

2024 Adaptive Recreation Annual Report

Boise Parks and Recreation's AdVenture Program (October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024)

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This was a year of transition for the AdVenture program. In the fall, we were lucky enough to hire Seth Hoffman as our new full-time Adaptive Recreation Specialist! Seth had been a part-time staff with AdVenture for five years and participants loved him! It was wonderful to have him join the AdVenture team on a full-time basis. Unfortunately, several months later, Sonya Buchholz, who had been our Adaptive Recreation Coordinator for 15 years, stepped down due to medical reasons. Luckily, Seth stepped up into Sonya's position and has been doing a great job! We hope to hire for his old position soon. Although there were many staffing changes, AdVenture did not slow down! Over the past year, we delivered an unprecedented 494 programs and achieved a record attendance of 10,432 visits. We could not have done this without our wonderful team of part-time employees, volunteers and the participants who eagerly signed up!

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated staff and volunteers for making it possible to offer such a wide range of programs. These programs play a vital role in the lives of so many in our community.

- Emily Kovarik & Seth Hoffman

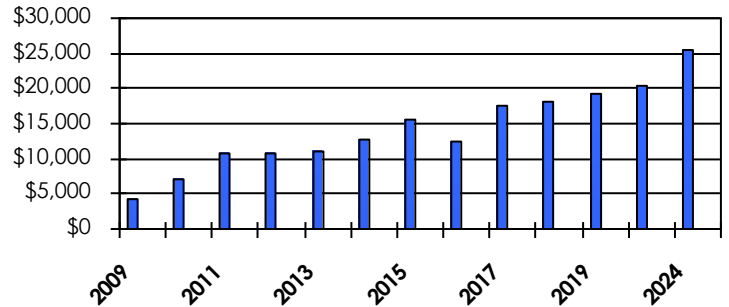


(Pictured Right: Seth, Sonya & Emily)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024

- A total of \$8,766 was donated to adaptive recreation in 2024.
 - ◊ \$6,156 was donated to the Idaho Youth Adaptive Sports Camp
 - ◊ Idaho Power and their employees donated \$500
 - ◊ \$2,110 was donated by individuals
- In Fiscal Year 2024, there were 1,148 participants (716 with disabilities) who participated with AdVenture for a total of 10,432 visits. Also in 2024, the AdVenture program offered a record high of 494 programs.
- In 2024, \$25,528 was spent on scholarships for adults with disabilities. Over the years, the scholarship program has helped hundreds of participants with disabilities be able to afford the different recreation programs. Participants apply for a scholarship on an annual basis and adults with disabilities are awarded \$500/year to help cover the cost of programs.

AdVenture Scholarship Allocation Per Year

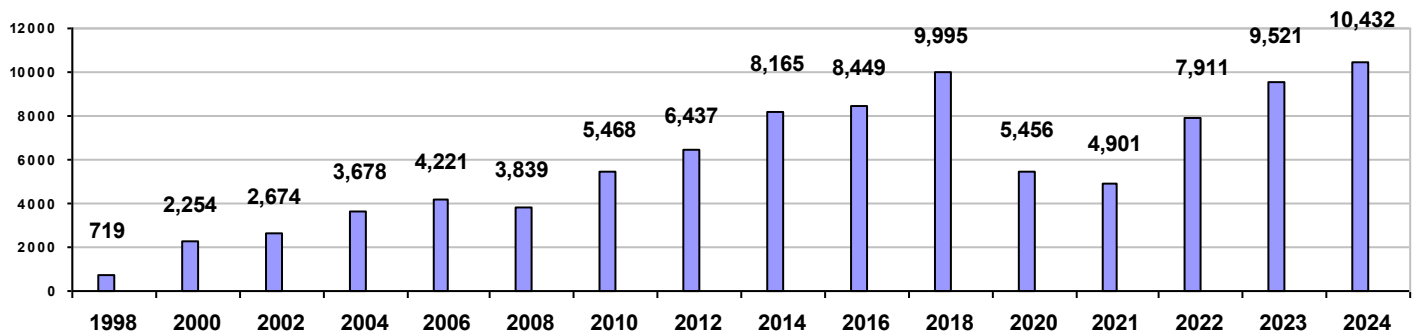


PARTNERSHIP WITH BOISE & MERIDIAN SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES

For the past 20+ years, AdVenture has been partnering with Junior High, High School and Transition Special Education Classes from the Boise and West Ada School Districts. This past year, 16 different class rooms participated in 44 events during the school day with AdVenture. Programs offered included: music classes, dance classes, drumming classes, pottery classes, tie dyeing, two bike fairs, disc golf and two large social dances. The social dances are for high school and transition include the Winter Holiday Dance in December and a Spring dance in May. Both dances take place during the day at Fort Boise Community Center and classes from Boise and Meridian join us. Over the course of Fiscal Year 2024, there were 524 visits by teens /young adults with disabilities and 197 visits by school staff.

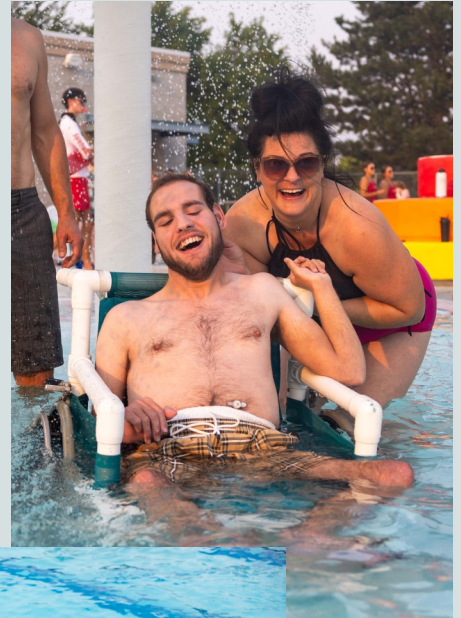


2024 ADVENTURE PARTICIPATION VISITS 10,432



INCLUSIVE POOL PARTY

What a fun night! There were smiles all around at the 1st Annual Inclusive Pool Party which took place at Ivywild Pool in July. AdVenture rented the pool for the night for people with disabilities, their families and their friends. Boise Parks and Recreation's pools are regularly visited by people with disabilities but this party was special because it was a party to celebrate people with disabilities. We had no idea how well received this would be. There was a line at the door to get into the pool before the event even opened. About 180 people enjoyed swimming, the water slides and socializing with friends. We were overwhelmed with gratitude from families for hosting this event, so in the summer of 2025, we'll be holding two nights of Inclusive Pool Parties. One parent shared that what made the evening so special to her was that her child wasn't judged and truly felt accepted.



VOLUNTEERS

Simply put, AdVenture would not function without volunteer support. We are grateful for our volunteers. While some volunteers are only with us for a day, others have been with us for 20+ years. In 2024, 122 volunteers donated a total of 1,620 hours for AdVenture. Using a figure from the Independent Sector hourly value of \$30.12/hr volunteers donated \$48,794 worth of services for AdVenture. The programs with the most volunteer support were:

- Idaho Youth Adaptive Sports Camp – 1,236 hours
- Classes (Fitness, Art, Dance & Cooking) – 198 hours
- Events (Holiday Party and ChairHoops) - 167 hours
- Wheelchair Sports — 105 hours



Once again, Boise State University's Service Learning program has been an invaluable partner to Boise Parks and Recreation's programs. The Service Learning Program connects BSU classrooms with community organizations in order to enhance student learning through hands on experiences in the work place and encourage students to be active citizens in their communities. In 2024 16 Service Learning Students from BSU collectively contributed 272 hours towards AdVenture programs.



2024 DONATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP: \$300+

Boise Bicycle Project
 Bob Caldwell
 Joe Corlett
 John Davis
 Challenged Athletes Foundation—Idaho
 Flying Resort Ranches
 Pam & Randy Geile
 Idaho Aviation Foundation and Idaho Aviation Community
 Idaho Botanical Gardens
 Idaho Physical Medicine and Rehab
 Idaho Power and Employees
 Idaho River Sports
 Idaho Shakespeare Festival
 Andrea Palmer
 Old Chicago
 Jim & Mary Slater
 Jeff Sparks
 St. Luke's Community Health Improvement Fund
 Howard & Merridy Wallace
 Betsy Wright in Memory of Michael Thomas

GOLD SPONSORSHIP: \$101-\$299

Cactus Pete's Resort and Casino
 Tree Clearly & Jerry Brown
 Barbara Cusick

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Donna Davis-Flood
 Dutch Bros Coffee
 Ivalee Huss
 Idaho Hunter Education
 Shelley Jacobson
 Frank Malquist
 Susan Moores

SILVER SPONSORSHIP

Blue Sky Bagels
 Boise Dairy Queen
 Costco
 Domino's
 Idaho Candy Company
 Idaho Wheelchair Tennis Association
 Lee's Candies
 Qdoba

IN-KIND DONORS

Blimpie
 Boise Hawks
 Boise State University
 Ceramica
 George's Cycles
 McU Sports
 Numotion
 Old Idaho Penitentiary
 Tin Roof Tacos
 Wahooz Family Fun Zone
 Zoo Boise

PARTNERSHIPS

Boise Area Pickleball
 Boise Bike Week
 Boise Bomber's Wheelchair Rugby Team
 Boise School District's Special Education Program
 Boise State University Service Learning Program
 Challenged Athletes Foundation - Idaho
 College of Western Idaho OT Department
 Gem State Falcons
 Idaho Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired
 Idaho Wheelchair Tennis Association
 LINC
 Open Arms Dance Project
 St. Luke's Rehabilitation
 The VA Medical Center



MISSION STATEMENT

Boise Parks and Recreation's AdVenture program is committed to providing quality sports, recreation and outdoor adventures for people of all abilities. By taking place in the most integrated setting, the AdVenture program shall promote self-confidence, wellness and physical fitness leading to a more independent lifestyle.