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GET READY FOR SUMMER WITH CITY OF SPOKANE PARKS AND RECREATION

We've got a great summer planned for Spokane with an emphasis on camps for kids, a full venue of recreation programs, and of course, the opening of the brand new Aquatics centers, splash pads and the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex.

The last two aquatic centers are ready for the 2010 swim season!

Ribbon cutting ceremonies and tours of the last two new neighborhood aquatic centers constructed with 2007 Parks Improvement Bond funding will be held:

Witter Aquatics Center

Wednesday, May 12, 10:00 am
1300 E. Mission (E. Mission & Upriver Drive)

Liberty Aquatics Center

Wednesday, June 9, 10:00 am
1300 E. 5th Ave. (5th & Pittsburg)



- **All six aquatic centers will open to the public on June 14th.**



- **15 splash pads city-wide will open Memorial Day weekend.**

- **Dwight Merkel Sports Complex will hold its grand opening celebration on Saturday, August 7th.**

The complex features:





- Six full size natural grass soccer fields
- Two full size synthetic athletic fields equipped with lights
- Five softball diamonds with lights
- One youth baseball field (may still be under construction)
- Concessions, rest rooms and meeting space
- BMX track with lights
- Skate park (may still be under construction)
- Neighborhood park with splash pad & playground
- Walkable connection to Riverside State Park



Please mark August 7th on your calendar and look for further details to follow.

About Spokane Parks and Recreation

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory and the many city-wide gardens, Finch Arboretum and the Urban Forestry Program. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit spokaneparks.org

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