



Middle School Student Survey Summary

Carmichael Parks Foundation



Survey results regarding student interests in potential recreation and park programs will inform discussions around future offerings. The survey was conducted in January 2024 at John Barrett and Will Rogers Middle Schools and was voluntary on the part of the students after viewing a short introductory video.

Response Rates. Over 550 students at the two schools participated, 44% of those enrolled, offering reliable results for the Foundation and Carmichael Recreation and Park District staff.

Findings

Participation by time of day. A third to half of students indicated interest in participating in activities offered at the school *after school* or *anytime*. Interest in *before school* activities was minimal at both schools.

Participation by activity type. More than half of respondents at both schools indicated interest in team sports. A third of students indicated interest in other outdoor activities, science/technology, and the arts across the schools.

When asked what activity(ies) students would participate in, a number of team sports, art activities, and science/technology were mentioned by students.

Participation beyond school days. Interest in activities offered on weekends or during school breaks varied by type. A significant number of students indicated that cost might be a factor affecting their participation.

Next steps. Results are being used to identify ways to provide more recreation activities to students in grades six through eight in the Carmichael Recreation and Park district.