



SWIMBA

Southwest Idaho Mountain Biking Association

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION

At Southwest Idaho Mountain Biking Association (SWIMBA), our mission is to create, protect, and sustain a world-class multi-use trail network that embodies inclusivity and enhances the outdoor experience for all in our breathtaking region.



ADVOCACY IMPACT

WILSON CREEK TRAIL COALITION

In 2024, SWIMBA continued to strengthen its partnership with the Wilson Creek Trail Coalition. Together, we made significant strides in improving trail safety and accessibility. We successfully established new parking guidelines and secured the installation of a sign at the main parking lot. By identifying and addressing blind corners, we enhanced trail user safety through the strategic placement of warning signs. Additionally, we installed 12 new trail markers to improve wayfinding and navigation within the trail system. Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the securing of a grant to fund the installation of additional trail markers. Furthermore, we have initiated the planning process for future Travel Management Plans, ensuring the long-term sustainability and enjoyment of the Wilson Creek Trail System.



BROKEN HORN TRAIL (AVIMOR)

When the Broken Horn Trail was temporarily closed due to a revoked easement, SWIMBA immediately advocated for a swift resolution to the issue. As it became clear that a quick solution was unlikely, our focus shifted to securing approval for a re-route that would bypass the closed section. Through persistent advocacy and collaboration with local stakeholders, SWIMBA successfully obtained the necessary approvals to proceed with the re-route project.



ADVOCACY IMPACT

GREATER BOISE RECREATIONISTS

To ensure the long-term health and accessibility of our trails, SWIMBA actively collaborates with other recreationists and land managers. By joining the Greater Boise Recreationists (GBR), we have strengthened our voice and influence in shaping the future of outdoor recreation in the Boise area. The GBR is a dedicated forum that focuses on identifying, proposing, and guiding year-round recreation needs and goals for public lands surrounding Boise. By actively participating in GBR meetings and having a board member on the steering committee, SWIMBA is able to represent the specific needs and interests of mountain bikers, collaborate with other user groups, influence land use decisions, and protect natural resources. Through this partnership, we are working to create a more sustainable and enjoyable outdoor recreation community for everyone.



ADVOCACY IMPACT



EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY

SWIMBA is committed to keeping our members informed and empowered. To that end, we regularly send out "Advocacy Alerts" highlighting important issues that impact our trails and outdoor recreation opportunities. In 2024, we alerted our community about the Grand View Travel Management Plan, Boise National Forest proposed fee increases, the Ridge to Rivers Annual Survey, and the State of Idaho's support of transferring ownership of public lands that threatens access for recreationalists. By providing timely information and actionable steps, we empower our members to make their voices heard and participate in the decision-making process. Additionally, we conducted a survey to gather input on the future vision for the Wilson Creek Trail System, ensuring that our members' perspectives are reflected in the planning process.

EDUCATION IMPACT



6

RIDING SKILLS
CLINICS

8

MAINTENANCE
CLINICS

9

SWIMBA
ACADEMY RIDERS

SWIMBA is dedicated to fostering a love of mountain biking and promoting trail stewardship. To that end, we offer a variety of educational programs for riders of all ages and skill levels. In 2024, we hosted riding skills clinics led by experienced coach Levi Weert, empowering riders to improve their technique and confidence. Additionally, we conducted bike maintenance clinics, equipping riders with the knowledge and skills to keep their bikes running smoothly. To inspire the next generation of mountain bikers, we supported nine young riders by providing bikes and lessons, nurturing their passion for the sport and ensuring they have the tools and guidance they need to thrive.

TRAILS IMPACT

9

MAINTENANCE
DAYS

16

MILES TRAILS
MAINTAINED

12

NEW TRAIL
MARKERS

40

LBS GOATHEADS
REMOVED



WILSON CREEK TRAIL MARKERS

In collaboration with the Wilson Creek Trail Coalition, SWIMBA installed 12 new trail signs at Wilson Creek. These new signs replace older, worn-out markers, providing clear direction and reducing confusion for trail users. By investing in improved signage, we aim to enhance the overall trail experience and minimize the risk of getting lost.

TRAILS IMPACT



ADOPT-A-TRAIL ROCK ISLAND

SWIMBA has adopted the Rock Island Trail at Table Rock, demonstrating our commitment to trail stewardship and sustainability. In partnership with Ridge to Rivers, we worked diligently to repair damage caused by rain storms, ensuring the continued enjoyment of this popular trail. We are grateful for the opportunity to support volunteer efforts within the Ridge to Rivers system and contribute to the preservation of our local trails.

ROUTINE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

SWIMBA actively participates in routine trail maintenance efforts to ensure the long-term health and enjoyment of our local trails. In 2024, our volunteers dedicated many hours to maintaining trails at Eagle Bike Park during Dig the Park, Avimor, and Mahalo. By performing essential tasks such as clearing debris, repairing erosion, and reshaping berms, we help to preserve these valuable riding destinations for future generations.



TRAILS IMPACT



BROKEN HORN RE-ROUTE

Immediately following the approval of the Broken Horn Trail re-route, SWIMBA mobilized a dedicated team of volunteers to begin construction. Through efficient planning and hard work, we were able to complete the project in a timely manner, ensuring that trail users could once again enjoy this beloved riding destination. By taking swift action, we demonstrated our commitment to providing quality trail experiences for our community.

GOATHEAD REMOVAL

In a testament to the dedication of our members, a SWIMBA member organized a community effort to remove invasive goatheads from Peggy's Trail. Volunteers worked tirelessly to pull 40 pounds of these pesky plants, preventing countless tire punctures and improving the riding experience for all. A SWIMBA board member then went the extra mile by hauling the collected goatheads away, ensuring that they would not reseed and continue to plague the trail. This grassroots initiative highlights the power of community involvement in maintaining our local trails.



TRAILS IMPACT



PROJECT INCLUSIVE EASEMENT

A major milestone was reached for Project Inclusive in 2024. SWIMBA secured an easement from Avimor, paving the way for the construction of a purpose-built trail system designed to be accessible to all riders, including those using adaptive bikes. This exciting development represents a significant step towards creating a more inclusive and welcoming mountain biking experience for the entire community.

TRAILS IMPACT

HEADWATERS TRAIL CLEARING

A dedicated group of volunteers worked tirelessly to improve the Headwaters Trail. By clearing overgrown sections, they enhanced the riding experience for all trail users. This collaborative effort, supported by the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, demonstrates the power of community and the passion of local mountain bikers.



JOINT TRAIL WORK DAY

SWIMBA joined forces with CIMBA and CITRA for a productive trail work day in McCall. Together, we tackled approximately 6 miles of trail, making substantial improvements to the riding experience. This collaborative effort highlights the power of uniting mountain biking communities to preserve and enhance our public lands.

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VOLUNTEER HOURS
DEDICATED TO TRAIL WORK

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



OUR FAVORITE TRAILS CHALLENGE

In October, SWIMBA hosted the Our Favorite Trails Challenge, a month-long event encouraging riders to explore the diverse trails in the Boise area. Over 100 riders participated, logging countless miles on iconic trails from the Boise foothills to Wilson Creek. This event not only promoted physical activity and outdoor recreation but also fostered a sense of community among local mountain bikers.

BOISE MTN BIKE FESTIVAL

SWIMBA was excited to participate in the Boise Mountain Bike Festival, connecting with fellow riders, promoting our mission, and raising funds for future trail projects. The event provided an opportunity to engage with the community. By partnering with local vendors and hosting a raffle, SWIMBA raised funds to support trail initiatives, demonstrating our commitment to building a strong and sustainable mountain biking community.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PUBLIC LANDS DAY PARTY



SWIMBA was thrilled to participate in the National Public Lands Day celebration at Bogus Basin. This event provided an invaluable opportunity to connect with the local community, land managers, and other conservation organizations. By engaging with the public, sharing information about trail etiquette, and building relationships with key stakeholders, SWIMBA strengthened its commitment to preserving and protecting our public lands for future generations.

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

SWIMBA's Annual Member Meeting provided a valuable platform to engage with our members and share the organization's accomplishments. By discussing ongoing advocacy efforts, highlighting the year's impact, and outlining plans for the future, we fostered a sense of community and transparency. The meeting allowed members to ask questions, provide feedback, and contribute to the direction of the organization. This direct interaction with our membership is essential for building a strong and supportive community of mountain bike enthusiasts.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue \$340,019.98

Sponsorship

1.5%

Donations

6.7%

Fundraisers

3.2%

In-Kind Donations

3.7%

Interest

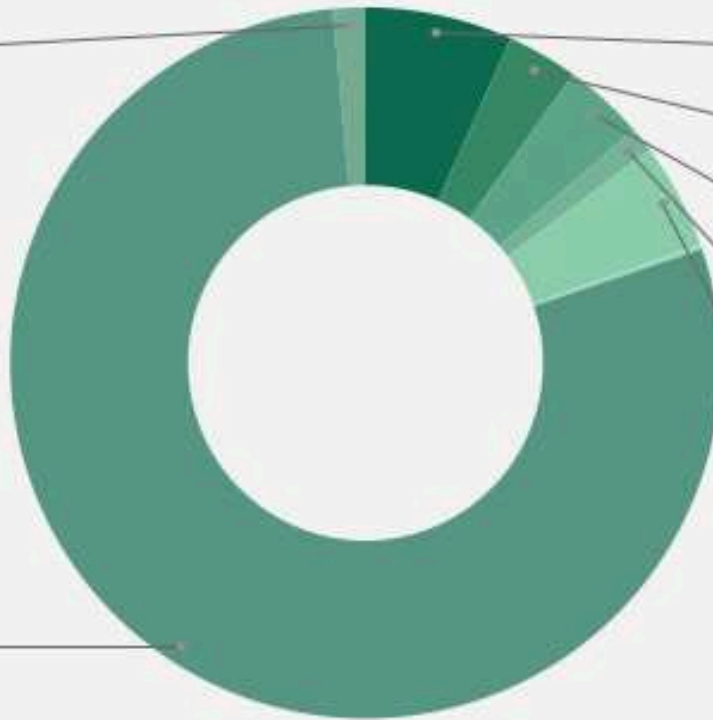
1.1%

Memberships

4.8%

Restricted Funds

78.7%



Expenses \$69,113.08

Tool Storage

2.4%

SWIMBA Academy

19.9%

Skills Clinics

1.4%

Maintain Trails

1.2%

Insurance (2 years)

17.1%

Grants Awarded

4.4%

Fundraising Costs

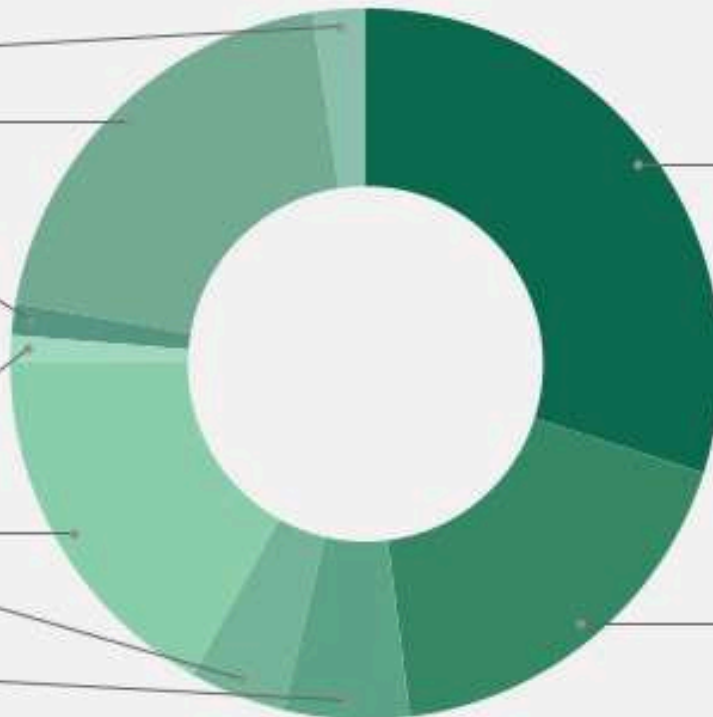
5.7%

Admin & Management

30.0%

Event Giveaways

18.0%



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