

TO: Board of Commissioners  
 FROM: Jamie Martinson, Superintendent of Recreation Programs  
 THROUGH: Mike Benard, Executive Director  
 RE: Wheaton Park District Program/Event Apparel Bid  
 DATE: February 18, 2026



**SUMMARY:**

Staff seeks the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approval to purchase program/event apparel for the recreation, athletic, aquatics, Cosley Zoo, Arrowhead, special events, and park service departments. In an effort to secure best pricing for over 9,600 pieces of apparel, departments worked together on a combined bid that was sent to over 25 apparel vendors. Staff received six (6) bids in which the chart below reflects the pricing breakdown. Two (2) bid submissions were rejected as the submission came in after the scheduled bid opening time. Orders will be placed in mid-March/end of April for a mid-May delivery. All expenses are budgeted and paid for through the specific camp, program, event or department operational budgets.

Program Area	Total Items	TPS Sports	Marathon	SBI Custom Apparel	Empire Printing	Blue Sky	Golf Direct Now
Camps	1,528	NA	\$7,318.30	<b>\$6,837.50</b>	\$7,841.92	\$7,484.84	\$7,716.40
Athletics	931	NA	\$4,306	<b>\$3,876.55</b>	\$4,687.46	\$5,215.17	\$4,701.55
Aquatics	779	NA	\$5,609.80	NA	<b>\$5,364.44</b>	NA	\$7,403.79
Lincoln Marsh	427	NA	<b>\$2,101.65</b>	\$2,159.30	\$2,350.68	\$2,998.76	\$4,567.60
Parks	341	NA	\$2,999.55	<b>\$2,721.30</b>	\$2,721.73	\$3,042.42	\$3,625.99
Cosley Zoo	134	NA	\$606.75	<b>\$556.40</b>	\$635.16	\$675.32	\$676.70
Cream of Wheaton	250	\$1,570	\$1,881.85	\$1,484.50	\$1,618	\$1,881.14	<b>\$1,262.50</b>
Run for the Animals	2,890	\$22,369	<b>\$19,331.75</b>	\$20,135.50	\$25,708.80	\$29,036.65	\$28,820.80
Memorial Park	75	\$576	\$838.50	\$630.45	<b>\$573.50</b>	\$1,007.36	\$974.25
Reindeer Run	1,550	\$12,369	\$11,526	<b>\$11,039.50</b>	\$14,246	\$16,763.13	\$18,584.50
Special Events	90	NA	\$742	\$769.50	<b>\$578.60</b>	\$954.36	\$899.10
Arrowhead	700	NA	\$4,373	\$4,189	<b>\$3,878</b>	\$7,170.55	\$6,993
<b>Total Cost Per Vendor</b>	<b>9,695</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$21,433.40</b>	<b>\$25,031.25</b>	<b>\$10,394.54</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$1,262.50</b>

**EXPENSE IMPLICATIONS**

All expenses are budgeted and paid for through the specific camp, program, or department operational budgets.

**PERVIOUS BOARD ACTION**

The Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approved the 2025 Wheaton Park District Program/Event Apparel Bid at the February 19, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend awarding the follow:

- Lincoln Marsh & Run for the Animals apparel items to Marathon Sportswear in the amount of \$21,433.40
- Camps, Athletics, Parks, Cosley Zoo & Reindeer Run apparel items to SBI Custom Apparel, in the amount of \$25,031.25
- Aquatics, Memorial Park, Special Events & Arrowhead apparel items to Empire Printing in the amount of \$10,394.54
- Cream of Wheaton apparel items to Golf Direct Now in the amount of \$1,262.50