Advisory Council Meeting
10/21/2020

Outdoor Recreation Updates
University Camp: Pivoting for COVID-19

Online Reservation System & Online Payment

- No more keys
- No more visits to the Outdoor Center
- Site requests and payment can be done from home and computer

One step closer to a Texas State Parks-style of reservation processing
Outdoor Recreation Participation #'s: University Camp

Even with 3.5 month closure (Mid-March thru July 5), FY20 was the 3rd highest grossing year on record

Record reservations made at University Camp in August & September 2020 (Despite group capacity restrictions)

**August 2019:**
- Total reservations made: 77
- Student Reservations: 25
- Faculty Staff Reservations: 24
- Alumni Reservations: 28
- Total Revenue: $8,590

**September 2019:**
- Total reservations made: 32
- Student Reservations: 11
- Faculty Staff Reservations: 13
- Alumni Reservations: 8
- Total Revenue: $2,647

**August 2020:**
- Total reservations made: 123
- Student Reservations: 24
- Faculty Staff Reservations: 40
- Alumni Reservations: 60
- Total Revenue: $6,090*
  *fewer lodge reservations compared to in August 2019

**September 2020:**
- Total reservations made: 83
- Student Reservations: 31
- Faculty Staff Reservations: 23
- Alumni Reservations: 29
- Total Revenue: $3,545.50
University Camp: Additions, Renovations, Upgrades

Since the campus-wide shutdown after Spring Break 2020, University Camp remained closed until July 6, 2020. Between March 2020 through today, downtime was utilized to improve the facilities at University Camp, including, but not limited to:

- Water collection barrel installation in primitive camping area
- Replaced damaged tables, and re-stained all the picnic tables at University Camp
- Re-stained the fencing at the Day-Use Area
- Lined the perimeter of all campsites with locally-sourced rock features
- Repainted the Bathhouse exterior to remove graffiti
- Consolidated firewood storage on property with construction of a second dry wood storage shed
- Repaired the roof at Jeffersonian Lodge to prevent further water damage
- Installed shelving at the Beretta Pump House for equipment rental storage
- Cleared out debris and clutter to fully utilize the preexisting covered storage area for equipment
- Updated signage across the property to reflect changes in check-in process & parking
- Blocked man-made trails between challenge course and campsite 6 to prevent further damage
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- University Camp Entrance Gate Replacement
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- Repainted the Bathhouse interior. Removed damaged tiling and replaced with sealed concrete
- Book Library
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- Fencing Replacement Project
Outdoor Recreation – Adventure Trips

- All trip programming has been cancelled, since March 2020
- Trips not available in Fall 2020
- Seeking ways to encourage students to participate outdoors, away from our traditional adventure trips.
Outdoor Recreation Participation #’s: Climbing Center

Unique Participation Weeks 2-7:

- Fall 2019: 232
  - No Class Information: 3 (1%)
  - Doctoral: 5 (2%)
  - Freshman: 2 (1%)
  - Junior: 42 (18%)
  - Masters: 36 (16%)
  - Post Baccalaureate: 1 (0%)
  - Senior: 81 (35%)
  - Sophomore: 48 (21%)

- Fall 2020: 149
  - No Class Information: 0 (0%)
  - Doctoral: 1 (1%)
  - Freshman: 51 (34%)
  - Junior: 23 (15%)
  - Masters: 7 (5%)
  - Post Baccalaureate: 1 (1%)
  - Senior: 34 (23%)
  - Sophomore: 31 (21%)

Participations thru Week 7:
- Fall 2018: 770
- Fall 2019: 1513
- Fall 2020:

Sharp drop from Fall 2019, but still performing strong considering the current campus climate.
Outdoor Recreation Participation #'s: Outdoor Center

Reopened Sunday, August 16th for equipment rentals
  • Renters can enter the river from the Outdoor Center dock, or take off-site
Sewell Park remains closed for the remainder of the semester for all other purposes

The Texas State community has greatly taken advantage of the Outdoor Center as an equipment rental resource, especially as compared to previous semesters.

Fall 2020:
  • ~200 Standup Paddleboards, and ~200 kayaks rented
  • No tubes!
  • Rental revenue is on track to meet or surpass Fall 2019

Fall 2019
  • ~150 Standup Paddleboards, and ~150 Kayaks rented
  • ~400 tubes rented
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October 2020:
Questions & Comments

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