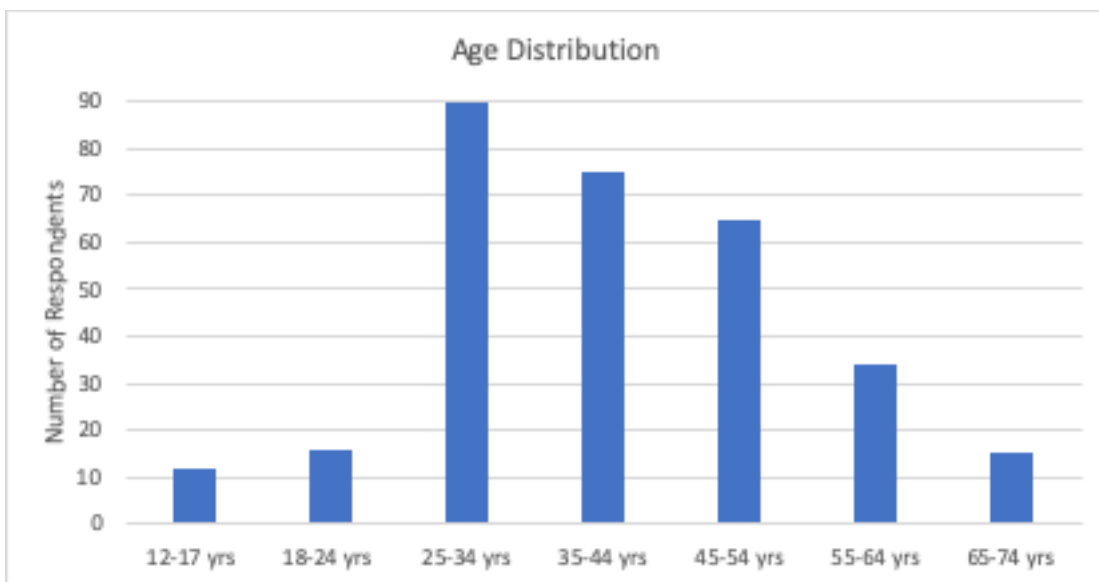


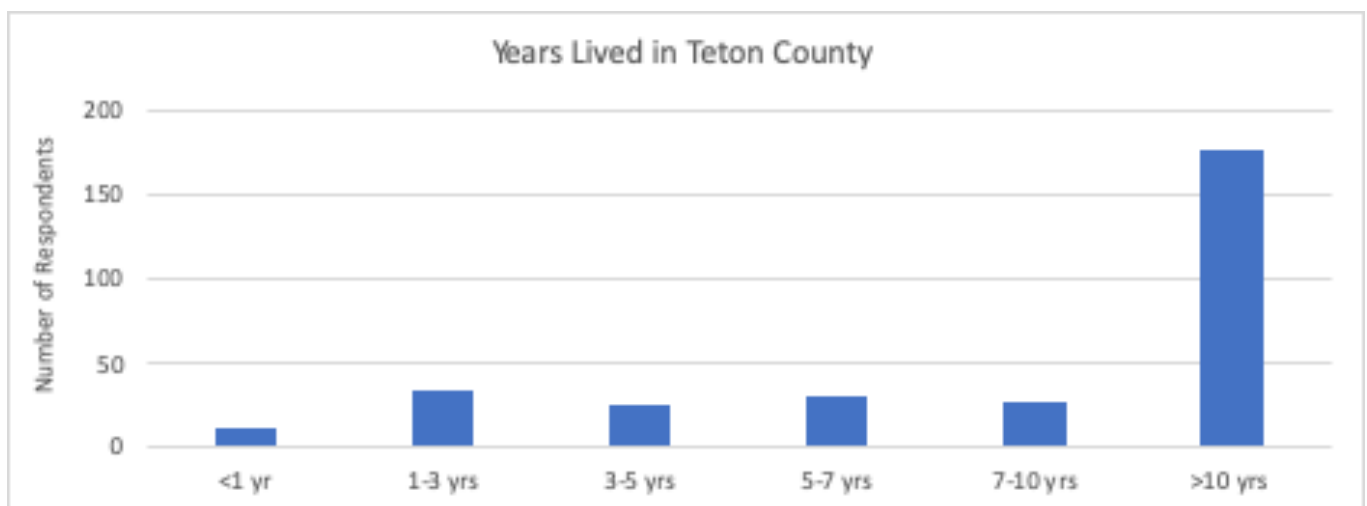
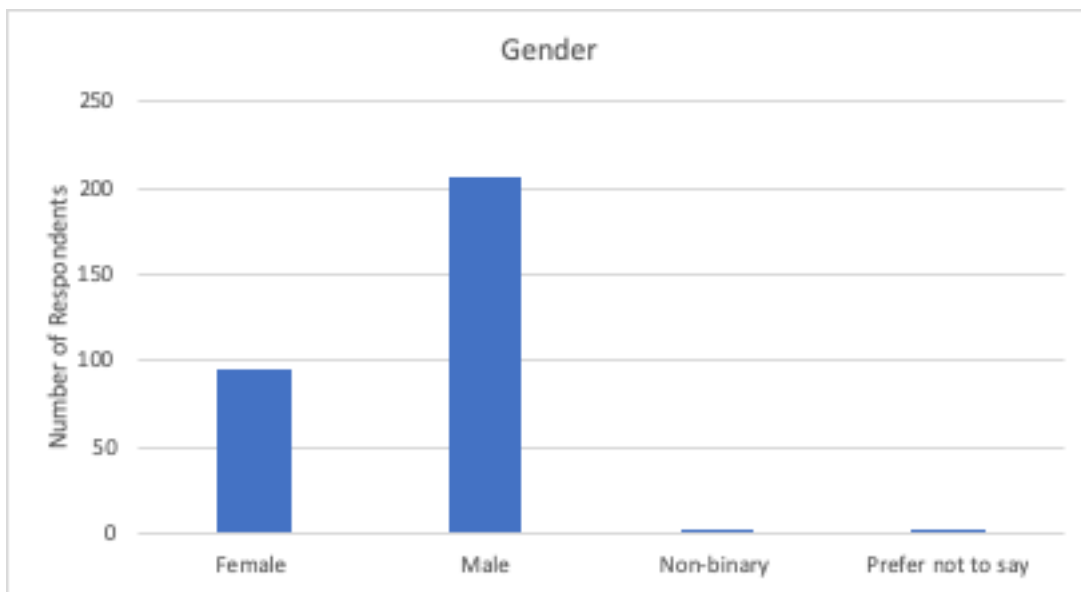
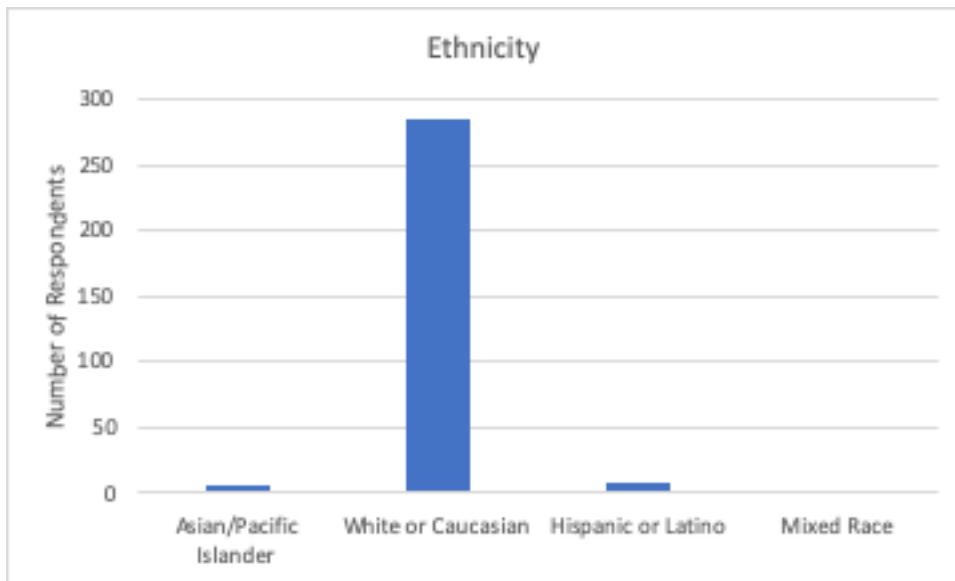


Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation Climbing Gym Survey Responses

On June 9, The Teton Climbers' Coalition published a survey in both Spanish and English to assist with the development of the climbing gym planned as part of the Rec Center expansion. The survey closed July 22. It was completed by 312 respondents.

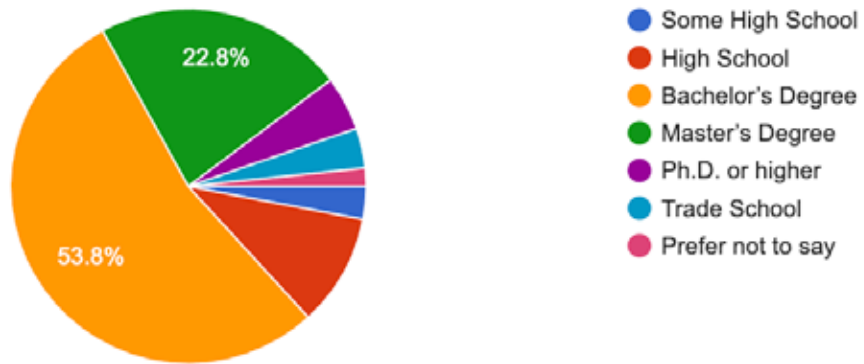
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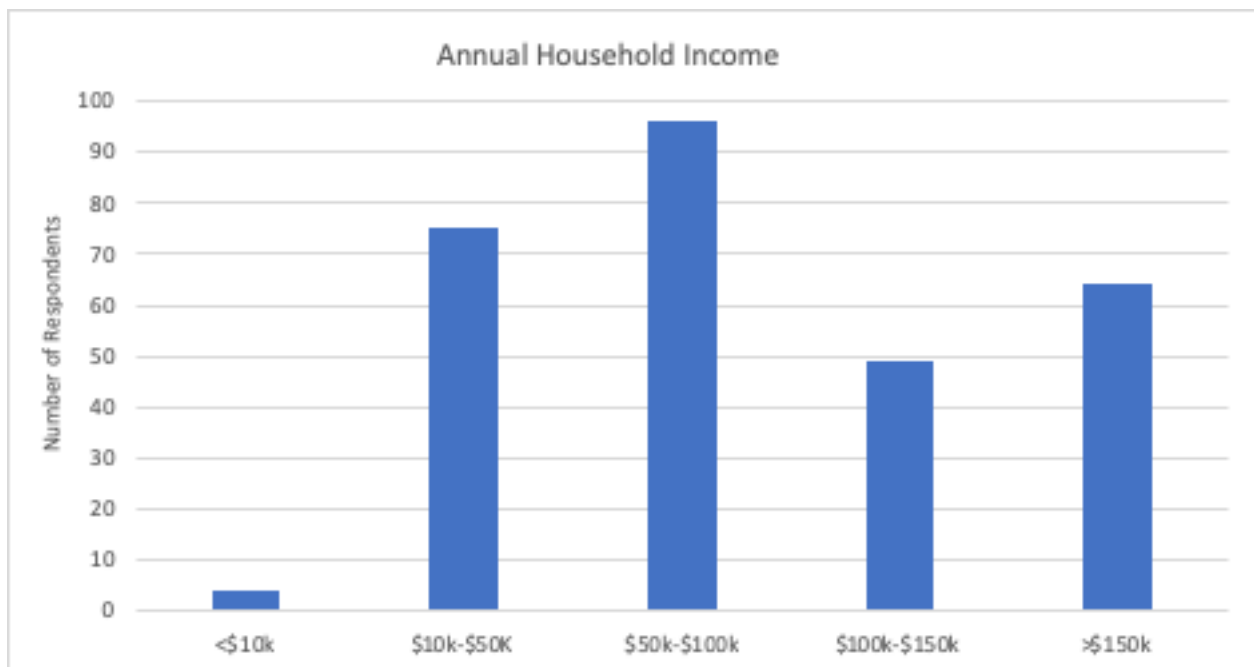
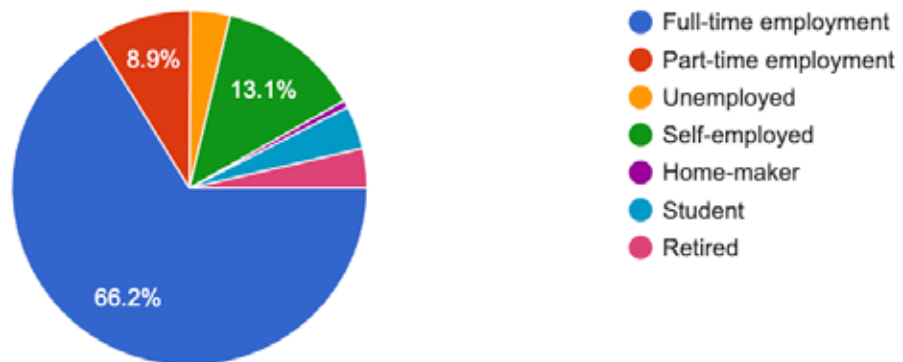
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303 responses



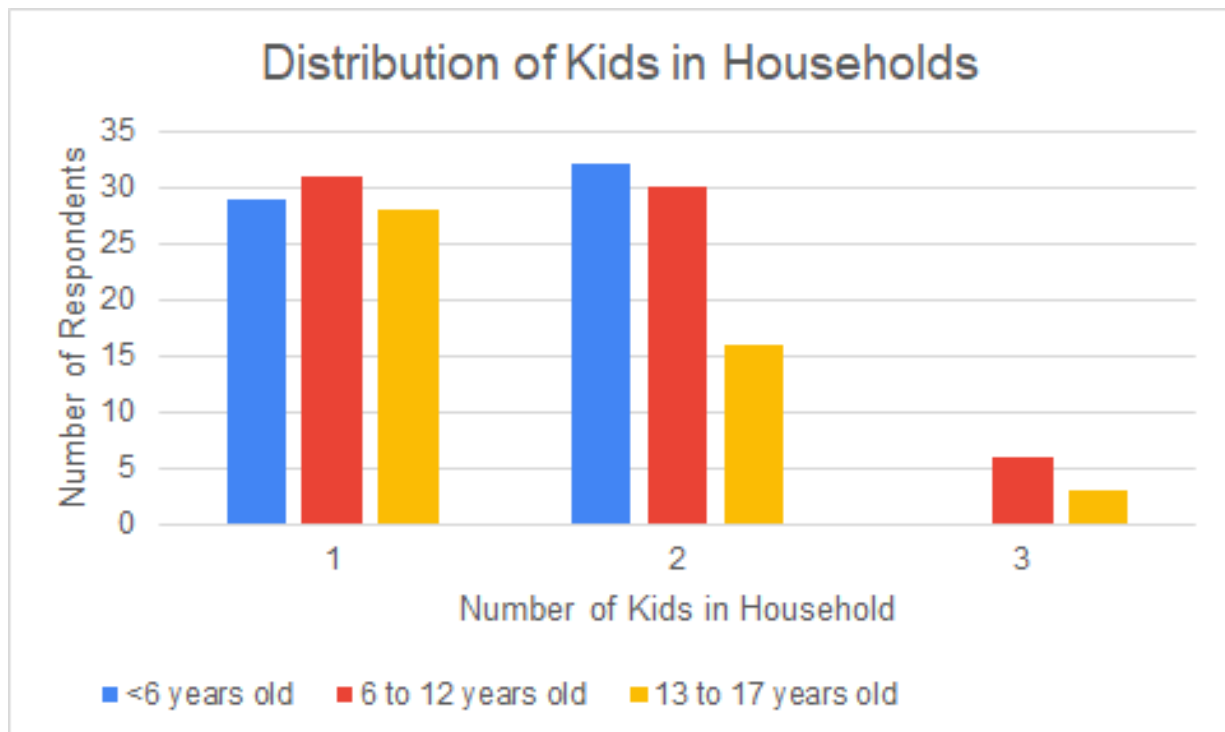
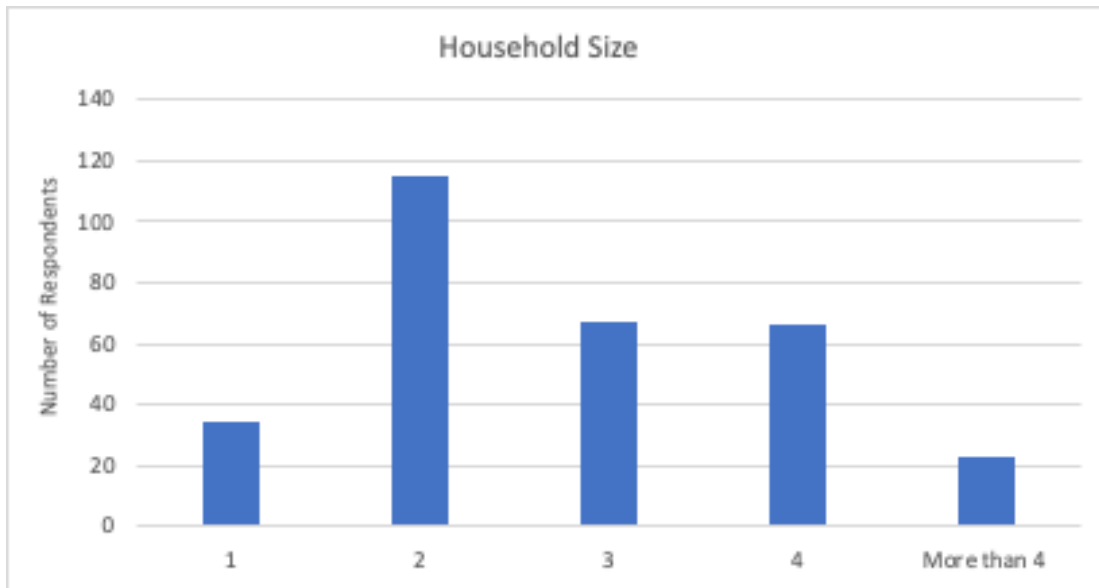
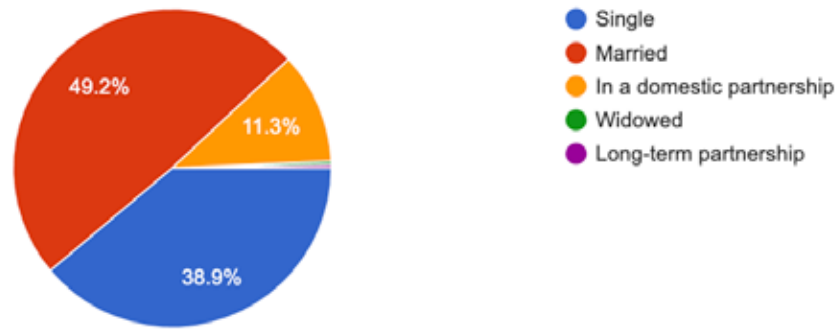
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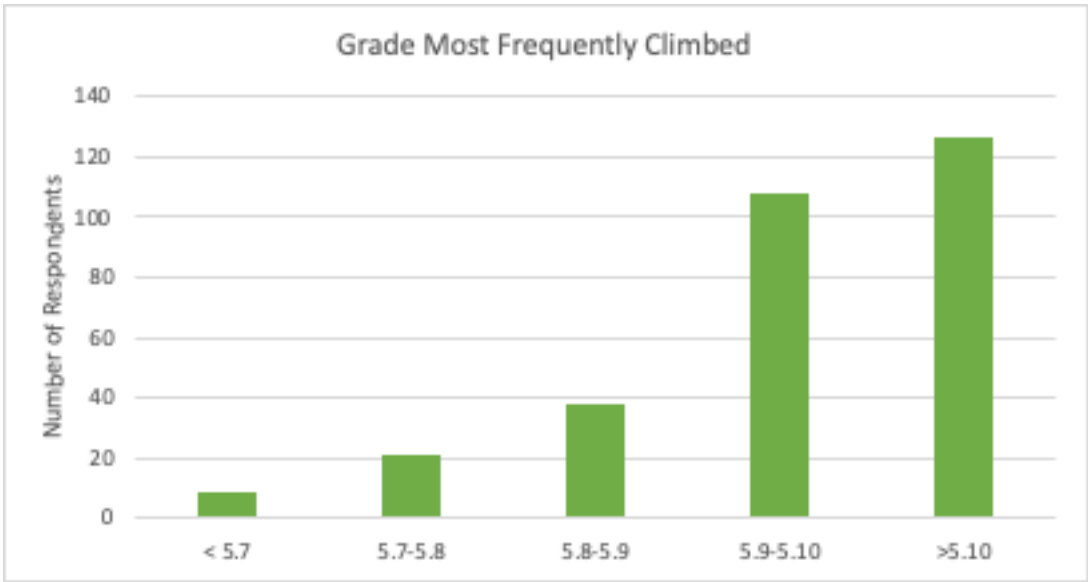
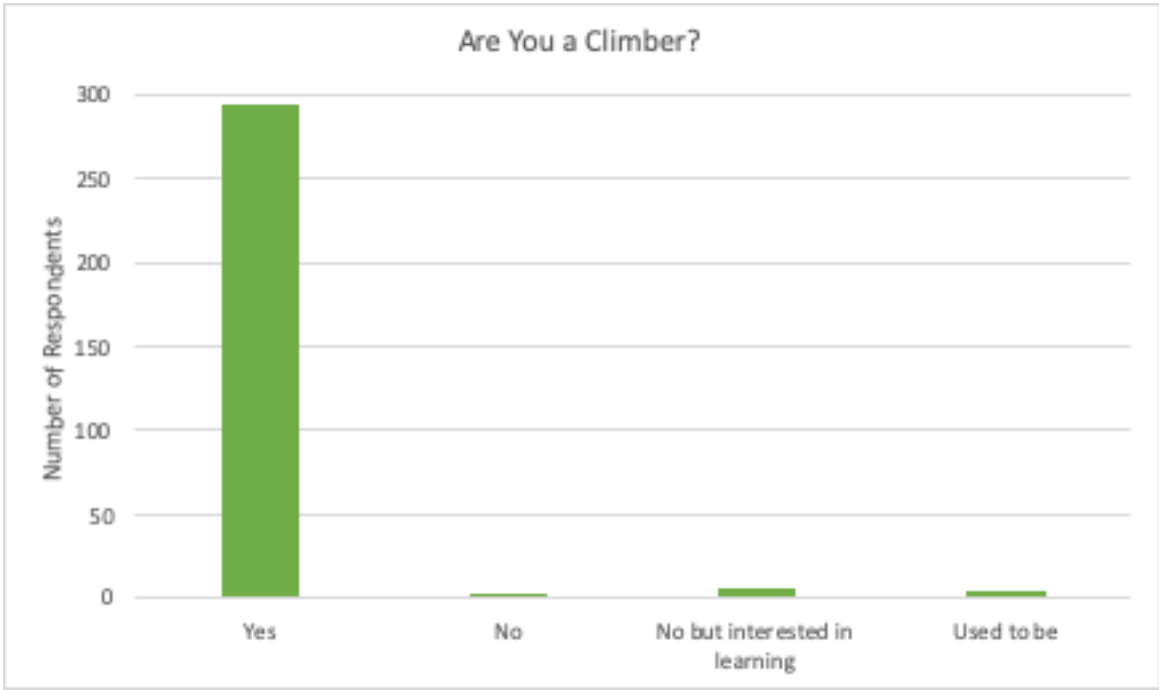
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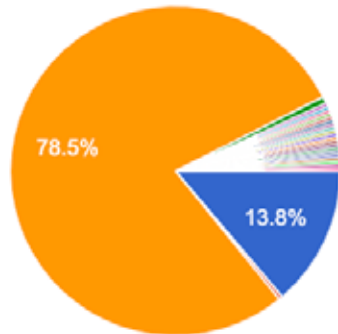
301 responses





The Enclosure Climbing Gym, which closed in 2014, had 10,000 square feet of climbing area. Please select your answer to this statement. "The proposed size of the rec center climbing gym (5,750 square feet) is..."

297 responses

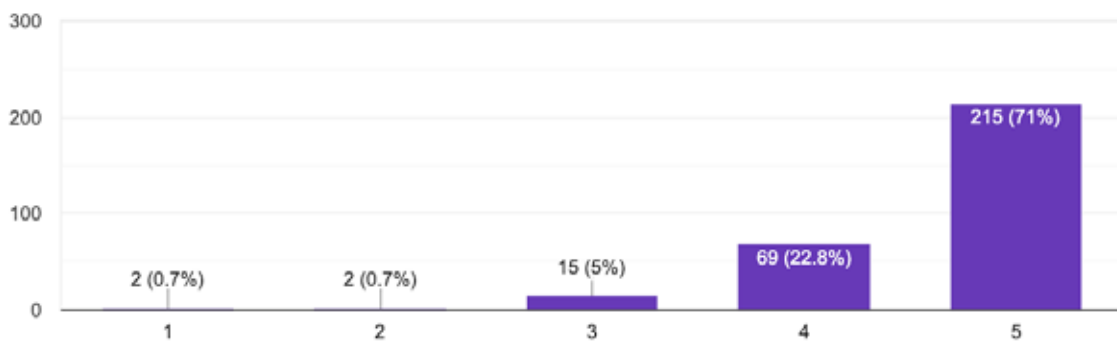


- adequate for the needs of our commu...
- too large for the needs of our commun...
- too small for the needs of our commu...
- We will take what we can get-1/2 the s...
- Probably too small given the growth of...
- Too small but is better than nothing!
- Time will tell, I hope
- Since we have nothing whatever we c...

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How important to you is high quality route-setting in a climbing gym?

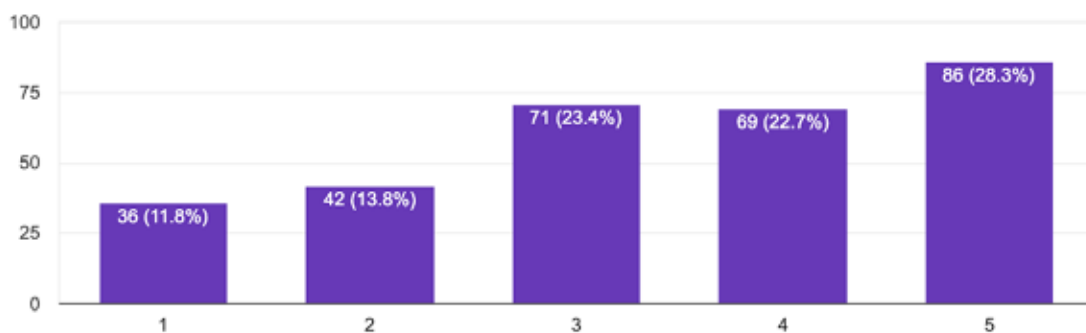
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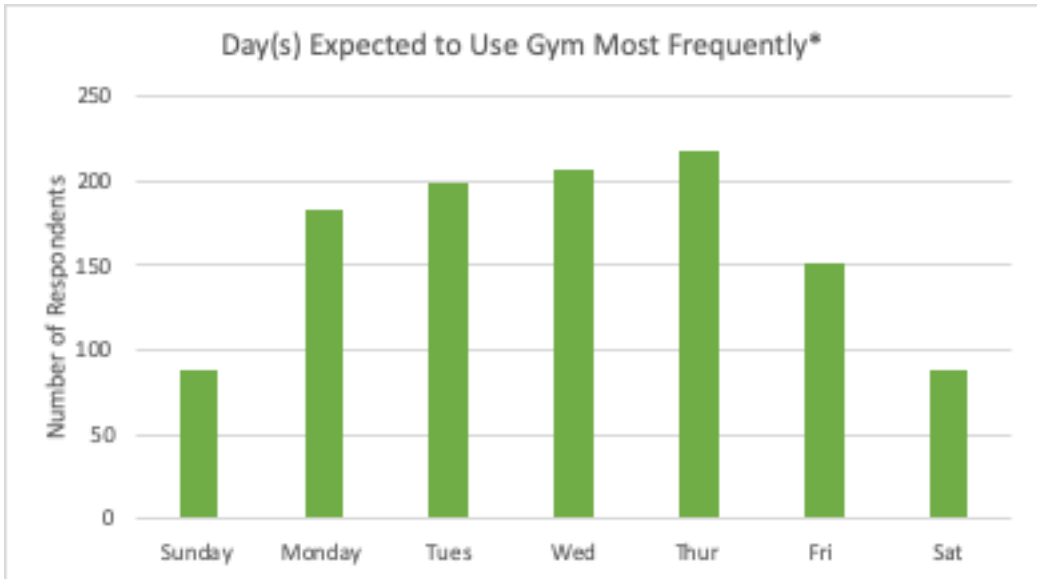
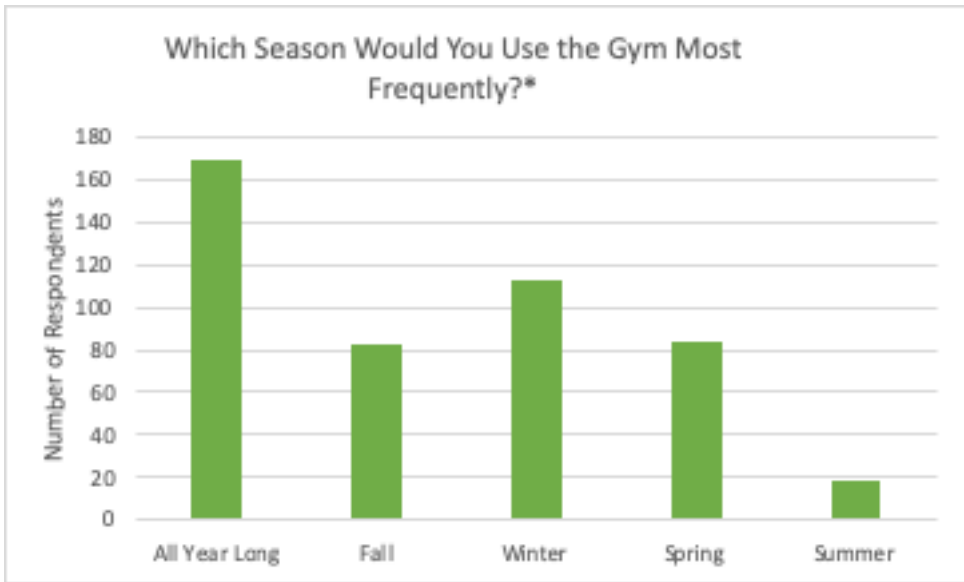
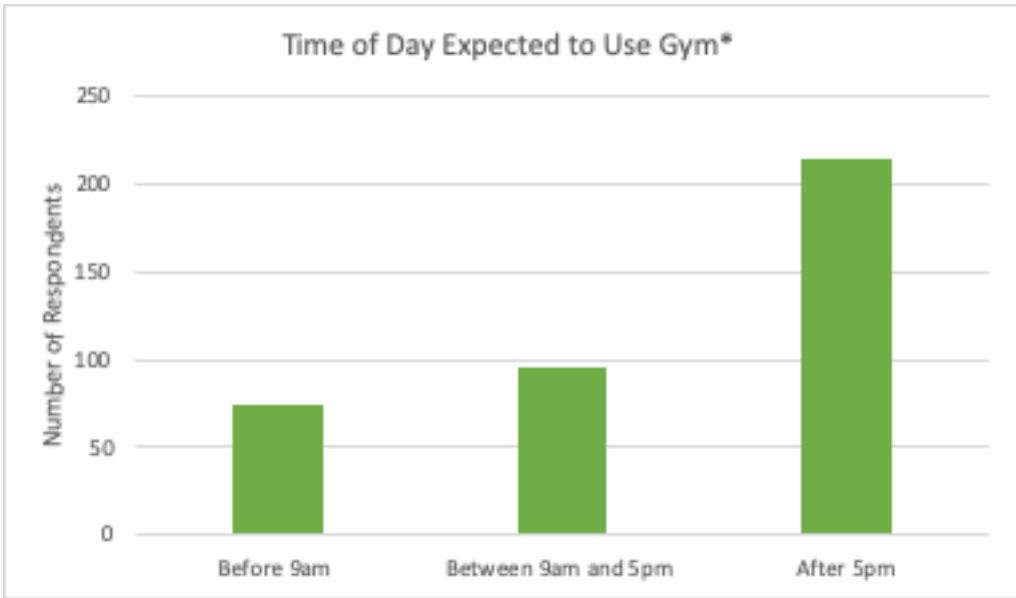
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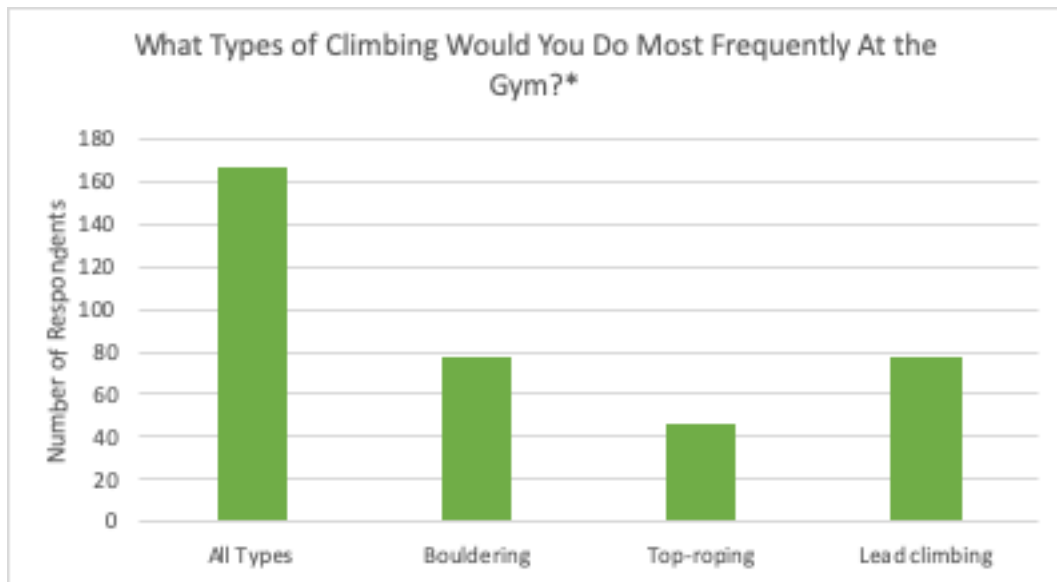
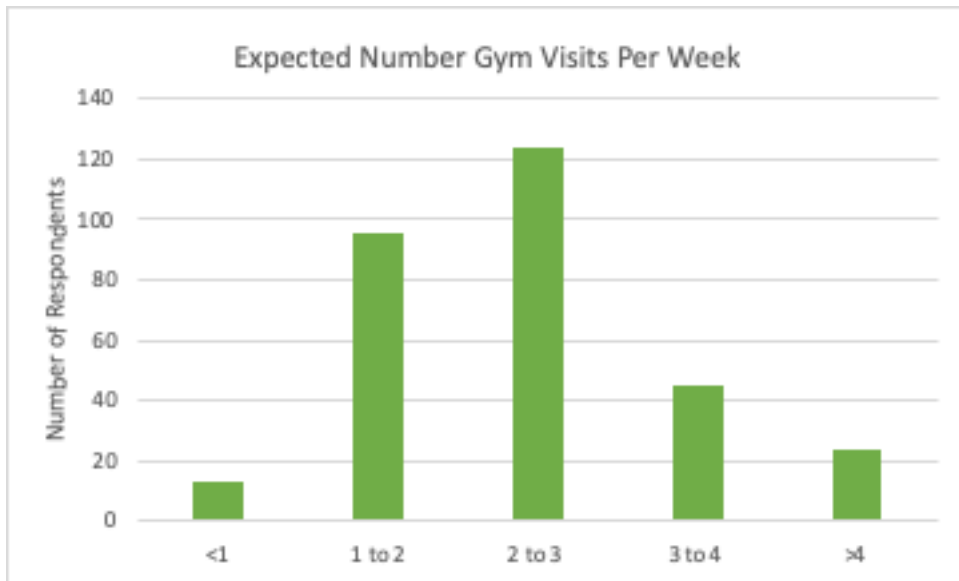
How important to you is community / social space in a climbing gym?

304 responses



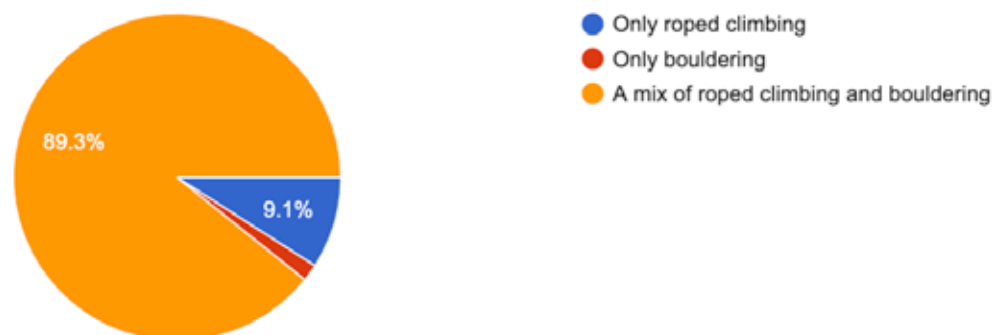
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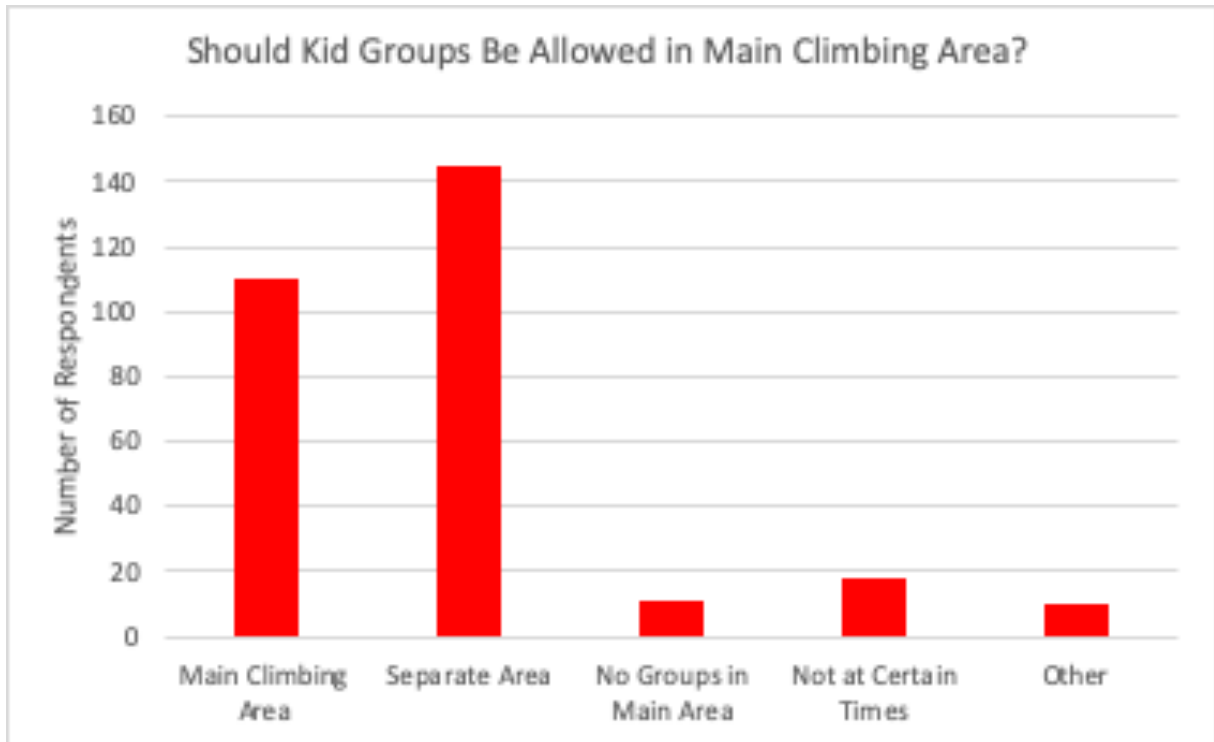




Should the gym include only roped climbing, only bouldering, or a mix of both?

298 responses





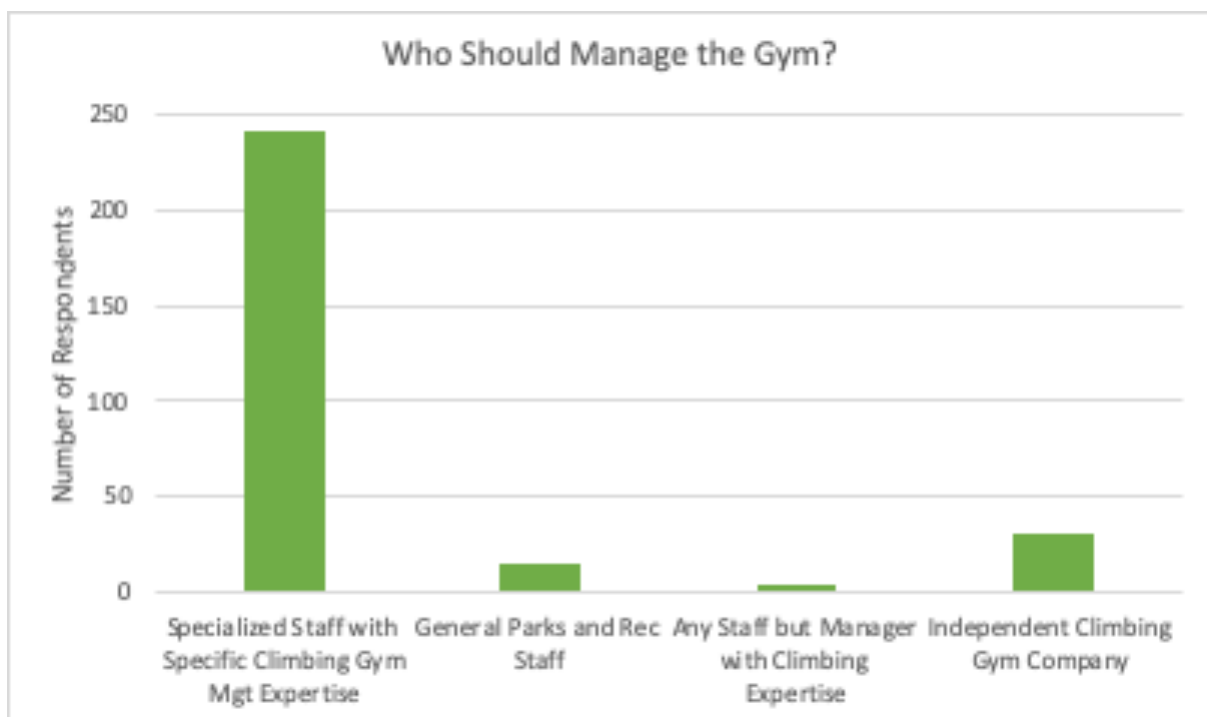
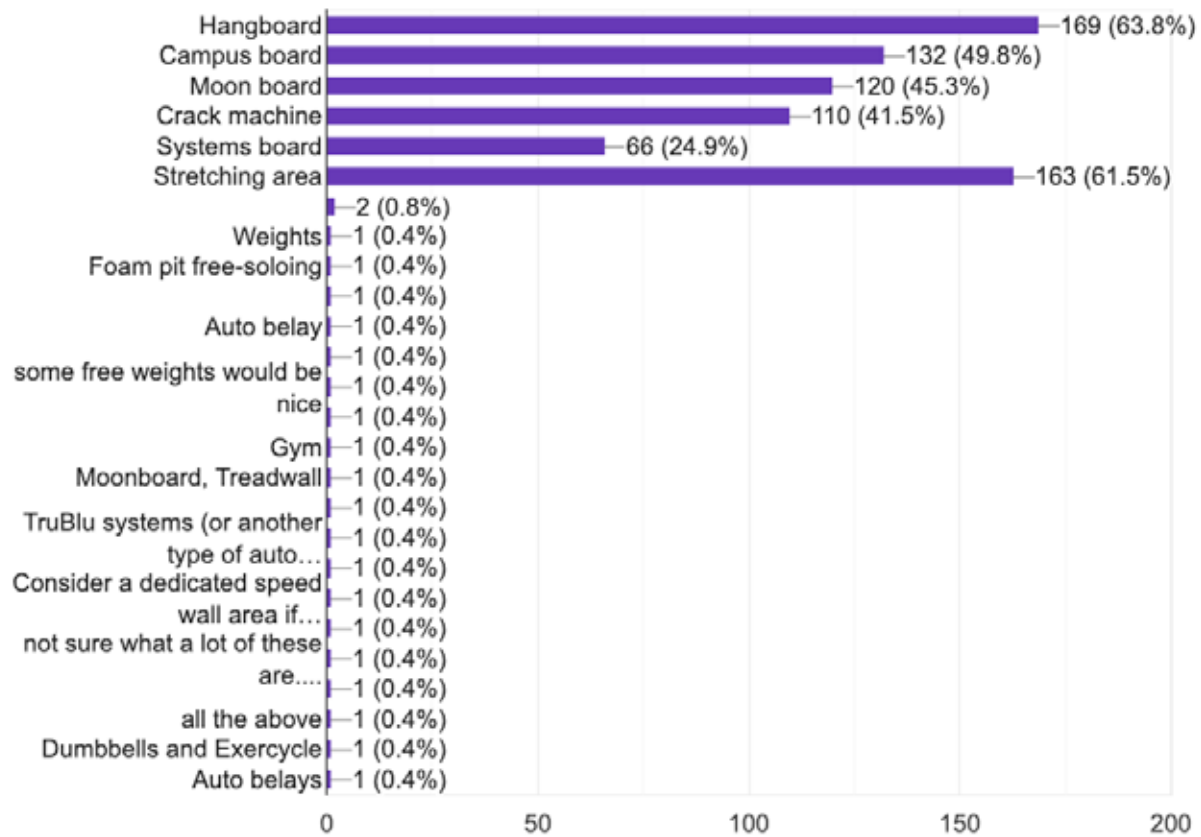
Should children's birthday parties be permitted in the main climbing area, or should they be restricted to a separate area for kids' climbing?

293 responses



What other climbing-specific training equipment should be included in the climbing gym?

265 responses



Please add anything else you would like to us to know about the gym here.

- outdoor area would be great
- It would be a great benefit to the climbing community to have a facility.
- In my opinion, Teton County is a world class mountain destination, it deserves a world class climbing gym for visitors, and locals to train. It would be an asset for Search and Rescue as well as professional guides. It is also an activity that can be enjoyed at a high level for all ages and genders. Another benefit is for young women, I have seen self esteem and confidence grow as they mature. It is also a sport for the child that doesn't "fit" the team sports model.
- Thanks!
- Please make this gym functional and available for all the community. A variety of Hours and space are the most important thing
- The climbing community here in Teton County is rich and diverse, and would certainly be excited to have a functional and adequate gym at our disposal. I think the failure of the Enclosure was the lack of inclusiveness to non climbers or beginner climbers, and I have seen that attitude change within this community over the past 10 years to be much more welcoming.
- Much needed! Thank you for working towards this objective
- If possible it would be good to have walls of different angles.
- It will get used if it's nice, well run, has good progression and is challenging.
- I think it will be a great success especially if it is big enough, is welcoming to everyone in the community. Stretching can take place in the other areas of the rec center. Maximize the climbing space. Thanks for doing all this great work to make it happen!
- make it bigger
- Great Wall/gym design is imperative for maximizing effectiveness of the space. Continue to consult the climbers that will be using it on an everyday basis. Thx
- The community needs a climbing area not a fitness gym.
- I am concerned about the small size of the gym. I see it going one of a few less than satisfactory ways, none of which would properly serve our community. Jackson, just like anywhere else, has a wide range of climber. This can be seen basically any day at the boulder park. A gym of this size would be somewhat forced to focus on a smaller sector of the climbing community or spread itself thin and do nothing well. A gym focused on being a good training ground for experienced climbers obviously alienates the majority of climbers, while a gym focused on newer climbers wouldn't provide the opportunity for advancement and improvement required to keep people coming. Every successful gym I've seen thrives because they manage to serve a very diverse customer base. This is a huge opportunity for our community and it would be a shame to drop the ball now and see the gym terribly over crowded or sitting empty a few years from now.
- Thank you for taking the time to work on this issue.
- Hire Bents Hawks to run it.
- something is better than nothing
- The gym could serve as a community gathering ground for film events, Learning opportunities from local guiding outfitters, and an opportunity for local children to grow into the sport of climbing in a safe manner.
- I base most of my life around not wanting to wait in lines. If the gym is smaller than the Enclosure gym it will likely have lines and will deter me from using the facility.
- I first want to add some detail to a question: It is very likely that a privately run gym is not financially viable as a business in this community. The rec center doesn't adversely impact the ability of a private gym to open. We don't have the necessary mass for membership and the cost to rent or buy land and build is a huge barrier to entry. There are very few if any buildings in the valley that are suited to a top rope wall. A private bouldering gym may be able to succeed, but I also doubt that. I have run numbers on this as a personal exercise and you all know it to be true. We need a community supported gym (Or some very

deep pockets and some person's pet project that does not have to make money). All of this said, the rec center expansion is our best bet to have a viable area to train and maintain climbing strength year round.

- I am very nervous that this gym will be used as a showpiece and decisions will be made based on aesthetics over function. We need a climbing gym, not a fancy front page picture for parks and rec. Take the gym at the University of Wyoming for example: half of the wall space is floor to ceiling windows and although I enjoy the REALRock type cast walls I can only imagine that they are way more expensive than a more traditional wall. We need a climbing gym for off season training. If the space will really be so small then every effort must be made to maximize SFC wall area and not to make the place look really cool.
- Thanks for listening.
- Regardless of the size of the gym, having route setters come up monthly or every two months from SLC, Denver, Vegas, or somewhere else should be factored into the budget. High-quality route setting is critical.
- Route setting and design that optimizes the space are both critical
- Good setting, training areas and adequate climbing walls are key to a successful climbing gym. Unfortunately with the cost of operating businesses in Jackson especially one that requires the save that a climbing gym would the likelihood of a private business being able to provide a gym that would truly meet the needs of Jackson are very unlikely
- I would encourage Park and Rec to go out and tour modern commercial climbing facilities. Check out gyms like Austin or Minneapolis Bouldering Project for what a vibrant spacious well lit climbing facility can look like. Great steep climbing terrain, separate kids specific area.
- Timeline
- The public should not expect a public gym to be without compromise. Any gym is better than no gym. Don't blow it by expecting too much--excluding children and demanding professional route setters...this is a community gym that should serve the whole community or I never would have supported it in the first place.
- to be built before I die!!!
- A proper modern climbing gym is critical to the town of Jackson if it wants to continue its tradition as a central place for American climbing/mountaineering.
- Prefer not to boulder as risk if injury is too high. Auto belays are nice. Focus should be on a good training area. With so many good outdoor areas I would use this mainly for specific training. Hang boards, scatter boards, free weights, area for core work, ect are very important.
- Any gym needs to be well light, preferably with natural light if possible, have inviting colors, and an open feel. Any dark, closed space reduces motivation, aesthetics and general appeal.
- Much needed and important, based upon lots of gym climbing experience, I would like to 50% more space available if possible
- I would like to know where the facility will be.
- I think the idea of a Rec Center gym is really great, given the cost of commercial real estate and commercial rent, but I think there is also great potential to create something that tries to fit the needs of too many disparate groups. If we have a high-quality, well-managed gym that provides a place for serious climbers to gather, as well as a friendly environment that encourages new and younger climbers to learn, that would provide a solution that is very climbing-focused. We absolutely DO NOT need a place that serves as a daycare, and we don't need more yoga studio space in town. That Jackson doesn't have a climbing gym is a ridiculous reflection of where priorities lie at this point - ie with corporate business interests, hotels, and those with money who can alter town policy to suit their needs - and not with long-time community members who are trying to build stronger relationships and just have a place to gather.
- Thank you for working so hard to meet the needs of the Jackson climbing community!
- Maybe it doesn't have to be 10,000 sq feet but bigger than current proposal. A compromise?
- There has been no commercial company step up to open a climb gym since enclosure closed.
- Thank you for your efforts to get this to be the best facility for our needs here!
- Make it big and amazing.
- Should have bought the Enclosure. It was a real shame to see that go.
- Ensure there are high quality routes with good setting and it's managed well (wrangling birthday parties,

keeping holds clean, etc see Stone Summit in Atlanta for a big perfectly run gym)

- Thanks for all your work Teton Climbers Coalition!
- Gym should include yoga classes as well!
- Please have multiple autobelays!
- It would be great if building the climbing gym took priority over other additions to the rec center. It will be much more convenient than having to drive to driggs for a climbing gym. I will frequent the gym at least 3-4 times a week.
- If it's going to be a glorified day care, I will join a private gym if one is built
- There should be a locals pass/discount
- Make it bigger. And hire the most skilled and qualified person for the positions Regardless of race and ethnicity
- Consider the training needs of advanced climbers - mostly that's steep walls, solid route setting with great holds, training boards, weight equipment. Also consider if you will have a youth program, and that the combined sport (speed/sport/bouldering) should factor into design. I'd love to get involved with a youth team in Teton County! Our gym in AZ redid itself last year and did not include enough of a general fitness/stretch/strength area. You don't need machines, but a few kettlebells, foam rollers, free weights/pulley system for hang boards, and room to roll around/warm up are very helpful!
- The bigger the better with at least some terrain dedicated to advanced climbing/training (steep bouldering with lots of holds or a Kilter board)
- Please add cracks
- It's about time!!!!
- Great route setting most important!
- I'm willing to pay an additional yearly fee to use the climbing gym (besides the rec center fee), if it is done right (meaning a quality product, with enough space).
- Would love a beginner women's course.
- Good route setting=customer retention. We need quality setters in this area.
- cleanliness of the gym is important to me !
- lets goooooooooo
- Youth climbing team please!!
- In our unique community it is essential that we promote climbing to reflect our mountain culture. A gym serves as one approachable way to promote skills and climbing philosophies to younger generations, and helps develop young, strong climbers to continue the tradition.
- One thing that is important to me with climbing gyms is having female route setters, because it increases the diversity of climbs (especially for different body types) and females can get overlooked in climbing. Having regular women's climbing events would be an incredible addition as well.
- Build it correctly the first time!
- Overhanging terrain and no vertical or minimal vertical is preferred for it is better for training ...if you want easy terrain you put on big holds... vertical terrain pushes route setting to small more tweaky holds which is not good for training
- Don't even bother building a climbing gym if its only 5000 sqft
- I am very excited to go climbing there when it opens!
- I think it is incredibly important for Jackson to have an indoor climbing gym. I so hope y'all can make it happen.
- Please include a few auto-belay stations for times when you do not have access to a belayer. Jackson has a reputation as a climbers town. Having a year-round climbing gym for locals a visiting climbers is very important. I climbed indoors every weekend when living and working in Chicago. When I moved to Jackson, a large part of my climbing stopped.
- Psyched to have a gym even if it is a smaller space! Would also like to see a preference for local community members use over people temporarily visiting town if it is a smaller space (perhaps a handful of set specific hours where noncommunity members can come). A community climbing league would be super cool too!

I recommend asking the green mountain climbing gym in rutland, vt about their model if interested. It was great and well loved when i was there!

- We need a quality gym in this town. I don't foresee it competing with the other fitness gyms but that's just my opinion. Make it as large as possible. Also a few questions above have very important on the right side then strongly disagree on the same side for the next question.... y'all will probably get answers from people that aren't accurate cause of this.....
- The climbing gym was the main reason I voted in support of the Rec Center Proposition # 9. I would like to see this initiative begin sooner rather than later!
- Length of routes is preferable to quantity of routes
- This gym has got to be big (at least Enclosure sized) to be a worthwhile climbing facility and not constantly crowded. Need space to spread out on routes.
- I have found an activity that I will enjoy the rest of my life thanks to the Enclosure and the Climbing Club at the high school and the community a climbing gym creates. It has even created opportunities for work as I start to go down the path of becoming a mountain guide. The Enclosure provided a space where my friends and I were able to train, learn in a safe environment, and cultivate a community that has stayed with me for years. It was a such a loss to our community when we lost the enclosure and I hope we can bring back that loss soon with a new gym.
- This gym may affect a private gym from opening, but they've had plenty of time to do so! And the people want a gym.
- In my opinion, having a cafe and restaurant in the climbing gym is extremely important, in addition to the social space. This would allow climbers to spend extended periods of time at the climbing gym, generating more money for the gym, and convenience for the climber. Also, having a foosball table, chess board, and other items like that so people have things to do there that isn't climbing specific.
- A small rock gym is better than no rock gym, but enclosure was sometimes pretty busy, and our town has only gotten bigger since it closed. I hope this space doesn't preclude a private gym from eventually opening. I'm so thankful that something is happening though because my husband and I have felt like there are not great and healthy ways to socialize during winter evenings without it in this town. We have really missed the gym!! Thanks for being so thoughtful and looking for input from everyone!