



Year in Review

2023

Governing Body

Jeremy Lindahl, President
Haley Ledbetter, Vice President
Curtis Morgan, Treasurer
Cody McReynolds
Jayme Thiessen

January 2028
January 2026
January 2025
January 2027
January 2028

The Buhler Recreation Commission is comprised of five members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The five member board conducts governing functions which include approval of budgets, set goals and priorities for staff, and plan projects and new initiatives.

Youth Enrichment Programs



6 Summer Camps & Classes

Children and Babysitting Safety Class, Soccer Camp, Tennis Camp, Kids N' Culinary Camp, Art Camp, Cross Country Camp

148

Total Participants

↑ 4% **increase** compared to the previous 4 year average.



9 Days of Activities with 214 Visits

Partnership created with the library.



Wellness Center

 **11,880** Member Check-ins
(2022 = 6,402)

 **\$75,428.83** Revenue
(2022 = \$57,703.26)

Group Fitness Classes by Teresa Robinson

203 Classes **1,254** Attendees

 **New Private Swim Lessons**
began in October





Wheatland Park Ballfield Complex

Youth Baseball
and Softball
Recreational

88

Total Participants
from T-ball thru 12u

↑ 5% *increase* compared to
the previous 4 year average.

Adult Slow
Pitch Softball



25% *increase* in
teams compared to the
previous 4 year average.

Men's Church League

10 Teams 126 Players

Men's Church Tournament

8 Teams 94 Players

Coed League

8 Teams

98 Players

245

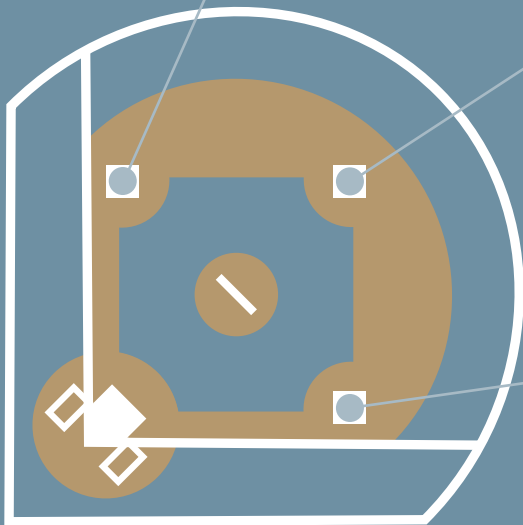
Games Hosted

6

Tournaments Hosted

191

Scheduled Practices



6,714

Concession
Items Sold



970
Burgers

507
Hot Dogs



Park Development

Wheatland Park Disc Golf Project

In January, Buhler Recreation and the City of Buhler completed a project to improve the Disc Golf Course. Improvements included expanding the course from 9 holes to 18, adding 6 concrete tee pads, and adding tee signs to each hole.

Becker Park and Wheatland Park Improvements

Buhler Recreation and the City of Buhler worked to lay the groundwork for exciting Park improvements. In May, 2023 the Reno County Health Department announced that the City of Buhler has received a grant from Pathways to a Healthy Kansas, a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas initiative, for \$100,000 to improve Becker and Wheatland Park. Additional funds were awarded through grants from Buhler Community Foundation, and Reno County Community Foundation. Improvement plans are expected to be completed in 2024 and include the following:

- Add a one-fifth mile, 6 or 8 foot wide, ADA compliant, multi-use trail around Becker Park

- Add a parking area to Becker Park
- Add trail amenities (benches, picnic tables, trees, dog station, & trash receptacles)
- Add trail lighting along sections of Wheatland Park's trail.



Recreation Programming Survey

BRC Staff administered a survey during the fall of 2023 to gather opinions and feedback on local programs and services provided by BRC and partners. The results of the survey were used to better understand community needs and wants to help prioritize valuable resources.

The online survey opened on Oct. 31, and closed on Nov. 19, with 178 participants.

The BRC Board held a workshop on 12/14/23 to review survey results to create a 3 year goal plan (2024 - 2026). The goals are listed below in order of priority:

1. Develop and implement a Wellness Center equipment replacement plan. The Wellness Center is BRC's largest revenue source and most users would like equipment upgrades to be the top priority.



2. Improve Communications.
 - Website, marketing, registration software and rain out lines should be improved as program offerings expand.

3. Improve existing baseball and softball (youth and adult) leagues.
 - Emphasize:
 - Umpire recruiting and training.
 - Helping parents understand youth sports collaborations.



4. Add Senior Programs.
 - Partnerships with Buhler Senior Center and Sunshine Meadows should be explored to better serve the aging population in Buhler.
5. Add Fitness Classes
 - There is significant interest in Yoga, Zumba, and Intro to Weightlifting classes.

Use the QR code to view the full Survey Results.

