



# Youth Leadership Program Update

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## Presentation Agenda:

- Background
- Youth Engagement Presentation



# Background:

# What is the Youth Leadership Program?



# Youth Leadership Program

Proposal to engage high school students from across the Northwest Region to provide educational opportunities, information about careers at Parks, and receive feedback from students about attracting youth to local parks.



# Youth Camping Pilot Proposal

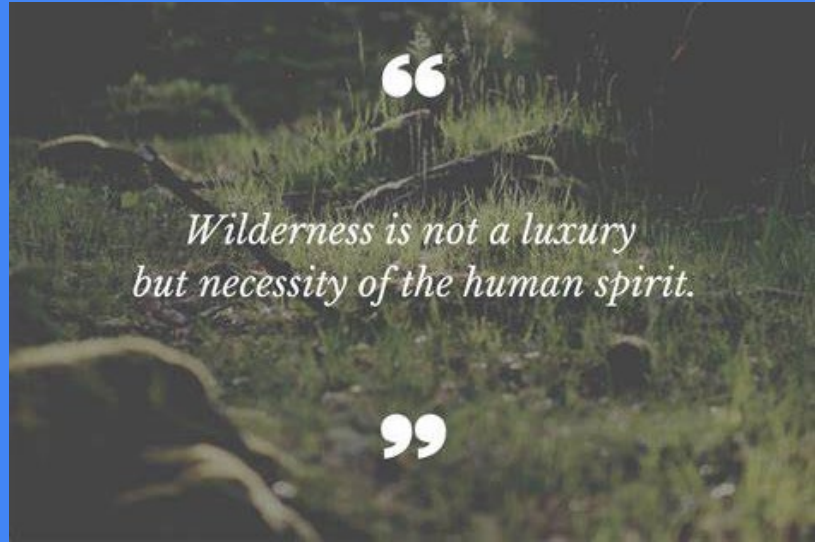
## Positive Outcomes:

- 10 sites across two parks are being utilized by 46 people total this summer (9 families).
- Collaboration between DEI, REI, Washington Parks Foundation, Friends of Birch Bay, Parks Staff and Intern Cameron Olson to make the camping experience a success.
- The program provides families that may not otherwise experience camping with essentials such as camping equipment, the site and firewood.
- Families and youth get to experience a nature walk on Saturday, Junior Ranger activities, assistance setting up camp, and safety tips.



# Recreation Committee Proposal

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# Background information

- Agents of Discovery
- Youth and Family Camping Project (trial program)
- Current committees on youth experiences



# Intro

- **Committee focus:** what recreational features with State Parks would increase teen/youth participation?
- **Project and design option(s)**





# Option 1: Possible recreational features in Parks— Outdoor climbing walls through *Extreme-Engineering*

## *Outdoor climbing wall:*

- This design is larger and more technically advanced than other design models, and may attract more teens to state parks
- **Cost: unknown as of now, company has been contacted (estimation = 10,000-20,000\$)**



## *Option 2: Outdoor zipline, through Extreme-Engineering*

Description: Fly-  
Wire Zipline: would  
be established in  
an outdoor area of  
a certain state  
park(s)

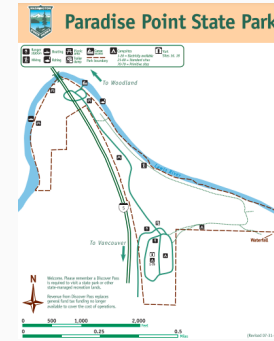
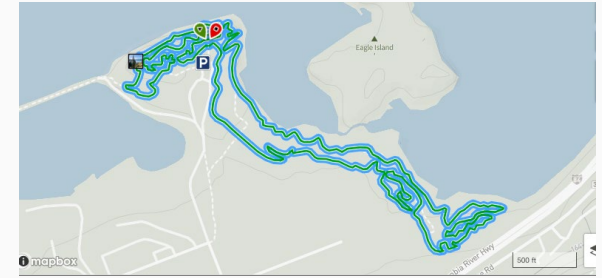


Cost: Unknown, company has been contacted for a rough estimate (by intuition, this would be more expensive than the climbing walls)

## Option 3: New trails within the parks:

Cost for Portland, Oregon's Gateway Green was: \$5.75 Million

This can be decreased a lot just by taking off most sections of the track. Grants and crowdfunding also helped cover costs for this project.



The Washington Trails Association, and the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, both rely on volunteers to complete many of their projects, so as far as my current understanding goes, there would be no cost for the state parks.

## Option 4: Archery

Description: →

Supplies from  
Cabelas

- This would be established in an outdoor area of a state park, perhaps in an area with a wide expanse of empty field.
- The arrows and bows vary in price depending on technicality



Cost: Bows for teens/adults = \$110-600

Targets = \$30-110

Arrows: \$50-120 \*packs of 3-6\*

## Option 5: Laser Tag

Description: →  
[BattlefieldSports.com](https://www.battlefieldsports.com)

- Big Outdoor Arsenal = around \$30,000

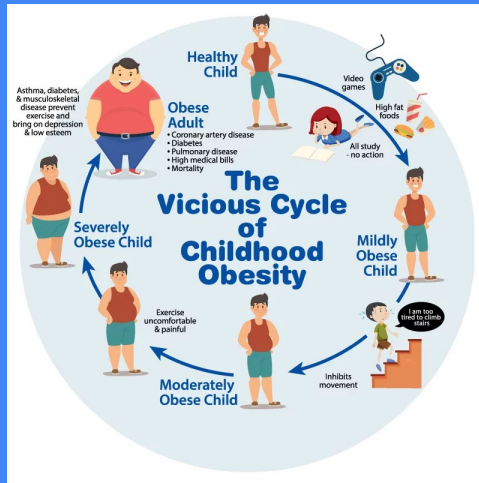
[LaserWar.com](https://www.laserwar.com)

- Basic Package = \$13,742



Cost: \$13,742-30,000





# 30%

of high schoolers (grades 9th-12th) do not meet the advised exercise amount by the CDC.

"If children aren't exposed to nature at an early age, they are unlikely to participate in nature-based activities as adults... State parks offer a safe and accessible way for today's urban youth to experience the natural world"

- *Walt Dabney, Texas state parks director*

# Final point

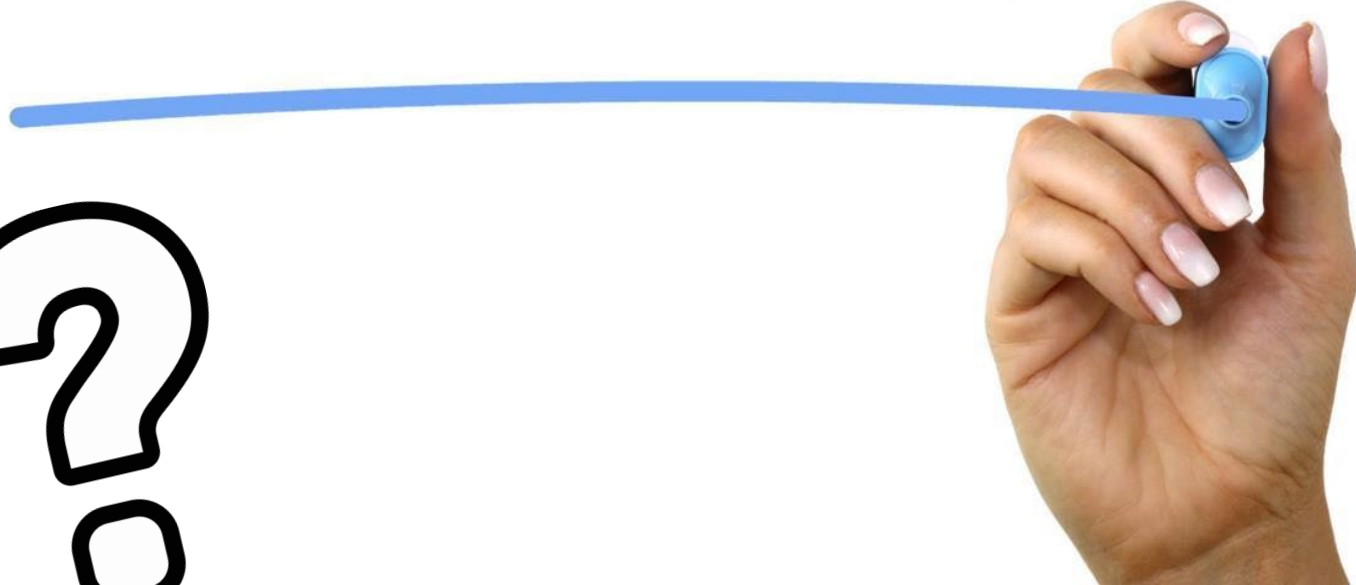
-Overview and conclusion

-Next steps





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# Thanks!

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