



LEAVENWORTH
WINTER SPORTS CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT



Fostering a thriving community
through the joy of winter sports
and year-round outdoor activities.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

As I reflect on another incredible year at the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club (LWSC), I'm filled with deep gratitude for your ongoing support and participation in our mission. From snowy mornings on the trails to community gatherings at the hill, your enthusiasm and involvement continue to drive our success and growth. At the heart of our work is a shared vision: a resilient, adaptable community united through year-round recreation, education, and environmental stewardship.

This past season, LWSC saw record participation across our programs and venues. With over 100 seasonal staff, a dedicated group of volunteers, and countless hours of effort, we provided a safe, fun, and memorable experience for skiers, snowboarders, Nordic enthusiasts, and families alike. Highlights included improved sledding at the golf course, upgrades to lighting and snowmaking, and of course, a legendary Pond Skim that reminded us all why this club holds such a special place in the heart of Leavenworth.

I'm especially proud of the strength and impact of our youth programs in both alpine and nordic skiing. These programs continue to be a cornerstone of our mission, helping young athletes develop skills, confidence, and a lifelong connection to outdoor recreation. Through dedicated coaching, team camaraderie, and a supportive community, our youth offerings foster not only athletic development but also resilience and a love of the mountains.

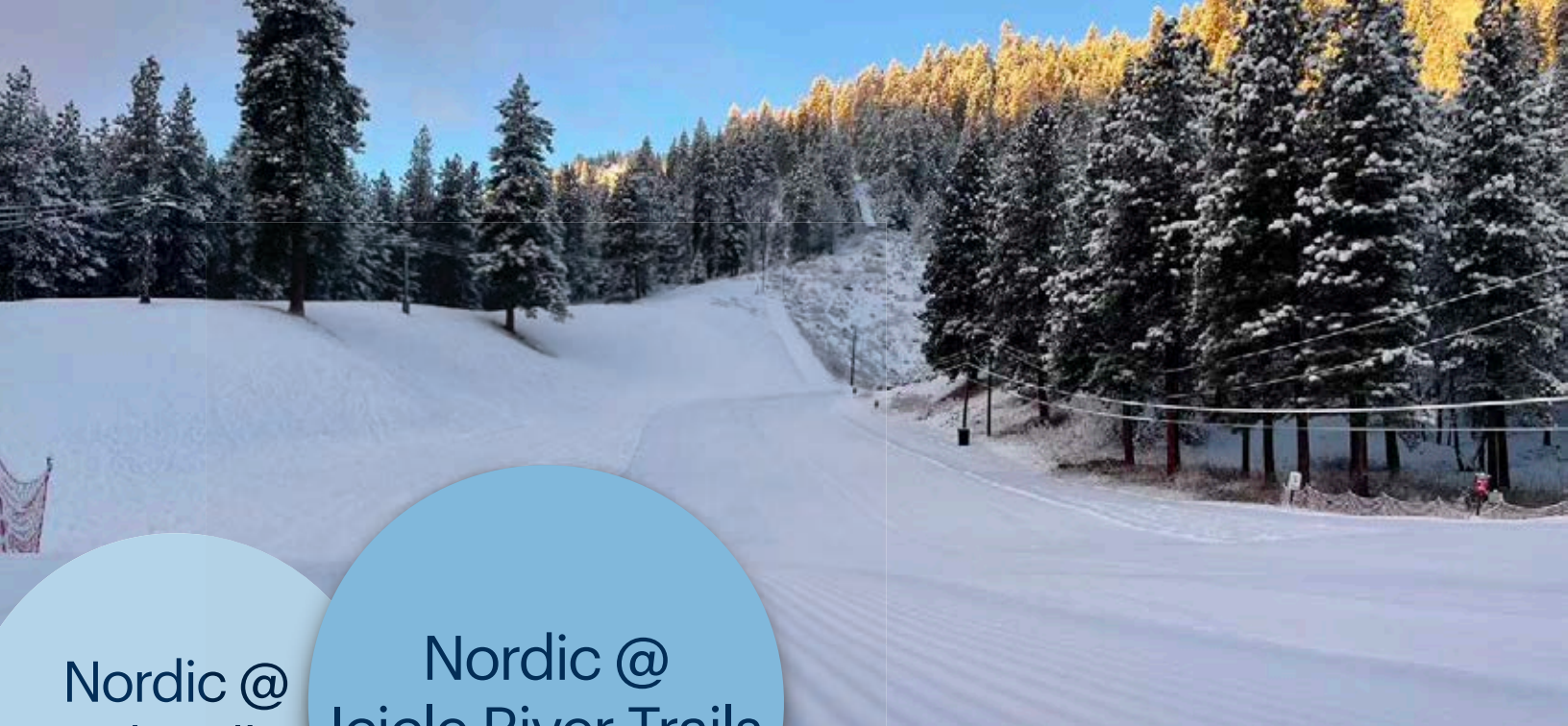
Behind the scenes, our board and staff have been working diligently to strengthen the club's operations and ensure its long-term sustainability. One of the most exciting developments this year is that construction has begun on our long-anticipated bathroom facility upgrade. This project has been years in the making, and we are thrilled to see it moving forward. If all goes as planned, we hope to have the new facilities completed in time for winter.

The Club also took meaningful steps toward expanding summer programming—maintaining our commitment to year-round outdoor recreation. The new Bike Fest event, mountain bike skills classes, and trail-building efforts in partnership with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance are all part of our effort to activate the hill and surrounding terrain beyond the winter season. Looking ahead, I'm very excited about the future and proud to share another milestone as we welcome our first-ever Executive Director, Murray Bartholomew. A long-time resident and internationally respected leader in outdoor recreation, Murray, will strengthen the Club's operations, support our passionate staff, and deepen our mission fostering a thriving community through the joy of winter sports and year-round outdoor activities.

On behalf of the entire LWSC Board of Directors and staff, thank you for being part of this journey. Whether you're a daily user, weekend visitor, or behind-the-scenes supporter, you are an essential part of the LWSC family. Here's to another great year on the trails and the hill.

Greg Peck
Board President





Nordic @
Ski Hill
65 DAYS

Nordic @
Icicle River Trails
71 DAYS

Nordic @
Golf Course
0 DAYS

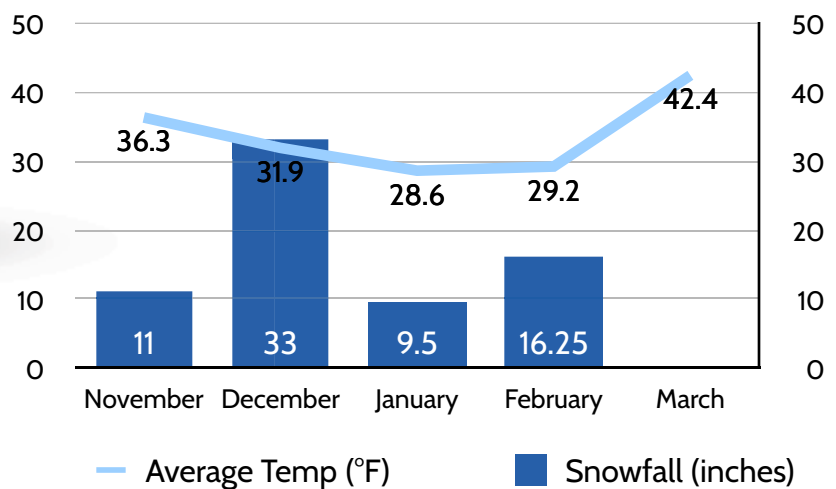
Sledding @
Golf Course
64 DAYS

Alpine
@ Ski Hill
57 DAYS

Tubing
@ Ski Hill
47 DAYS

JANUARY FREEZE TO THE RESCUE

We only received about 70" of snow this season - thankfully January was really cold!



A GATHERING SPACE BUILT FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

What started more than a decade ago as a conversation about outdated bathrooms has become a defining addition to the Ski Hill experience—a new pavilion that blends function, heritage, and community vision. The end result will be more than a building—it will be a cornerstone for the next generation of outdoor events, community gatherings, and mountain memories.

“ We started with the basics—outdated restrooms and a lack of accessibility, but once we began to see what was possible, the dream expanded.”

— James Munly, project’s lead and LWCS General Manager

Over the last 10 years, board members, staff, and Club members have contributed ideas, shifted directions, and overcome logistical hurdles. What was once a plan for a box with four toilets is now a two-story lodge-inspired pavilion with a heated walkway, storage, and gathering space designed for all seasons. The new pavilion adds critical infrastructure to support operations and guest experience with ski-in, ski-out convenience, easier snow management, patio heating, and improved prep space for staff.

“ It was important that the architecture respected the history of this place. We used details like half-round logs and matching gable ends so it will look like it’s always been here.”

But beyond the bricks and beams, the building creates space for community: summer concerts, reunions, race awards ceremonies, and more keep the spirit of the hill alive long after the snow melts.

Munly’s quick to downplay his own role, instead pointing to the power of collective effort. “I’m a big part of this, but it’s not just me. It took years of support from our board members, the building committee, WSDOC, RCO, Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, Chelan County LTAC, generous donors from the *Loos for the Lodge* events, and incredible partners. This happened because of the strength of our community.”

Set to open this fall—this new building stands as a symbol of our community’s shared vision, persistence, and shared purpose—a space dreamed into reality, now ready to welcome all.





TRAILS & TRACKS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEAVENWORTH SKI TEAM

At the heart of our Alpine and Nordic programs is something deeper than fast turns or long strides—it's the joy, connection, and support that come from doing something hard (and fun!) together.

On the Alpine side, we carried on the long-standing tradition of ski jumping at historic Ski Hill, even earning a KING 5 feature for helping preserve this unique piece of Leavenworth's ski legacy. Head jump coach Corey Rubenfield—aka "Hawk's dad"—is one of many dedicated parents who keep the program thriving. Whether it's running the jump tow, setting gates, or cheering from the sidelines, family is our team's engine.



A highlight was the annual Bakke Cup, an all-ages celebration of giant slalom, ski jumping, and Nordic skiing. More than a race, it's a tribute to Kjell Bakke—our way of honoring his legacy and passing it on. This year brought a standout moment when Levi, son of our lead Alpine coach, soared 65 meters—twice his previous best—earning a roar from the crowd. And of course, no Alpine day feels complete without Coralee's famous animal call echoing across the slopes. Some of our skiers also ventured to Loup Loup for the Wolf Chase, a first for most.

On the Nordic side, our mission is simple: get kids on skis, outside, and having fun. This year we launched the Adventure Program, inviting skiers to explore local trails in creative, confidence-building ways. It's about curiosity, resilience, and helping kids fall in love with winter.



The Skirennen race at Icicle River Trails, drew over 170 skiers for the Washington Nordic Cup—a high-energy day of racing, cheering, and celebrating the trails our athletes train on and care for. And of course, Nordic season wouldn't be complete without dancing, games, and hot cocoa nights that have become team traditions.

Our Alpine and Nordic teams share a common foundation: fun, family, and community. Every athlete, coach, parent, and volunteer brings that spirit to life all season long—and we're proud of them all.



A NEWCOMER'S FIRST SEASON ON SKIS

Every year, new faces show up at the trailhead—nervous, unsure, and hoping they won't stand out.

First-time skier, Derek Corder, shares how the LWSC helped him fall in love with winter—and why the kindness of our community made all the difference.



Here's what happened when he gave skate skiing a try last winter.

Q: Had you ever skied before this season?

A: I'd thought about it in years past, but it felt out of reach. This year I picked up some gear at the swap and figured, "Alright. Let's do this."

Q: What was that first day like?

A: Honestly? I was terrified. I showed up at Icicle River Trails, put on my skis, and tried to shuffle around like I'd seen on YouTube. I expected people to laugh. But instead? People smiled. They encouraged me. One person said, "You should get a season pass—you'll be back." They were right.

Q: And you just kept going?

A: Totally. I kept getting out there. Even when I was a sweaty mess. Even when I had no clue what I was doing. Eventually I took a lesson, and everything clicked. I learned how to balance, how to move, how to actually use my poles. But really, I improved just by showing up and being around helpful people.

Q: You even entered races—how did that happen?

A: I saw a flyer and thought, "*Why not?*" I've done some running races, and this felt like the winter version. The River Otter Race 10K was brutal but fun. One race I lined up next to skiers in full race suits. I was like, "What am I doing here?" But everyone was supportive. No one made me feel out of place. At the end of the race series, I even walked away with some ribbons. They're on my wall now!

Q: Did you ever feel out of place?

A: Never. And that surprised me. I'm not a typical skier—I'm a big guy, new to the sport, and still figuring it out. But from the ticket window to the trail, everyone was welcoming. People offered advice, encouragement, and zero judgment. That's what kept me coming back.

Q: What would you say to someone nervous about trying skiing?

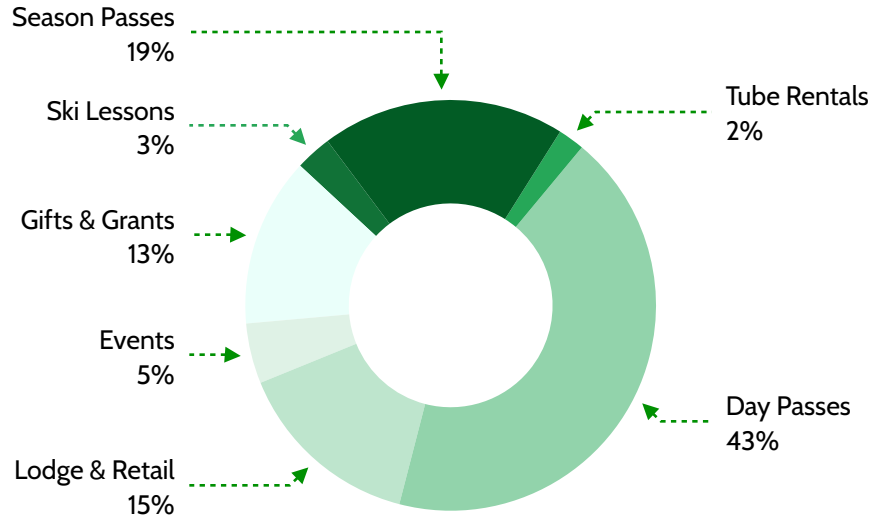
A: Do it. I had all the same fears—I sat in my car wondering if I belonged. But once I was out there, I realized this community isn't about being perfect. It's about being outside, having fun, and learning. No one's keeping score. Everyone just wants to share the joy.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

Income Summary

Operating Income

Season Passes	\$	249,083
Day Pass Sales	\$	557,978
Ski Lessons	\$	37,120
Ski Hill Lodge	\$	192,329
Events	\$	61,531
Tube Rentals (Golf)	\$	26,974
Retail	\$	19,074
Operating Income	\$	1,144,089

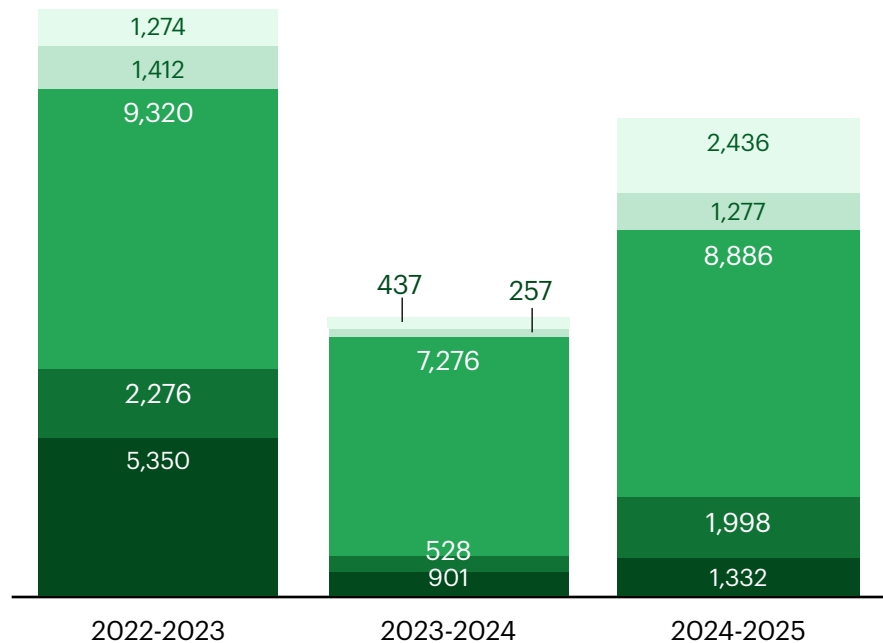


Gifts & Grants

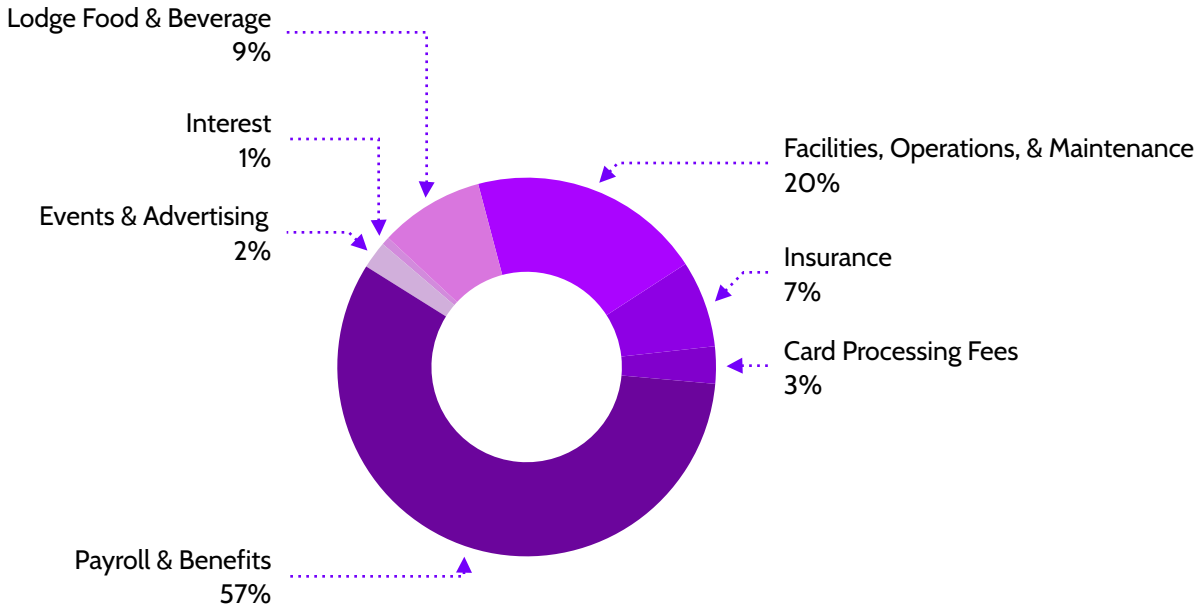
Donations	\$	19,625
LTAC	\$	100,000
RCO Grant	\$	28,246
City of Leavenworth	\$	25,000
Gift & Grant Income	\$	172,871

TOTAL INCOME \$ 1,316,960

Day Ticket Sales



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY



Expenses Summary

Wages	\$ 521,347
Payroll Taxes	\$ 64,697
401(k) & HRA	\$ 47,751
Facilities	\$ 57,223
Operations	\$ 91,377
Insurance	\$ 81,682
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 35,018
Interest (Groomer Loans)	\$ 7,629
Card Processing Fees	\$ 34,960
Payout to FS, USFW, City	\$ 15,786
Events	\$ 18,709
Lodge Food/Beverage	\$ 98,460
Utilities	\$ 20,718
Advertising	\$ 7,136
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,102,493

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Operating Cash	\$ 55,040
Restricted Cash	\$ 344,729
Earmarked Cash (Bathrooms Project)	\$ 443,196
Accounts Receivable (RCO Grant)	\$ 349,104
Physical Assets	\$ 1,801,703
Total Assets	\$ 2,993,772

Liabilities

Debt on Bathroom Project Loan	\$ 400,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 400,000

NET ASSETS **\$ 2,593,772**

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES

We closed out another unforgettable winter season with one of our community's favorite traditions—the annual Pond Skim! This splash-filled celebration marks the official end of nordic and alpine skiing, tubing, and sledding, and it's always a crowd-pleaser.

Whether you're brave enough to skim across the icy water or simply there to cheer and laugh from the sidelines, the Pond Skim brings together our members, visitors, and neighbors for a great time.

Like every Leavenworth Winter Sports Club event, the magic happens because of our incredible people—staff, volunteers, board members, and our wider community. This year, our friends at Yodelin were flipping burgers as fast as they could, the lodge crew kept the chicken strips and fries coming, and our tireless operations team worked into the early morning hours making snow and building the pond.

And then there's Lars—you might spot him in an Eeyore costume, hauling grinning (and shivering!) skimmers out of the pond. Despite his outfit, Lars is anything but gloomy. For seasons now, he's been volunteering his time to make sure everyone stays safe and has fun. Pulling people from icy water isn't for the faint of heart, and we're lucky to have his dedication and good humor for this annual event.

As we gather one last time at Ski Hill each spring, the Pond Skim reminds us that while one ski season is ending, the next one is really not that far off.

Some heroes, like Lars, wear an Eeyore onesie



From All of Us at LWSC:

Our vision is a resilient, adaptable community united through year-round recreation, education, and environmental stewardship.

Whether you're gliding around Barb's Loop, trying not to yard sale off the airplane jump, taking your dog around the Peshastin Mill Site, or just here for the music and Mug Club—you're a part of what makes this place hum.

This club works because people show up. You shovel snow, coach kids, cheer at the races, make the trails great, and show up to do it all again the next day.

You make this more than a club.

You make it a community.

So seriously—to every member, every volunteer, every coach, every partner, and every helper:

Thank You!

Thanks for the laughs, the year, and the stoke.

We love doing this.

Let's do it again!

