

**To:** Jeff Betz, Recreation and Parks Director  
**From:** Steve Duh, Conservation Technix, Inc.  
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**Re:** **Mountlake Terrace Recreation, Parks & Open Space Plan**  
Teen Survey Summary Results

Conservation Technix is pleased to present the results of a survey of the general teen population of the City of Mountlake Terrace that assesses residents’ recreational needs and priorities.

### SURVEY METHODOLOGY

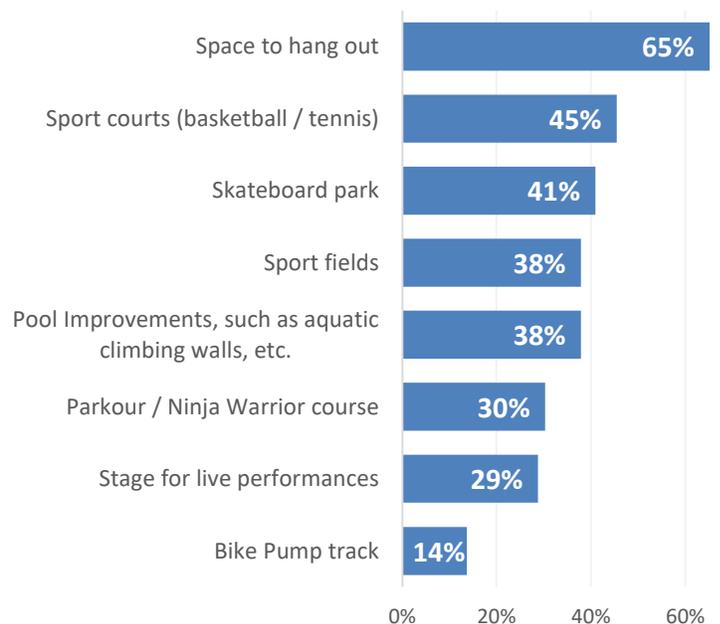
City of Mountlake Terrace staff developed a short 6-question survey to explore the recreational interests of local teens. The online-only survey was promoted at Brier Terrace Middle School and Mountlake Terrace High School in December 2020. In all, 66 responses were collected. This report summarizes the findings of teen opinions based on survey responses. Percentages in the report may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

### FULL RESULTS

#### What park improvements would Mountlake Terrace teens like to see?

Two-thirds of teen respondents (65%) indicated an interest in a space to hang out. Approximately two in five respondents noted an interest in additional sport courts (45%), a skateboard park (41%), sport fields (38%) and improvements to the pool (38%).

1. What would you like to see added or improved in Mountlake Terrace?  
(Check all that apply)

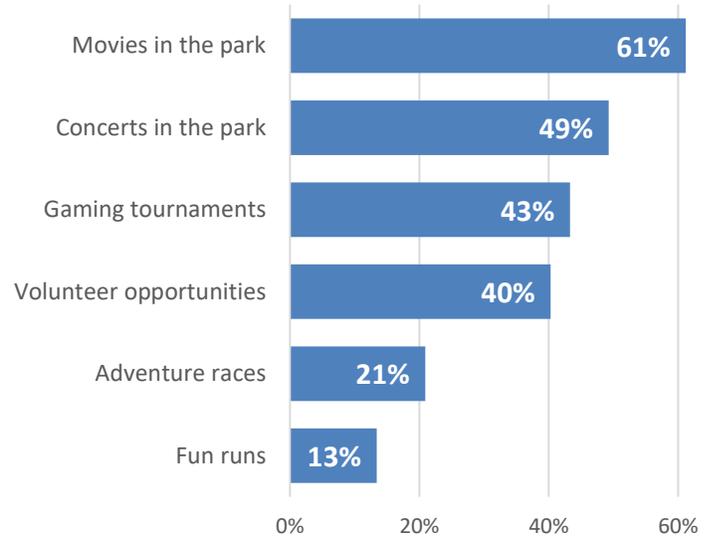


### What events or activities would teens do?

Considering opportunities to engage teens in larger community events or activities, they were asked about which activities they would go to from a list provided. A majority of respondents (61%) indicated interest in movies in the park, and about half indicated interest in concerts in the park.

Gaming tournaments and volunteer opportunities were supported by approximately 40% of teen respondents. Adventure races and fun runs had the lowest response (21% and 13%, respectively).

2. Which of the following would you go to?

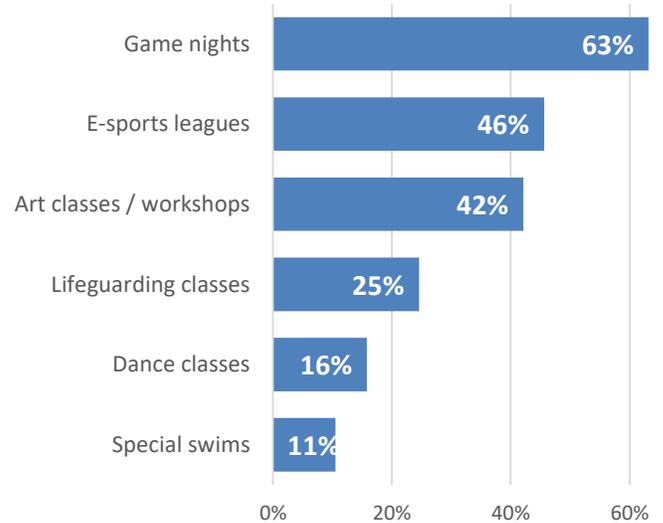


### Which recreation programs would teens register for if offered?

Teens were asked which programs they might register for if they were available. A majority (63%) preferred game nights. Approximately two in five respondents would register for e-sports (46%) or art classes and workshops (42%).

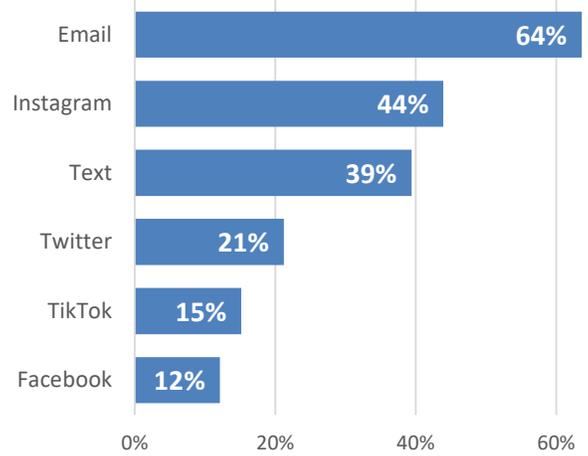
Lifeguarding classes were of interest to 25% of respondents, while dance classes and special swim activities had the weakest interest – with under 20% of teens indicating interest in these activities.

3. What programs would you like to register for if offered? (Check all that apply)



### How do teens want to get information about Mountlake Terrace’s parks, facilities, programs and events?

The majority of teen respondents would prefer to hear about Mountlake Terrace’s parks, facilities, and programs through email (64%). For social media sites, Instagram was preferred by 44% of respondents, which is more than twice the response of the other social media platforms listed (Twitter, TikTok and Facebook). Direct text notifications were of interest by nearly 40% of teens.



### Other Comments

The survey provided teens with an opportunity to share their ideas and suggestions via an open-ended question at the end of the survey. Twelve respondents (18%) provided written comments:

- More basketball courts
- Generally, preserve the natural beauty that we already have
- photoshoot area
- More places for the community to come together and connect with one another.
- More trees!
- More big events that brings the community together
- More parks with good space to hang with friends
- Maybe put lights on the field out front
- Courts or areas to play sports
- More creativeness and letting teens/kids make decisions
- Teen activities, like a night scavenger hunt, pool sleep over, teen gaming night, things like that
- Splash pad at park

### Demographics

#### Age

Nearly two-thirds of respondents were between 16 and 17 years of age. Another 10% were between 12 and 15 years, while 27% were over 17 years of age.

