

2025 Adaptive Recreation Annual Report

Boise Parks and Recreation's AdVenture Program (October 1, 2024- September 30, 2025)

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In 2025, more than 640 individuals with disabilities participated in AdVenture programs focused on recreation, fun, learning, and social connection. With more than 400 programs offered throughout the year, AdVenture delivered inclusive and accessible recreation opportunities across the community. The program continues to reduce barriers and support a sense of belonging, made possible by 20 part-time staff, the support of dedicated volunteers and three full-time staff.

This past year also marked an exciting opportunity with the hiring of Laura Pape, our new Adaptive Recreation Specialist. With a fully staffed team in place, we were able to expand our offerings, launch new programs and classes, and better meet the needs of our participants. One highlight of the year was our Adaptive Sports Camp, which reached the highest number of participants in its 37 years with 32 participants.

We are incredibly proud of what AdVenture continues to offer the Boise community. None of this would be possible without the commitment of our staff, the generosity of our volunteers, and the enthusiasm of our participants and families. Thank you for being part of an amazing year and helping us make recreation accessible for all.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

- A record total of \$20,582.75 was donated to adaptive recreation in 2025, including.
 - ◊ \$18,385 donated to the Idaho Youth Adaptive Sports Camp
 - ◊ \$600 donated by Idaho Power and its employees
 - ◊ \$1,597.75 donated by individuals
- In 2025, \$24,007.25 was spent on scholarships for adults with disabilities. The scholarship program has supported hundreds of participants with disabilities over the years, providing up to \$500 annually to help offset program costs.
- Building on the success of the first Inclusive Pool Party in 2024, two Inclusive Pool Parties were held during the summer of 2025, welcoming more than 500 combined participants.
- In FY 2025, 105 people volunteered 1,726 hours to AdVenture programs. Using the Independent Sector's estimated volunteer value of \$30.12 per hour, this represents \$51,987 in donated services.
- The annual ChairHoops Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, held in March, featured 13 teams. For the first time, two teams included youth athletes from the Falcons Junior Wheelchair Basketball program, along with siblings and friends.
- 2025 marked the 36th anniversary of the Wilderness Within Reach Fly-In. Fifteen adults with physical disabilities, accompanied by a family member, participated in this unique experience made possible by volunteer pilots and the Idaho Aviation Foundation.
- In Fiscal Year 2025, 1,017 participants (including 640 individuals with disabilities) participated in AdVenture programs, accounting for 10,377 total visits. During the year, AdVenture offered 439 programs.

Celebrating 40 Years of AdVenture

This year marked a major milestone for our AdVenture Program as it celebrated 40 years of creating meaningful recreation opportunities for people with disabilities. While the program hasn't always been known as AdVenture, its mission of inclusion, adventure, and community has remained strong for four decades.

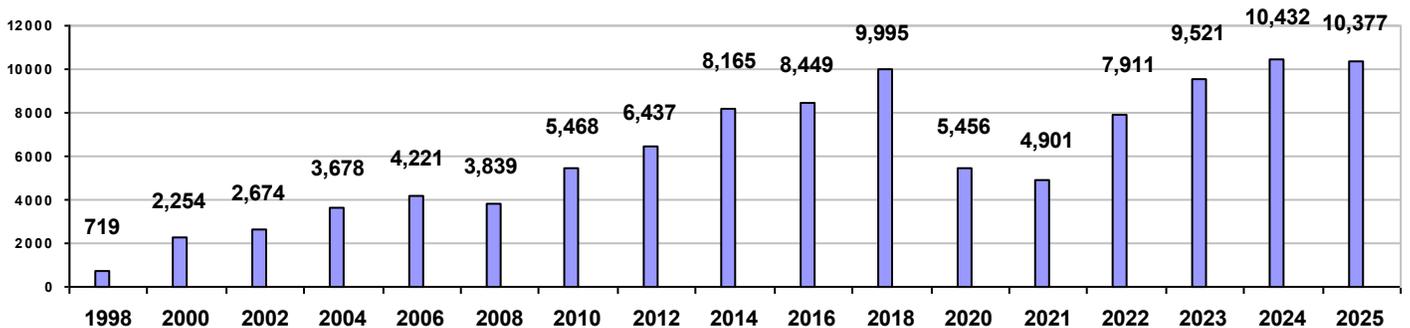
The program began in 1985 as a club at Boise State University under the name AMAS—Alternate Mobility Adventure Seekers. What started as a grassroots effort to make outdoor and recreational activities more accessible quickly grew into something much bigger. In 1997, AMAS officially became part of Boise Parks and Recreation, expanding its reach and impact throughout the community.

In 2002, the program was renamed AdVenture, short for *Adapted adVenture*, a name that better reflected its evolving purpose and wide range of activities. Since partnering with the City of Boise, AdVenture has welcomed more than 160,000 participant visits, a testament to both the demand for adaptive recreation and the program's lasting value.

Over the years, AdVenture has offered an impressive variety of activities, including canoeing, waterskiing, horseback riding, track and field, archery, kayaking, snowmobiling, and even scuba diving. These experiences have opened doors for participants to try new things, build confidence, and connect with others in meaningful ways. Many participants have been part of the program for 20 years or more, highlighting the deep relationships and sense of belonging AdVenture fosters.



2025 ADVENTURE PARTICIPATION VISITS: 10,377



IDAHO YOUTH ADAPTIVE SPORTS CAMP

The 37th Annual Idaho Youth Adaptive Sports Camp was a strong year for the program, with a record attendance of 32 youth and teens with physical disabilities. In addition to the athletes, more than 40 volunteers contributed a total of 1,071 hours in support of the camp. Six coaches led instruction in adaptive sports and skill development, three equipment managers coordinated equipment transport, and more than 20 businesses and individuals served as sponsors or partners.

Since its founding in 1988, the Idaho Youth Adaptive Sports Camp has introduced hundreds of youth and teens with physical disabilities to



adaptive sports, teamwork, and new recreational opportunities. Camp participants practiced a variety of sports, including wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, adaptive cycling, sit volleyball, and more.



Tragically, two weeks after camp concluded, longtime coach Chad Coleman passed away. Chad had been a dedicated coach for more than 10 years and was a positive role model for athletes and staff alike. He was known for his encouragement, humor, and welcoming spirit, and he will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers, Chad's family generously requested that memorial donations be made to the Idaho Youth Adaptive Sports Camp. Since then, many people reached out to donate in memory of Chad, and we have been deeply touched by the number of contributions. Thank you for furthering Chad's legacy.

TEEN SUMMER CAMP

Since 2009, AdVenture's Teen Summer Camp has been one of our most fun and fulfilling programs. Designed for youth ages 13-21, Teen Camp ran for nine week-long sessions last summer. This past summer alone, we served 27 different youth, giving them opportunities to explore their community, make friends, and learn new skills.

Parent of a Teen Camp Participant:

"Thank you for giving Emma an outstanding camp experience this summer in the AdVenture Program. I appreciate all your hard work and dedication!"



Led by AdVenture's experienced staff, the camp provides a supportive, small-group environment for teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Teen Camp is packed with fun and enriching experiences, including community field trips, art projects, behind the scenes tours, and plenty of time to socialize with peers.

Participants practice real-world life skills through hands-on activities including weekly "bus days," where they ride public transportation to their destinations while learning money management by budgeting a few dollars for the week. Every Friday, campers put their cooking skills to work by grocery shopping together and cooking their own lunch, building independence, confidence, and teamwork along the way.





2025 DONATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP: \$300+

Boise Bicycle Project
 Joanna & Marvin Buster
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GOLD SPONSORSHIP: \$101-\$299

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PARTNERSHIPS

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 Boise State University Service Learning Program
 Challenged Athletes Foundation - Idaho
 College of Western Idaho OT Department
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 The VA Medical Center