

Washington School District

Washington School District provides a valuable resource to the communities through the facilities and knowledge they have to potentially share with the community. Looking at the number of students in each district along with the percentage on the free lunch program helps to evaluate the types of programs to offer and to develop a fee structure that will correspond to the financial resources in the community. Partnering with the school district can aid in the development of a partnership in many ways.

Many municipalities partner with their local school districts utilizing the school facilities for a variety of programs that could otherwise not be offered. The cost to construct many of these facilities, such as a gymnasium, is often prohibitive, but through partnering agreements these facilities can be made available for community use. Following are some of the ways a partnership can work with the school district.

Staffing

- Encourage student volunteers
- Involve teachers in programs outside of normal school activities.
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Programs

- Offer innovative educational programs
- Offer environmental education opportunities

Facilities and open space

- Utilize indoor and outdoor school facilities during off school hours

Equipment

- Use of specialized school equipment to print flyers and brochures designed by students to promote the use of area facilities and to publicize programs.
- Use of fitness equipment

Finances

- Assist in grant writing
- Reduce program costs by using existing facilities

The School District benefits to partnering:

1. Provide leadership opportunities for students.
2. Extend use of school facilities to all residents.
3. Improves the relationship of school with the residents
4. Utilize the knowledge of the teachers in programs offered to the community.
5. Provides the teachers opportunities to earn additional income through instructor fees.
6. Avoids duplication of facilities.

Washington and Jefferson College

Washington Jefferson College is a key part of the Washington community bringing 1,500 students to the area. Following are benefits that could be derived from a partnership with the College:

Administration

- Utilize the Colleges knowledge in ensuring risk management is incorporated into facilities, maintenance and programs.
- Assist the region in marketing and promotion of area facilities and programs.

Staffing

- Encourage student volunteers
- Providing opportunities for College students to do internship and practicum's planning, organizing and supervising programs
- Involve professors in programs outside of the normal classroom activities.

Programs

- Offer unique educational programs
- Offer environmental education opportunities
- Offer special needs programs using College facilities

Facilities and open space

- Utilize indoor recreation facilities, when available
- Use outdoor facilities when not in use by the College

Equipment

- Use of specialized school equipment to print flyers and brochures designed by students to promote the use of area facilities and to publicize programs.

Finances

- Assist in grant writing
- Reduce program costs by using existing facilities
- Assist with financing certain programs and facilities

The College would benefit from the partnership by:

1. Providing leadership opportunities for students.
2. Receiving additional revenues from the use of the facilities.
3. Improved relationships with area residents
4. Utilization of the professors knowledge in programs offered to the community.
5. Providing the professors opportunities to earn additional income through instructor fees charged for participation in programs.
6. Coordination of facility development to meet the needs of the College and the Washington area, while avoiding duplication of facilities.

Washington Hospital

The Washington Hospital is a great asset located near Interstate 70 in City of Washington.

Administration

- Marketing programs

Staffing

- Providing instructors for wellness programs.

Programs

- Offer wellness programs
- Offer programs to fight childhood obesity
- Offer weight loss programs for adults

Finances

- Assist in funding facilities.

The Washington Hospital would benefit from the partnership by:

1. Providing leadership in the area of health related activities.
2. Creating a greater awareness of the hospital and its facilities.
3. Coordination of facility development to meet the needs of the hospital.
4. Assistance with offering programs for people with special needs and ensuring Inclusion is provided as part of all programs offered in the area.

Frontier History Center

Many people enjoy learning about the history of their area, while others will travel to an area to learn about its history. The Frontier History Center has preserved some of the history of the Washington area through the development and preservation of historical structures in Washington Community Park. At various time throughout the year they offer a variety of programs to educate participants about various other aspects of history.

Programs

- Offer historical programs at the park

The benefits to the Frontier History Center are:

1. Increased exposure of the center to the public
2. Ability to increase advertising of programs
3. Potential for increased revenues to further enhance the historical artifacts of the center.

Service Organizations

Service organizations are part of every community. A large part of their service to the community is raising funds and dispersing them to good causes in the community. The support programs and the development of facilities in parks is one of the many causes that these organizations often support. Considering service organizations as can be a substantial benefit to the area.

Staffing

- Volunteer staffing at activities

Financing

- Contributions to projects

The service organizations would benefit in the following ways:

1. Another way to achieve their mission in the community.
2. Potential to increase membership in the organization.
3. Providing the public with a better understanding of their organization.

Sports Associations

Sports associations comprise a major part of park facility usage. Since they are in the parks and using the facilities on a regular basis, their support is crucial to the successful operation of the facilities. They are providing a service to the community through the programs they provide for the youth of the area. Partnering with these associations ensures continued sport programming, through agreements with them and continued improvements to park facilities.

Financing

- Improvements to fields

Sports associations can derive the following benefits from a partnership:

1. Better quality fields
2. More exposure and improved relations with the community
3. Protected use of the existing facilities
4. Increased opportunities for new facilities in the future

Scouting Groups

Scouting groups have been in existence for a long time and they are very open to working with communities. Many scouts grow up to be community leaders through their volunteer efforts and early leadership opportunities. Partnering with these organizations provides the area with benefits now and into the future.

Staffing

- Volunteering to assist at programs

Facilities and Open Space

- Construction of various projects

Benefits scouting groups can attain from partnering:

1. Opportunity to do required projects
2. Leadership learning opportunities
3. Opportunity to earn merit badges
4. Encourages others to join scouting
5. Opportunity to improve their community

Local Businesses

Businesses in the Washington area can play an active role in a recreation partnership, although it may be more of an indirect rather than a direct role. Since the economy of the area has a great impact on the businesses, establishing a successful recreation program can help enhance the economy, thereby helping the area businesses. Often larger businesses such as coal, gas, water, electric and trash removal companies are willing to provide support for recreation in an area to improve their image.

Administration

- Marketing and promotion

Staffing

- Source of volunteers

Equipment

- Donated use of equipment depending on type of business

Financing

- Financial donations
- Donation of material goods for door prizes, raffles, auctions, etc.

Businesses can benefit from a partnership and expanded recreation through:

1. Improved public relations
2. More exposure to the public
3. Improved economy
4. Potentially drawing more tourists to the area
5. Increased business