans. Dogs are allowed in all parks except for Riley Ranch Nature Reserve.
- Do not litter. Trash cans are located throughout the park system.
- Vehicles must remain on roadways or in parking areas. No parking on district property between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- No camping, smoking or fires allowed. Alcoholic beverages allowed by permit only.
- Feeding geese, ducks, other waterfowl and wildlife is not allowed.
- Removing vegetation is not allowed.
- Propane cook stoves are allowed; charcoal grills are not allowed.
- Metal detectors allowed by permit only.
- The use of airborne projectiles, including golf and archery, is not allowed.
- Sales and concessions are allowed by permit only.

Trail Use:

- Some sections of the trail are on private property. Please stay on the designated trail.
- Areas along the river are sensitive wildlife habitat. Please do not walk along the river bank.
- Bicyclists are not allowed on some sections of the trails or in Riley Ranch Nature Reserve. Please observe pedestrian-only sections.
- No motorized vehicles allowed on trails.



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