



MEMBER NEWSLETTER

WALLA WALLA YMCA



Mid Season Camps

What a summer it's been so far for kids, camp staff and the Y. Close to 400 youth ages 5-12 are taking part in Y summer programs led by our intrepid childcare and youth program teams with the support of seasonal staff.

Each summer the Y provides summer jobs to high school and college students who help keep kids active and engaged.

Our summer programs happen because you make them possible. We are grateful for your financial support that helps kids create summer memories.

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Thank You First Responders

As fire continues to take a toll on our near neighbors in northeastern Oregon, we thank those working on the front lines daily to contain the conflagration.

Volunteers are a key component of current community assistance efforts and are always welcome. The Athena and Weston volunteer fire departments are part of **East Umatilla Fire & Rescue (EUFR)**.

To qualify as a volunteer, you will typically need to:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Possess a valid driver's license with a clean driving record
- Pass background evaluations and entry-level screenings

Volunteers play a critical role in providing structural firefighting, medical aid, and community rescue services across the Athena, Weston, Adams, and Helix areas. To explore ways in which you can help, please contact Fire Chief Dave Baty at (541) 566-2311 or email firechief@eufir.org. Applications are accepted year-round, and all required training is provided free of charge.



Programs Move Indoors

With numerous community outdoor events planned this summer, current air quality concerns are forcing several events indoors. This week the Y was pleased to support the Walla Walla Library's Jugglemania show that moved from Washington Park to one of the Y's gyms and kept kids entertained with daring feats of dexterity and hilarity.



We've Been Nominated

Every year, you have the opportunity to recognize your favorite local businesses, organizations, professionals, and experiences. The Union Bulletin's 2026 Reader's Choice awards is now open for nominations with an expanded list of categories, and the winners are entirely up to you!

The YMCA falls into several categories: Health and Wellness (Gyms) and Local Favorites (Childcare, Nonprofit and Place to Take Out of Town Guests). Thank you for your nomination.

Please take a moment to nominate. The top three (and ties) nominees in each category will advance to the final voting round in August. You can vote daily.

The Union Bulletin is offering everyone who votes in at least 15 categories the chance to be entered into a drawing to win one of two \$100 gift cards.

Reader's Choice Awards

**Downtown Summer
Concert**

Movie at the Park

STEM at Washington Park

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