



# Bend Park & Recreation

OREGON

## Program Overview

Bend, Oregon is the county seat of Deschutes County and is the largest and principal city in Central Oregon with an estimated population of approximately 82,000 residents. The Bend Metro area in 2009 was listed at over 170,000 residents, making it the 5th largest metropolitan area in Oregon. It is home to Central Oregon Community College and the OSU-Cascades Campus of Oregon State University which together offer 2 and 4 year programs.

The Bend-La Pine School District serves the cities of Bend and La Pine in Central Oregon and the surrounding area, including the community of Sunriver. The district has 16 elementary schools, 6 middle schools (one is an alternative school), and 5 high schools, with an enrollment of nearly 16,000 students.

**KIDS INC, the before and after school program of the Bend Park & Recreation District has been in operation for 22 years as the provider of care for K – 5 children at 11 elementary schools. During the school year their high quality programs provide children with safe, enriching recreation programs that are conducive to learning and social interaction and where students are encouraged to pursue their interests, develop friendships and a sense of independence and self confidence. Activities are designed to give children opportunities to create arts and crafts, cook, construct, explore science and nature, play games, and participate in sports and games, all of which allow them to make choices for themselves.**

In addition to KIDS INC, Bend Park and Recreation District offers Operation Recreation, Kindergarten Care and a variety of Enrichment Classes. Operation Recreation is a full-day program operating from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during summer break and on most non-school days. Children enjoy a variety of enrichment activities including field trips, community service and specialty art classes. Kindergarten Care provides recreation and enrichment activities mid-day for kindergarten students in the afternoon, before KIDS INC begins. Enrichment classes cover the full gamut from Foreign Language Classes, Tae Kwan Do, Art, Pottery, Martial Arts, Music, Theatre, to Skate Camps, Cheerleading, Gymnastics, and other specialty camps.

Children who participate in KIDS INC represent the full spectrum of the community. Some come from families that can easily afford the program fees, while others are from homes that need the financial assistance provided through a scholarship fund or with assistance from the state.

***“KIDS INC is a lifesaver for working parents. The staff at KIDS INC is exceptional!  
They are creative, interesting people, with wonderful skills in working with children. Great program!***

**Karen & Steve Forte**, past KIDS INC parents who's two sons attended from Kindergarten through 5th grade

## Fast Facts

- KIDS INC is a recreation/enrichment program with activities that are theme and outcome based
- All staff receive criminal background checks and trainings in child abuse awareness, CPR / First Aid, and various areas of child development
- Scholarships are available through the Bend Park and Recreation Scholarship Fund and many families also receive child care assistance from the state
- KIDS INC is a fully inclusive program
- KIDS INC maintains an average of 40 staff every school year

## Promising Practices

- Because programs are based on school sites there is natural collaboration and good communication between program staff and the school staff. Children with all abilities are welcomed at KIDS INC. Children that may need special accommodations to participate and be successful in programs will be provided with additional support, including a recreation companion when needed
- Bend Park and Recreation District is an exceptional employer who experiences very little staff turnover because their staff are made to feel they are professionals and are rewarded as such. Bend Park & Recreation District offers competitive wages, part-time health benefits to those who qualify, sick and vacation time, free passes to the aquatics center along with discounts to recreation programs, and a contribution to PERS retirement account
- Youth development and recreation staff are also supported by access to the materials and equipment they need and by receiving the supervision, support or mentoring needed to develop skills to support children's behavior, work with families, etc.
- Staff also have regular site visits from supervisors, attend frequent meetings and are offered professional development opportunities whenever available. All of these practices have contributed to staff feeling like career professionals which contributes to retention and reduces staff turnover
- Sites take part in service projects which increase awareness of their community and the important roles they have in their neighborhoods and communities. KIDS INC staff consistently works on program improvement through feedback from parents, children, schools and staff

**Kindergarten Care** - For kindergarten age children, 4 - 5 years old.

**Days** - M-F on regular school days. Kindergarten Care is a recreation and enrichment program. Age appropriate activities are developed just for kindergarten children. Employees receive background checks, first aid/CPR and youth-development training.

**Times** - Afternoon session (for AM kindergarteners) from 11:40am to 3:45pm. Wednesday Afternoon Session: 11:00 am - 2:15 pm

**Kindergarten Care monthly fee:** \$265 per month.

Space is limited. Non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 For more information please call at 389-7275.

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**KIDS INC.** - Before and After School Care

**Days** - M-F on regular school days. For Grades K-5. **Time** - 7 - 8:45 am and / or 3:15 - 6:00 pm - **Location** - Local Elementary Schools

Part Time (AM) \$80.00 Part Time (PM) \$125.00 - **Combined \$187.00**

Full Time (AM) \$100.00 Full Time (PM) \$158.00 - **Combined \$243.00**

KIDS INC has staff dedicated to the care and safety of children.

Drop by any of our programs and see first hand the fun, creative activities and caring environment. Reserve your space now for the 2010-2011 school year online or at the district office. \$15 registration fee per program per child.

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