

Iowa West Youth Survey

Summary

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Introduction

The Iowa West Foundation commissioned a short twelve question survey to be conducted of youth in Pottawattamie County, IA, regarding their recreation needs. The survey was part of a larger research effort to develop a Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment. This report provides a summary of the findings.

The survey was available via text messaging (SMS), phone (IVR) and web. A facebook page was published to help with survey outreach in addition to posting information on the project website. Over 1,200 mini decorative cards with information about the survey were handed out to youth and youth groups in the county. Local youth groups participated in handing out the cards, sending emails and spreading the word about the survey. A total of 90 responses were received from youth in the county.

Survey Summary

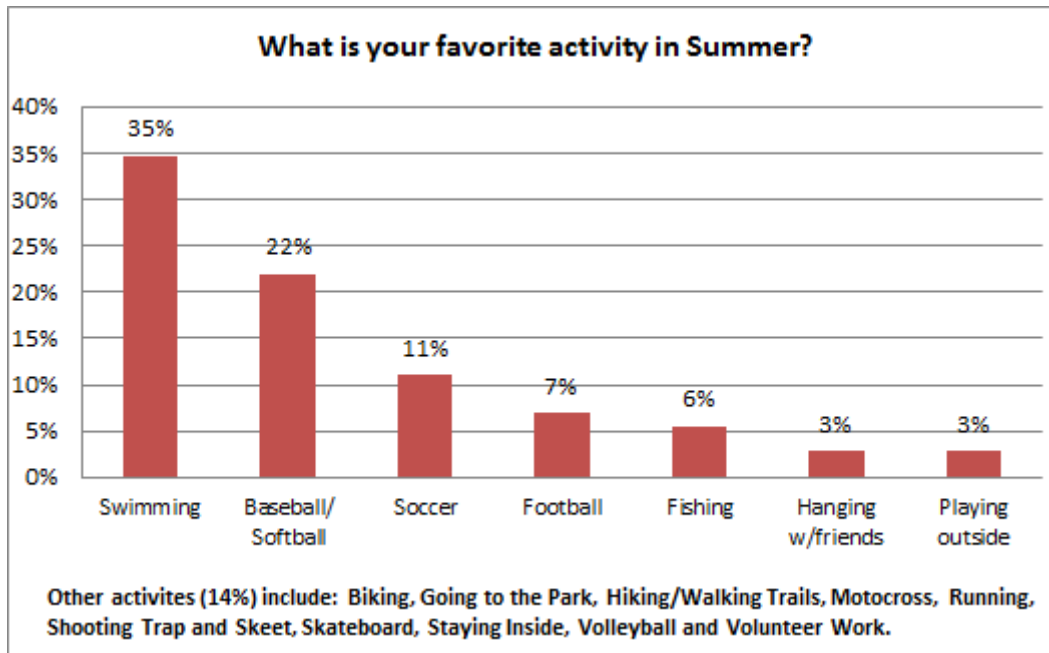
The largest percentage of survey respondents reside in Neola (45%) and Minden (21%), followed by Council Bluffs (16%) and Crescent (8%). These results are not geographically representative of the county but still shed some light on the recreation needs of youth.

Residence Location	% Respondents
Neola	45%
Minden	21%
Council Bluffs	16%
Crescent	8%
Underwood	4%
Carter Lake	3%
Avoca	1%
Treynor	1%
Grand Total	100%

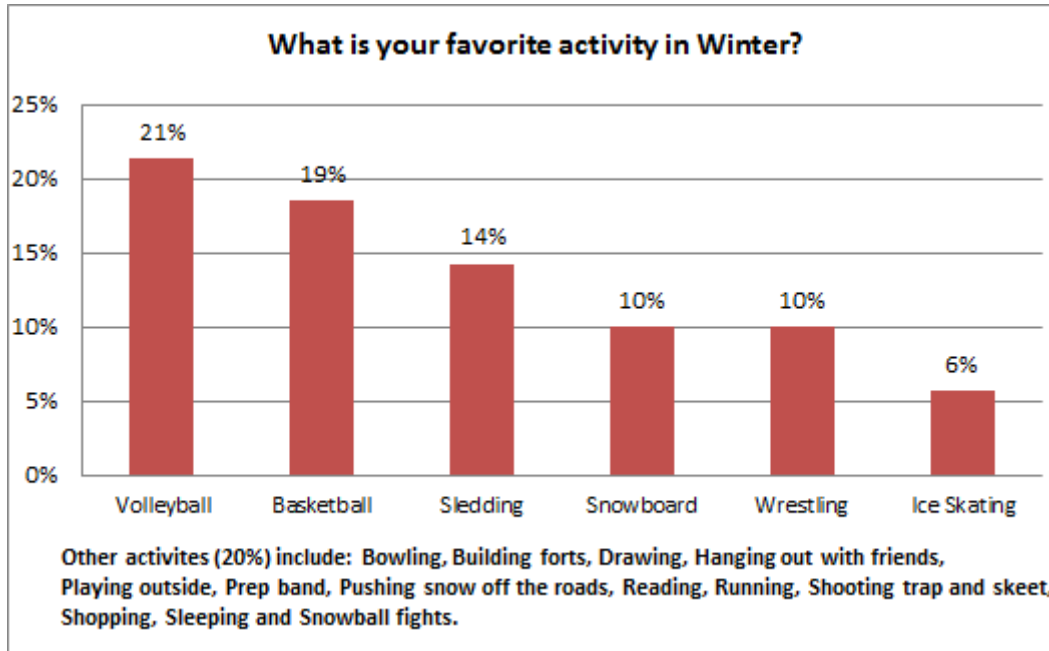
Respondents were almost evenly split between female (48%) and male (52%). They varied by age however, with the largest category being between the ages of 13 and 15 (68%), followed by ages 10 to 13.

Age	% of Respondents
10-13	21%
13-15	68%
16-18	8%
19-21	3%
Total	100%

The largest percentage of respondents indicate their favorite activity in summer is swimming (35%) followed by baseball/softball (22%), soccer (11%) and football (7%). Additionally, fishing (6%), hanging with friends (3%) and playing outside (3%) are popular. Female respondents most frequently chose swimming, soccer or softball as their favorite activity in summer while males most frequently chose swimming, football or baseball.



Overall, when asked about their favorite winter activities, the majority listed volleyball (21%), followed by basketball (19%) and sledding (14%). Snowboarding (10%), wrestling (10%) and ice skating (10%) were also mentioned. Female respondents most frequently chose volleyball, basketball, sledding or ice skating as their favorite activity in winter while males most frequently chose basketball, snowboarding, wrestling or sledding.

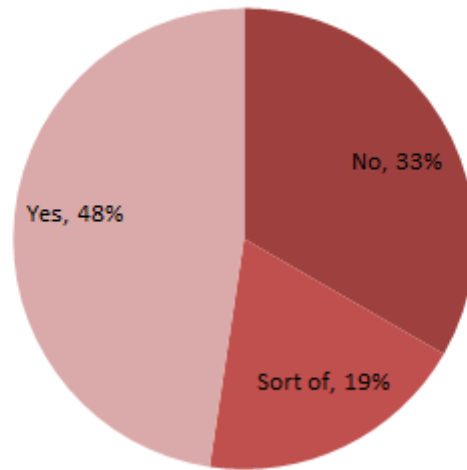


About one third (30%) of the respondents participate in organized activities outside of school. Activities include volleyball, soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, wrestling, football and swim team. A variety of sponsoring organizations are represented, including Avoca swim team, CBYSA, AAU, Neola Community Center. A full list of activities and sponsoring organizations is provided in the appendix.

Respondents were asked whether they feel there are adequate facilities located near their home. Overall, almost half said yes (48%) while 19% rated the facilities as OK and another 33% said the facilities are inadequate. Overall, females (38%) were more likely than males (29%) to feel there are inadequate facilities near their residence.

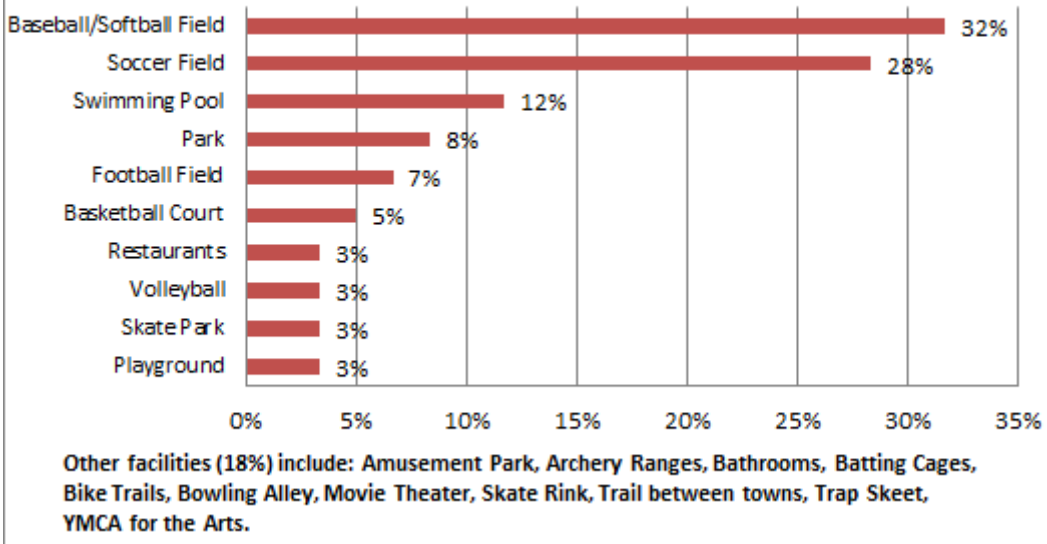
Of the three top responding communities, Neola, Minden and Council Bluffs, Minden has the highest percentage of respondents who do not believe there are adequate facilities (42%). The main reason listed in Minden was the need for new bathrooms at the ball fields. Appendix A has a complete list of comments in regard to adequate facilities.

For the recreation and park facilities that you use, do you feel that there are adequate facilities located near your home? ?



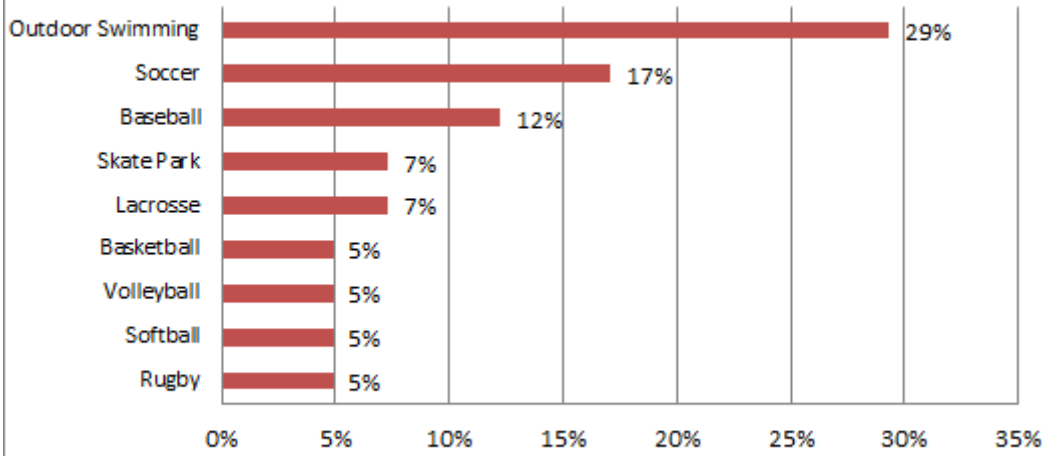
Respondents were asked if there are any parks and recreation facilities they would like to see in their area. Overall, 3% said there were no new facilities they would like to see. Of those that want to see more, the largest percentage indicated baseball/softball fields (32%) followed by soccer fields (28%), swimming pool (12%) park (8%) and football fields (7%).

Are there any parks and recreation FACILITIES you would like to see provided in your area?



When asked if there are additional activities they would like to see in their area, 16% said no. Of those that said yes, the majority want outdoor swimming (29%), followed by soccer (17%), baseball (12%), skate park (7%) and lacrosse (7%).

Are there any parks and recreation ACTIVITIES you would like to see provided in your area?



Other facilities (29%) include: Batting cage, Motocross, Gun shooting, Racing, Skating, Social Hangout, Trap and skeet, Swim team, Track.

Appendix - Open Ended Comments

Q5) If you participate in organized activities outside of school, what sports?

- baseball
- baseball wrestling football
- baseball wrestling football
- Baseball, Basketball
- baseball, basketball,
- baseball, basketball,soccer,golf,
- baseball, soccer, basketball, football,
- baseball,basketball,volleyball,soccer
- Basketball and Baseball
- basketball, baseball
- basketball, soccer, volleyball, and swim team
- basketball,baseball
- football
- football
- football, baseball
- Football,Baseball,Basketball
- Gymnastics / Dance
- lacrosse
- motocross,soccer,wrestling,football.
- No sports
- None
- shooting sports and bowling
- soccer
- Soccer, football, baseball
- soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball
- soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball
- soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball
- soccer, softball, volleyball, basketball
- soccer, street hockey, tumbling
- Soccer, Swimteam, Volleyball, basketball,
- soccer, volleyball, basketball,softball
- Soccer, Volleyball, Softball, Basketball Swim team,
- soccer,basketball,swimming
- Soccer,Football
- Soccer,Volleyball,Basketball
- softball
- softball
- Softball , volleyball,& soccer
- Softball, Volleyball, Basketball
- softball, volleyball, basketball, soccer

- volleyball
- Volleyball
- volleyball, soccer, basketball, dance, swimteam
- Volleyball, Swim Team, Soccer,
- volleyball,soccer,
- vollyball and softball
- wresling, football, baseball,
- Wrestling and Baseball

Q6) If so, with what sponsoring organization(s)?

- aau
- Avoca swim team, AAU, ENSA, NSL,underwood gym, Neola Area Community Center
- avoca swim team, CBYSA soccer, aau volleyball, Underwood High School Gym
- Avoca swim team, Cbysa,Neola Area Community Center
Avoca Swimteam, ENSA, NSL, AAU, Miss Tammy's School of Dance, Underwood
- Basketball
- bellvue warriors
- Carter Lake Parks, Cobra
- cbysa
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- Cbysa, AAU,
- CBYSA, NACC, AAU, WIGSL, Avoca Swim Team
- CBYSA, Western Iowa Baseball Asociation, the NACC, AAU, WIGSL
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- cbysa,wigsl
- Church
- Cobra Wrestling - Bellevue Bruins
- Drama
- ENSA, wigsl, underwood h.s. gym, nacc
- first christian church, garys tumbling
- MAA, Neola Area Community Center, NACC, Nishna Botna Valley League
- nacc, aau, western ia girls softball league,cbysa
- Nacc, wigsl
- Neols area community center, CBSYA, AAU
- neola activity community centter
- neola area commty center
- neola area community center
- Neola Area Community Center
- Neola Area Communtiy Center, Western Iowa Boys Baseball League
- Neola area commut. ceter,Tri-Center
- neola area ommunity center, minden baseball

- neola baseball
- the nacc
- The nacc, & WIGSL
- Tiarks School of Dance
- tricenter
- wester baseball football
- wester baseball football
- western iowa basebal league
- Western Iowa Baseball League
- western iowa softball legue
- Western Iowa Youth Sports, Grover street baseball
- wibbl, neola area communitycenter
- WIBL and Nacc
- WIFL, CBYSA
- YMCA
- Youth America bowling assoc. and SCTP boy scouts and 4-H

Q7) What parks and recreation facilities do you use now?

- All over town
- arohead park
- ArrowHead Park, I fish.
- Avoca Swimming Pool, Underwood High School gym, CBYSA,
- Baseball Park
- Bayliss park
- bayliss park
- Bayliss park and ymca
- Bellevue Fields - Roberts Park
- Carter Lake
- cb soccer fields.
- cbysa
- CBYSA Feilds
- cbysa feilds, minden feilds, arowhead, nacc, avoca pool,
- CBYSA fields
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- CBYSA fields, WIFL fields
- Cbysa, Avoca pool, Neola Area Community Center
- Cbysa, Neola Ball park, avoca pool,
- council bluffs recreation complex and lake manawa areas
- Graham Park, Bayliss Park
- Harlan Fitness Center, Arrowhead, Mahoney State Park, Prarie Rose
- Harry Koch, Arrowhead, Hitchcock, and Treynor golf course
- minden baseball feild, nacc

- Minden Baseball Field
- Minden Park, Minden baseball field, NACC
- minden softball feild,
- minder
- minder
- NAC
- nacc
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- nacc, minden baseball fields
- Nacc, Neola baseball fields , Cbysa fields
- Neola Area Community Center
- Neola Area Community Center
- Neola Area Community Center court
- Neola Area Community Center, CBYSA, Minden Softball Fields
- Neola area community center, minden baseball fields, cbysa soccer fields
- Neola Area Community Center, Neola Baseball Feilds
- neola area community center
- Neola Area Communtiy Center ,& Neola Softball Fields
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- Neola Arowhead park
- neola ball park
- Neola Base Ball Fields...
- neola baseball field,nacc
- Neola Communtiy Center
- neola park
- Neola Park, NACC
- neola softball/baseball fields
- One across from twin city
- only school's
- Persia baseball field
- roberts park
- Roberts Park, Cochran Park, Valleyview Park
- schools
- sports complex, sunset, valley view
- the minden city park
- The Neola Area Community Center, CBYSA fields, Avoca Swimming Pool, Neola Soccer
- Fields
- The school
- YMCA