



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

131 Park Dr, Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Ways to participate in this public meeting:

- *Attend in person, location listed above. Please see the public comment guidelines below.*
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Tour of Rivercrest Park and Youth Programming - Tom Kissinger, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director

3. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the clerk. When the Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence. Each speaker is given 3 minutes to speak. As a general practice, the committee does not engage in discussion with those making comments. Complaints shall be addressed at the department level prior to addressing the committee.

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Staff Report

To:	Youth Advisory Commission	Agenda Date:	March 10, 2025
From:	Thomas Kissinger, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director		

SUBJECT:

Item 2.a. – Parks & Recreation Youth Programming - Tom Kissinger, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Provide Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department feedback on current youth programs, and ideas for how to expand or change youth services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Oregon City offers a variety of youth programs that promote recreation, leadership development, and community engagement. These programs provide valuable opportunities for young people to gain skills, participate in fun activities, and contribute to the community.

BACKGROUND:

Aquatics Programs

The Oregon City Swimming Pool provides a range of programs designed to promote water safety, recreation, and skill development. The Swim Lesson Program offers structured instruction for all ages and skill levels, following a progressive curriculum that builds confidence in the water while teaching essential swimming techniques and lifesaving skills. Private lessons and adaptive swim instruction ensure accessibility for participants with special needs. Additionally, in partnership with the Oregon City Swim Club, the pool offers a summer recreational swim league, giving young swimmers an opportunity to develop their skills in a fun, team-oriented environment.

Beyond instructional programs, the pool also provides open swim sessions, including Recreation Swims and Family Swims, which allow community members to enjoy the pool in a safe and welcoming environment. Family Swims offer an atmosphere specifically designed for young children and their guardians. To further engage the community, the aquatics team organizes a variety of themed swim events throughout the year, such as Glow Swims, which create a nighttime swim experience enhanced with glowing lights, the Halloween Swamp Swim featuring spooky decorations and music, and the Pool Egg Hunt, where children collect eggs from the water and exchange them for prizes. These events add excitement and unique experiences to the regular aquatic programming, fostering greater community participation.

Summer Camps

The city offers engaging summer camps at the Oregon City Swimming Pool and Rivercrest Park for children ages 5-12. These camps provide a mix of structured activities, outdoor play, and opportunities to develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment. Campers participate in a variety of recreational games, arts and crafts, nature exploration, and swimming activities designed to promote teamwork, creativity, and physical activity. These summer camps provide a well-rounded experience that keeps children active and engaged throughout the summer months.

Junior Camp Counselor Program

The Junior Camp Counselor Program provides teens with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working with children in a camp setting. Participants assist camp counselors with running activities, supervising campers, and developing essential teamwork and leadership skills. This program serves as a valuable steppingstone for future employment within the city's aquatic and recreation department, particularly for those interested in youth-focused roles or simply wanting to stay involved with camps after aging out of them.

Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park is a popular summer initiative that brings families and community members together for free outdoor movie screenings in local parks. By offering accessible entertainment in a safe and social setting, this program fosters a sense of community and provides young people with an enjoyable way to engage with others during the summer months.

Job and Volunteer Opportunities

Our department provides several employment and volunteer opportunities for youth, helping them gain work experience and develop professional skills. Lifeguarding is one of the most sought-after positions, and the pool offers certification and training programs that equip individuals with essential skills in water safety, emergency response, and leadership. Teens interested in teaching can pursue swim instructor positions, helping children and adults build confidence and lifesaving skills in the water. Additionally, camp and recreation positions offer further opportunities for young people to gain experience in leadership and customer service while making meaningful contributions to the community.

OPTIONS:

BUDGET IMPACT: