

FRIENDS OF LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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Supporting, Promoting & Enhancing
Lake Sammamish State Park



Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I'm excited to report that FLSSP had an incredible year in 2023, thanks to the support of our dedicated community, which inspires me every day to continue volunteering for this small but mighty organization.

As we **celebrated** our 10th anniversary, we **hosted** community events large and small, **engaged** volunteers in habitat restoration and park clean-ups, **supported** accessible trail design improvements, and **educated** our community and park visitors. We also **strengthened** our organizational structure and capacity: hiring a new Executive Director and Operations Manager to lead our organization and adding eight new board members who bring a variety of strengths, passions and expertise to the table. With their support, we developed our first three-year strategic plan to guide our work as we move forward.



Jayme Jonas, President

We're grateful for your continued support over the past decade, which has helped us make significant progress in the park. Today, FLSSP is stronger than ever and eager to bring more **improvements** and **programming** to the park that serves as an **urban oasis** to many. We're excited for you to join us for all that is ahead!

Warmly, Jayme Jonas, President



FLSSP Annual Celebration, October 2023: Sarah Polster Tribble, Dan Hintz, Tiffany Brooks, Sam Elder, Jessica Schafer, Bill Way, Marilyn Wilshin, Bob Ulmer, Jayme Jonas, Jamison Rush, Prajesh Kumar Sugumaran

Mission

Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park (FLSSP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting, enhancing and promoting Lake Sammamish State Park for the benefit of the entire community.

FLSSP commits to making outdoor recreation and Lake Sammamish State Park more accessible and welcoming to all communities, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, ability, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. FLSSP aims to connect all communities to the environmental, educational and recreational resources at the park, and strengthen those connections through park improvements, community events, and community outreach.

Vision

We look to a park that will be an innovative model for the State's diverse system of recreational, cultural, historical, and natural sites in the 21st Century. Lake Sammamish State Park will be Washington's signature park for protecting and celebrating urban natural areas, protecting significant wetlands and wildlife habitat, while enriching the lives of visitors and providing a valued legacy to future generations.

2023 Officers and Board of Directors

Jayme Jonas, President
Jamison Rush, Secretary
Rich Benson, Treasurer
Bob Ulmer, Co-Interagency Liaison
Sam Elder, Co-Interagency Liaison
Dan Hintz, Restoration Committee Chair
Bill Way, Trails Committee Chair
Tiffany Brooks
Prajesh Kumar Sugumaran
David Kyle
Marilyn Wilshin

FLSSP Staff

Jessica Schafer, Executive Director
Sarah Polster Tribble, Operations Manager

Lake Sammamish State Park Colleagues

Shawn Tobin, Cascade Foothills Area Manager
Tor Bjorklund, Assistant Area Manager
Suzanne Kagen, Program Specialist



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2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SUPPORT

Engaged 340 volunteers who contributed **670 hours** of work picking up litter, weeding and mulching garden beds, grubbing out blackberry and other invasive plants, and planting new native trees and shrubs

Hosted 6 free and successful events centered on education and art including an introduction to the iNaturalist app; intro to birding; nature writing workshop; history walk; salmon sleuthing walk; and painting in the park instruction



Habitat Restoration, Tibbetts Creek



Landscaping, Sunset Beach



Walk n' Wag: Best Costume Winners



Painting in the Park

PROMOTE

1000+ people attended Signature Events, including Polar Plunge, Walk n Wag, and Camp S'more.

80% of Camp S'more participants were **first-time campers!**

36 contest entries for the Recycle Right campaign helped promote a pilot recycling program at Sunset Beach, encouraging and reminding visitors to recycle.

ENHANCE

1000+ gallons of litter removed during summer months in partnership with Kids Coming Together and the Lake Sammamish Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership

169 native trees and shrubs planted, including 8 replacement shade trees throughout the Sunset Beach picnic area

Restored a 1.5-acre site along Tibbetts Creek, completing this corridor's habitat restoration

Supported Trail design work for accessible trail improvements that will create a new loop throughout the park using the funding we secured for our Comprehensive Trails Plan



Summer Litter Pickup



Replacement Shade Trees



Native Tree Planting, Tibbetts Creek



Polar Plunge: Best Costume Winners

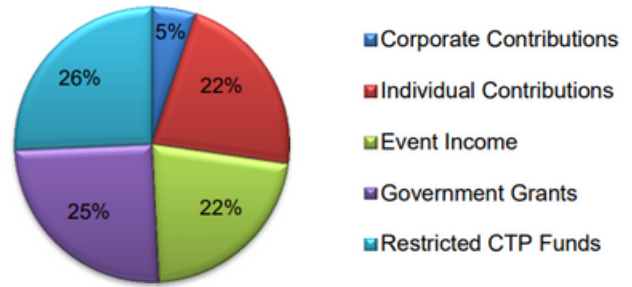


Camp S'more Junior Rangers

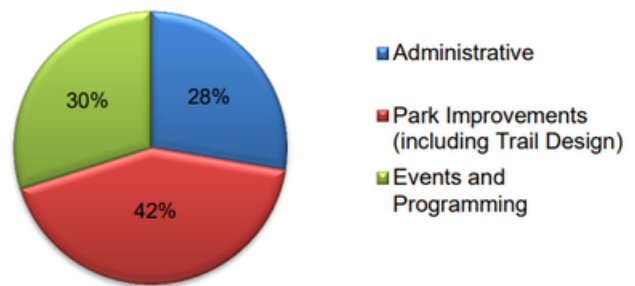
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

INCOME	
Corporate Contributions	\$8,101
Individual Contributions	\$34,441
Event Income	\$34,077
Government Grants	\$39,125
Restricted CTP Funds	\$40,000
TOTAL	\$155,744
EXPENDITURES	
Administrative	\$39,923
Park Improvements (including Trail Design)	\$61,272
Events and Programming	\$43,135
TOTAL	\$144,329

2023 Income



2023 Expenditures



PARTNERS

City of Issaquah
 City of Sammamish
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 Eastside Fire and Rescue
 Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery
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 Partnership
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 Washington State Parks

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