

Idaho Afterschool Network

Moscow Group Discussion

Gaps / Challenges

- Scheduling ages to programs
- Programs that fit at-risk youth
- Transportation (cost/availability)
- Knowledge about what's available
- Engaging elders
- Variety - music/art
- Kids don't fit the group
- Disconnected from conferences/resources etc.
- Mentoring
- Continuity/turnover
- Live music for teens
- Communication

Obstacles (for youth)

- Schedules
- Working families
- Obligations that pull kids away from enrichment
- Youth not interested in what's available
- Transportation
- Liability
- Funding
- Discrimination against certain youth
- Buy-in
- Staff training /general attitudes toward youth
- Appropriate activity level
- Volunteer retention
- Continuity
- Advertising/press (communication with community)
- Duplicating efforts from different organization
- School district resistance/requirements (how do we get info to them?)

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Partners (missing & needed)

- Parks n' Rec
- City
- Center of Arts/History
- Beautiful downtown Lewiston
- Service organizations
- Chamber of commerce
- Tribes/cultural groups
- Schools
- Press (free, local, regional)

Opportunities

- Monetary incentive to students for out of school programs
- Informed choices
- Better routes/hours for free us system
- Utilizing senior populations
- Bookmobile/bus - meet youth where they are at
- Have students volunteer
- Cosplay weapons building - crafting, physicality, community
- Staff training, pervasive positivity/welcoming to all youth
- Community engagement
- Strengthening training, trauma-informed
- Training for athletes - free
- Bike check-out
- Advertise with utility company
- Collaboration
- One-stop shop
- Aggregator
- Unified source for information
- Unified calendar
- Social media
- Communicate directly to youth

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What is happening in your region?

- Local cosplay - to incorporate fabrication
- Resiliency center in Clarkston working toward positive staff training
- Paper Tigers - documentary
- Road runners - use to recruit mentors?
- Mamba - mountain biking
- Palouse bike cooperative
- Library - Lewiston partnering with Parks and Recs
- Punk Palooza
- Center for Arts/History
- Music conservatory in Sandpoint
- Utility bills with community advertisements
- Parents are gathering info through schools, not students

What do we want to provide for youth in our region?

- Activity of endurance/exhaustive
- Music/Arts education
- Safe and loving environment
- Stability
- Self-efficacy
- Connect youth to their futures and dreams (informed decisions)
- Sense of community
- Equal access to resources
- Life skills - life-long learning
- Tools to find their voice