

St. Helens Recreation Program 2019 Annual Report



Our Mission

Building Community
Through Activity

2019 Recreation Highlights

New Recreation Center

In early 2019, the City opened a Recreation Center at 1810 Old Portland Road (the former FARA Building) across from McCormick Park. After upgrades and remodel work, the Center is now the headquarters of our St. Helens Recreation Program. Thanks to an indoor gym area with a full-sized basketball court, we have been able to host numerous classes and gym activities throughout the year.

Community Partnerships

The St. Helens Recreation Program is run as a partnership between the City of St. Helens, St. Helens School District, and Eisenschmidt Pool. In addition to these organizations, the Recreation Program has collaborated with many community non-profits, businesses, and government agencies to bring diverse activities to the St. Helens community.

After School & Seasonal Camps

In partnership with the St. Helens School District, the Recreation Program offered an after school care program for all School District children in grades K-6. There were 73 children who participated in the program. The Recreation Program also offered spring and summer camps for students when school was closed for spring break and the summer.

St. Helens Recreation Program Highlights by the Numbers

- SHARP After School Program... **73** participants
- Community Game Nights..... **84** participants
- Youth Basketball..... **42** sign-ups
- Movie in the Park Nights..... **250** participants
- 33** Youth Activities over the last three seasons
- 43** Adult Activities over the last three seasons





Community Activities

As part of the Recreation Program's commitment to providing low-cost activities to the community, there were a number of free events that the Recreation Program hosted in 2019 geared toward bringing the entire community together. This included the Movies in the Park series, Community Game Nights, and Community Cafe soup nights.

Adult Activities

The Recreation Program is committed to providing a variety of activities to meet the needs of all age groups in the community. Adult activities in 2019 included arts and craft classes (Paint Nights, knitting and beading classes, beginning fly tying), physical fitness opportunities (tennis meet ups, open gym basketball, walking groups, Zumba), as well as unique opportunities such as CPR training and Speed Friending events.

Youth Activities

From babies to teens, the St. Helens Recreation Program hosts activities to meet the needs of all youth in the community. Older kids can enjoy regular Teen and Tween Nights, cooking classes, and sport-centric meet-ups, while younger children can participate in a number of play groups, beginning sports instruction, and movement classes for tots and their parents.

Recreation Program Community Supporters and Sponsors

City of St. Helens	NW Regional ESD
St. Helens SD	Digital Graphiti
Ford Family Foundation	Running Dogs Brewery
Columbia Pacific	Richardson's Furniture
Coordinated Care	FC Columbia County
Columbia Health Services	Kiwanis Day Breakers
Columbia Community Mental Health	Walmart
Greater St. Helens Aquatic District	Friends of the Recreation Program
	OSU Extension Office

2020 Program Goals

- Increase quality partnerships with local organizations
- Increased participation in after school care program
- Secure grants for professional development and growth of the Recreation Program
- Collaborate with local sports league organizations
- Retain and build leadership programs for staff
- Develop a Strategic Plan working with the City Parks Department and City staff, considering future plans for the Recreation Program & Recreation Center