

# youth questionnaire



Who knows the best places in Salem to hang out? Who knows what recreation activities are the most fun?  
Youth do! Your opinion counts.

Your ideas will help us create a better park experience for youth in Salem!



Please return this questionnaire at the meeting or event where you received it. Otherwise, please return in person or by mail to  
City of Salem, Department of Community Services, 555 Liberty St. SE, Room 300, Salem, OR 97301,  
or fax to 503-315-2567 or go online to [www.cityofsalem.net](http://www.cityofsalem.net) by December 1, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Kaffun, Parks Planning Manager at 503-588-6261 or email [tkaffun@cityofsalem.net](mailto:tkaffun@cityofsalem.net).

Please select one answer for each question.

1. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Boy or Girl (Circle one.)

3. What are the best places to play, hang out, or have fun in Salem? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you visited parks in Salem in the past year?

- Yes, frequently - twice a month or more
- Yes, about once a month
- Yes, a few times
- No

5. What is the primary reason that you use parks in Salem? Check one.

- Enjoy the outdoors or nature
- Use a specific facility at a park (such as playground or skate park)
- Play sports
- Picnic or just hang out
- Walk or bike
- Meet friends
- Participate in family activities
- Attend special events/concerts
- Don't use parks

6. What is the primary reason you don't use parks in Salem more frequently? Check one.

- Not interested/No time
- Feel unsafe
- Lack of facilities
- Too far away; not conveniently located
- Do not have transportation
- Don't know where they are
- Don't know what's available
- Too crowded
- Poorly maintained/dirty
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which type of park is most needed in Salem? Check one.

- Small parks in my neighborhood
- Mid-sized parks that serve several neighborhoods
- Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community (e.g., Riverfront Park)
- Natural areas (e.g., Minto Brown Island Park)
- Parks consisting primarily of sports fields (e.g., Wallace Marine Park)
- Parks with river, creek or water frontage
- Multi-use trails or paths for walking, biking, etc.
- No additional parks or natural areas are needed

8. Which of the following specialized facilities is most needed in Salem? Check one.

- Trails
- Sports fields
- Courts for basketball, volleyball or tennis
- Swimming pools
- Skate parks
- Indoor recreation or community centers
- Fishing and boating areas
- No new facilities are needed
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

9. What types of recreation activities are most needed in Salem? Check one.

- Outdoor/environmental programs (hiking, canoeing, nature programs, etc.)
- Extreme sports/outdoor adventure (rock climbing, snowboarding, etc.)
- Aquatic programs (swimming, scuba diving, water fitness, etc.)
- Special events (dances, concerts in the park, festivals, etc.)
- Sports (baseball, ultimate frisbee)
- Arts (performing, visual, cultural)
- Drop-in activities (gymnasium, game room, computers, etc.)
- Job-related activities (volunteer, internship, or employment opportunities)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- No new activities are needed

10. Where do you usually go after school? Please check the place you most often go. Check one.

- Home/friend's house
- Community center
- To a park
- To work or volunteer
- Organized sports (soccer, baseball, etc.)
- School activities (other than sports)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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11. What activities have you done in the past 2 years? For each activity you participate in, please check the box that most closely represents how often you participate when the activity is in season.

|                           | More than once a week | Once a week | 1-2 times a month | Few times a year | Not at all |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Baseball (hardball)       |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Basketball                |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Bicycling                 |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Bird watching/feeding     |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Camping (tent/RV/yurt)    |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Canoe/kayaking            |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Community events/concerts |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Cultural events (attend)  |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Dog walking               |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Environmental activities  |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Exercising/aerobics       |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Fishing                   |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Gardening                 |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Golf                      |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Lacrosse                  |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Jogging/running           |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Picnicking                |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Playground (visit/play)   |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Skateboarding             |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Soccer                    |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Softball                  |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Swimming (pool)           |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Tennis                    |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Volunteering              |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Walking for pleasure      |                       |             |                   |                  |            |
| Other:                    |                       |             |                   |                  |            |

12. What 5 activities would you like to do most? Assume you have the time, money and transportation to do whichever 5 activities you want. Please circle 5 activities.

- Baseball (hardball)
- Basketball
- Bicycling
- Bird watching/feeding
- Camping (tent/RV/yurt)
- Canoe/kayaking
- Community events/concerts
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- Dog walking
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- Swimming (pool)
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- Walking for pleasure
- Other:



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