Board of Directors Meeting Kalispell Tourism Business Improvement District September 25, 2024 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Discover Kalispell/Chamber, 2 South Main Street, 2nd floor board room

3:00 pm Meeting Called to Order: Bryce Baker, Chair of the Board

- 1. Hear from the Public Members of the public are invited to present information related to the Tourism Business Improvement District. Presenters are limited to three (3) minutes each.
- 2. Board Action Items
 - a) Approval of minutes from August 28, 2024
 - b) Acceptance of financials for August 2024
- 4. Board Discussion
 - a) Staff reports

Enclosures: August 28, 2024 meeting minutes

TBID financial reports for August 2024 Discover Kalispell dashboard and reports

For Further Information Please Contact:

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2024 TBID Board Meeting Schedule (subject to change)

January 17 February 28 March 27 April 24 May 22 June 26

– July 24 August 28 September 25 October 23 December 11

Note: Other than the meeting starting time, times listed are approximate and agenda items may be rearranged.

Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda. Public comment is welcome on all items.



Board of Directors Meeting Kalispell Tourism Business Improvement District August 28, 2024 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Discover Kalispell Chamber, 2 South Main St, 2nd floor boardroom

Board Members Present: Robert Hall, Zac Ford, Britta Joy, Brandon Brookshire, Skyler Rieke,

Bryce Baker

Board Members Via Zoom: N/A

Board Members Absent: Haley Wilson

Staff Present: Diane Medler, Dawn Jackson, Natalie Wallon

Guests: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Chair of the Board, Bryce Baker.

1. Hear from the Public – none.

2. Board Action Items

a. Approval of minutes from July 24, 2024

Motion was made by Zac Ford to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Britta Joy. Discussion: none. Board approves unanimously.

b. Approval of financials for July, 2024

Motion was made by Skyler Rieke to approve the financials. Motion was seconded by Robert Hall. Discussion: none. Board approves unanimously.

c. Approval of YTD Financials for FY24

Motion was made by Robert Hall to approve the fiscal year-end financials for FY24. Notion was seconded by Skyler Rieke. Discussion: none. Board approves unanimously.

3. Board Discussion

a. Staff Reports

Diane reviewed the July STR: OCC 80.3 (-0.5%); ADR \$247.50 (+0.5%), RevPAR \$198.75 (0.0%). 4^{th} quarter TBID Revenue came in at \$143,853, a 2% decrease YoY. Bed tax for April-June quarter increased 1% increase YoY.

She also reminded the board that Discover Kalispell's STR contract expires on September 30th. The contract renewal would increase by approximately \$1000 for this year's renewal but does include new additions to Costar data and dashboards.

Glacier Aero – gave \$2,500 in FY24, going after a SCASD grant for year-round service to Dallas through November. Will bring this item to the board at the October meeting to decide the annual sponsorship amount.

Diane reminded the board that Voices of Montana Tourism will be hosting the Business and Legislative Education Lunch on Wednesday, September 25th, 2024, and asked that the board members themselves attend as well as encouraging other local hoteliers to advocate for the travel sector.

Discover Kalispell reviewed the FY24 Annual Report from the Abbi Agency covering paid media, website, and out-of-home advertising. This included seasonal campaigns, ski pass incentives, Bandwango passes, print advertisements, and industry benchmarks on performance.

Natalie shared that a recent article by Discover Kalispell titled 'Visitors Can Enjoy Luxury and Budget-Friendly Travel in Kalispell Montana' had been picked up by a few news outlets, including Travel and Tour World. She also alerted the board of the LinkedIn strategy for Discover Kalispell's channel and asked them to follow if they don't already. The SEO audit has been completed by the Abbi Agency and next steps will be to decide what parts of the project can be completed in-house and where Discover Kalispell may seek external help. She let the board know that she will be attending the One West Tourism Alliance Education Summit in Eugene, Oregon in September and will share some of the findings with the board in their next meeting.

Dawn gave a review of all the RFP's that have gone out since May-July, including that the 2024 Glacier Galore & More FAM for October 2024, consisting of travel agents and tour operators, was awarded to Homewood Suites & Kalispell Grand. RFP's are pending for the 2025 Wisconsin Golf Group, 2025 Flying Rotarians, 2026 MPMA (Mountain Plains Museum Association, and the 2026 EIPBN (Electron, Ion and Photon Beam Technology and Nanofabrication). RFP's lost included the 2025 One West Tourism Alliance and the 2026 MTCPA (Montana Certified Public Accountants). She also updated the group that the 2024 State AA Golf tournament rate quote for spectators was sent to MHSA and the flyer is live on their website.

Dawn also had a discussion with the board on her work towards connecting with government travel agencies to learn how Kalispell hotels can meet the parameters

to book more government travel amidst mandated room rate. She also made note that she will be attending the Group Travel Conference in Branson as a vendor Oct. 8-30, 2024. Her upcoming initiatives include working on a sports facility guide that encompasses Kalispell's options for tournament directors.

Dawn also gave notice of her resignation as of January 31, 2025. The board expressed their gratitude and appreciation for her time at Discover Kalispell and she will be greatly missed by all!

Board Action: 2024 Glacier Surf Premier Cup Event Grant Application

Nate Evans, from Glacier Surf Soccer Club was scheduled to present the Event Grant Application for funding for the 2024 Glacier Surf Premier Cup to the board. Nate was not in attendance, so the board moved right into discussion around the grant. The grant application requested \$18,000 to be used towards venue rental and umpires. Bryce Baker discussed his personal experience with Glacier Surf Soccer Club and advocated for the event to receive funding. The board discussed the logistics of which hotels would likely see the most pickup from the event and acknowledged some of the hardships surrounding securing larger sports complexes for fields in Kalispell. They agreed that promoting sports tournaments was a priority.

Approval of 2024 Glacier Surf Premier Cup Event Grant Application

Motion was made by Skyler Rieke to grant \$10,000 from the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID), with the following breakdown:

\$6,000 for referees for the event

\$4,000 for facility rental costs

- \$2,000 to go towards Smith Fields
- \$2,000 to go towards Glacier High School Fields

Motion was seconded by Britta Joy.

Discussion: The board expressed their interest to be listed as the premier sponsor of the event. The grant would also require the following marketing materials: Discover Kalispell lodging directory on the tournament website, Discover Kalispell signage at both fields, and the Discover Kalispell logo to appear on various programming, the website, and championship game materials.

Board approves unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM

Respectfully submitted: Diane Medler

For further information contact diane@discoverkalispell.com, 406-758-2808

Kalispell Tourism Business Improvement District Summary of August 2024 Financial Reports

TBID Checking account balance as of 08/31/24	\$156,555.47
KCVB Checking account balance as of 08/31/24	\$15,450.69
WFCU Reserve account balance as of 7/26/24	\$22,373.83
FIB CD balance as of 7/26/24 (matures 11/26/24)	\$70,000.00

TBID Account – Expense Summary

- Admin/Operations: Directors & Officers insurance; wages and insurance; accounting; phone (office, Verizon); postage; copies; email and Outlook accounts; office supplies; tech support; travel and mileage.
- Education/outreach: Reimbursement for registration of sales conference by Glacier Country; One West Tourism Alliance Education Summit registration and airfare; annual membership to Group Travel Family.
- Agency services: LBPR and Abbi Agency
- Website: monthly hosting and maintenance; domain renewal
- Marketing: monthly subscriptions; social media admin; Wander Map annual renewal; fall media buy.
- Earned Media/Tourism Sales/Incentives: Travel expenses to Group Travel Con sales conference.
- Development/Events: Grant award to Mounted Cowboy Shooter (payment to MVA for venue).

KCVB Private Funds – Income and Expense Summary

Income: aRes commission

Expenses: Accounting; copies/postage

TBID Revenue

	Projected		% Change vs	
FY24 Gross Revenue	Revenue	Actual	projected	% Change YOY (Actual)
	\$610,000	\$570,554	-6.4%	1.95%
Q1 JUL-SEP (36% of total budget)	\$213,500	\$224,830	+5.3	+11%
Q2 OCT-DEC (20% of total)	\$122,000	\$107,774	-11.6	-2.6%
Q3 JAN-MAR (18% of total)	\$109,800	\$92,646	-15.6	-6.7%
Q4 APR-JUN (26% of total)	\$158,600	\$143,852	-9.3	-2%
	Projected		% Change vs.	
FY23 Gross Revenue	Revenue	Actual	projected	% Change YOY (Actual)
	\$625,000	\$559,644	-10%	-7%
Q1 JUL-SEP (36% of actual)		\$201,782		-13%
Q2 OCT-DEC (20% of actual)		\$110,702		-5%
Q3 JAN-MAR (18% of actual)		\$100,874		-1%
Q4 APR-JUN (26% of actual)		\$146,286		-6%

Tourism Business Improvement District Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2024

	Aug 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings 1010 · Checking 1022 · Whitefish Credit Union	117,242.87
1021 · Savings	22,373.83
Total 1022 · Whitefish Credit Union	22,373.83
Total Checking/Savings	139,616.70
Accounts Receivable 1200 · Accounts Receivable	1,995.00
Total Accounts Receivable	1,995.00
Other Current Assets 1300 · FIB-CD	70,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	70,000.00
Total Current Assets	211,611.70
Fixed Assets 1710 · Office Equipment 1820 · Web Site Development 1910 · Accumulated Depreciation	3,967.64 91,230.44 -46,348.00
Total Fixed Assets	48,850.08
TOTAL ASSETS	260,461.78
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable 2000 · Accounts Payable	18,503.67
Total Accounts Payable	18,503.67
Total Current Liabilities	18,503.67
Total Liabilities	18,503.67
Equity 32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets Net Income	234,537.46 7,420.65
Total Equity	241,958.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	260,461.78

Tourism Business Improvement District Profit & Loss - FY25 August 2024

_	Aug 24	Jul - Aug 24
Income 4000 · TBID Revenue	143,852.00	143,852.00
Total Income	143,852.00	143,852.00
Expense		
6100 · Administrative/Operations		
6125 · Accounting Services	225.00	487.50
6130 · Directors & Officers Insurance	0.00	1,298.00
6140 · Office Supplies	16.10	296.40
6150 · Postage & Copies	52.68	124.89
6160 · Rent	1,800.00	3,600.00
6180 · Telephone	170.00	315.00
6185 · Travel & Entertainment	40.09	101.09
6190 · Technology Support	197.60	395.20
6195 · Equipment (Software)	98.49	135.07
Total 6100 · Administrative/Operations	2,599.96	6,753.15
6200 · Personnel (wages) 6250 · Education/Outreach	18,909.28	38,274.23
6260 · Staff Training, Prof Develop	1,713.21	1,713.21
6280 · Organizational Memberships	395.00	1,340.00
Total 6250 · Education/Outreach	2,108.21	3,053.21
6300 · Agency Services	39,850.00	46,745.00
6400 · Research	0.00	957.00
6500 · Website	1,222.17	1,222.17
6600 Destination Marketing	,	•
6620 · Marketing Resources		
6622 · Online Platforms/Subscriptions	150.00	150.00
6620 Marketing Resources - Other	139.99	2,909.99
Total 6620 · Marketing Resources	289.99	3,059.99
6640 · Paid Media		
6643 · Multimedia	1,500.00	1,500.00
6640 · Paid Media - Other	10,056.00	19,687.00
Total 6640 · Paid Media	11,556.00	21,187.00
6680 · Travel/Trade Shows	633.88	633.88
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Total 6600 · Destination Marketing	12,479.87	24,880.87
6800 · Destination Development		
6830 · Event, Sports & Group Incentive	2,000.00	6,000.00
Total 6800 · Destination Development	2,000.00	6,000.00
Total Expense	79,169.49	127,885.63
et Income	64,682.51	15,966.37

11:14 AM 09/13/24 **Accrual Basis**

Tourism Business Improvement District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual FY25 July through August 2024

	Jul - Aug 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4000 · TBID Revenue	143,852.00	1,171,200.00	-1,027,348.00	12.3%
4100 · Interest Income	10.52			
Total Income	143,862.52	1,171,200.00	-1,027,337.48	12.3%
Expense				
6100 · Administrative/Operations	6,753.15	58,560.00	-51,806.85	11.5%
6200 · Personnel (wages)	38,274.23	292,800.00	-254,525.77	13.1%
6250 Education/Outreach	3,053.21	23,424.00	-20,370.79	13.0%
6300 · Agency Services	46,745.00	117,120.00	-70,375.00	39.9%
6400 · Research	957.00	23,424.00	-22,467.00	4.1%
6500 · Website	1,222.17	23,424.00	-22,201.83	5.2%
6600 · Destination Marketing	24,880.87	386,496.00	-361,615.13	6.4%
6700 · Destination Stewardship/Mgmt	0.00	11,712.00	-11,712.00	0.0%
6800 · Destination Development	6,000.00	234,240.00	-228,240.00	2.6%
Total Expense	127,885.63	1,171,200.00	-1,043,314.37	10.9%
et Income	15,976.89	0.00	15,976.89	100.0%

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Kalispell Chamber of Commerce KCVB P&L by Class January through May 2024

							/		TBID Projects-		/			
August 2024			Mtgs/	VC			Website	Sports		Commity	Total	Travel		
	Spartan	Highlander	Conv	Merch	Brochure	aRes	Redesign	Facility	Campaigns	Engage	Projects	Consult	Admin	TOTAL
												-		
Income														
4025.00 · Program Revenue	-6,403.38	0.00	-1,414.40	27.00	-275.00	268.62	1,150.00	1,921.45	-610.18	-210.80	2,250.47	-157.69	6,800.00	1,095.62
Total Income	-6,403.38	0.00	-1,414.40	27.00	-275.00	268.62	1,150.00	1,921.45	-610.18	-210.80	2,250.47	-157.69	6,800.00	1,095.62
Expense														
5000.00 · Direct Program	0.00	363.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.20	373.20
5520.00 · Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,562.50	1,562.50
5700.00 · Travel & Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,476.45	0.00	0.00	1,476.45	0.00	0.00	1,476.45
5420.00 · Office	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	84.28	84.28
Total Expense	0.00	363.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,476.45	0.00	0.00	1,476.45	0.00	1,656.98	3,496.43
Net Income	-6,403.38	-363.00	-1,414.40	27.00	-275.00	268.62	1,150.00	445.00	-610.18	-210.80	774.02	-157.69	5,143.02	-2,400.81

KALISPELL CONVENTION & VISITOR'S BUREAU 2024 EVENT BALANCES
Cash Basis

	SPARTAN RACE	HIGHLANDER	MTGS & CONV	VC MERCH	BWD BROCHURE	GRANTS	aRES	TBID PROJECTS	TRAVEL CONSULT	ADMIN	TOTAL
2023 Balance Forward	17,737.31	1,201.90	1,414.40	624.32	275.00	0.00	1,685.83	(774.02)	157.69	(4,686.32)	17,636.11
January	(6,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,595.26	(404.74)
February	0.00	(243.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(166.00)	0.00	(200.00)	(609.00)
March	(403.38)	(120.00)	(1,414.40)	0.00	(275.00)	0.00	33.28	940.02	(157.69)	(327.80)	(1,724.97)
April	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.55	0.00	0.00	(200.00)	(39.45)
May	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	0.00	28.95	0.00	0.00	453.45	509.40
June	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(12.50)	(12.50)
July	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(200.00)	(200.00)
August	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.84
September	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
October	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
November	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
December	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EVENT BALANCES	11,333.93	838.90	0.00	651.32	0.00	0.00	1,954.45	0.00	0.00	422.09	15,200.69

TBID Projects:		Sports				Total
	Website	Facility		Community	Reserve	TBID
	Redesign	Study	Campaigns	Engagement	Acct	Projects
2022 Balance Forward	(1,150.00)	(445.00)	610.18	210.80	0.00	(774.02)
January	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(774.02)
February	0.00	(166.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(940.02)
March	1,150.00	611.00	(610.18)	(210.80)	0.00	0.00
April	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
June	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
July	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
August	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
September	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
October	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
November	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
December	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TBID Project BALANCES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Visitation & Brand Engagement Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) Data for AUGUST 2024 Report Date: 9/25/2024

WEBSITE Top Cities Top Pages by Total Users

- 1. (not set) 6. Calgary
- 2. Seattle 7. Chicago
- 3. Denver 8. San Jose
- 4. Kalispell 9. Dallas
- 5. Phoenix 10. SLC

Aug

64,046

23,761

Jul

69,458

25,290

FY25

Views

Sessions

- 1. Home
- 2. TTD3. Don't have vehicle reservation

Dec

Jan

Feb

Mar

4. Flathead Lake

Nov

5. Events

Oct

Top Landing Pages

- 1. Home page
- 2. TTD

Apr

3. Don't have vehicle resv

Jun

YTD

133,504

49,051

- 4. Events
- 5. Get The Guide

May

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT							
	Month	YTD (fiscal)					
Group Bookings	2	4					
Room Nights	284	366					
Event/Sport Bookings	0	0					
Rate Quotes	0	0					
Pending Bookings	3	0					
Rm potential	590	680					

Sept

PUBLICITY/EARNED MEDIA						
	Month	YTD (fiscal)				
Articles	1	4				
Reach	1,235,330	1,447,508				

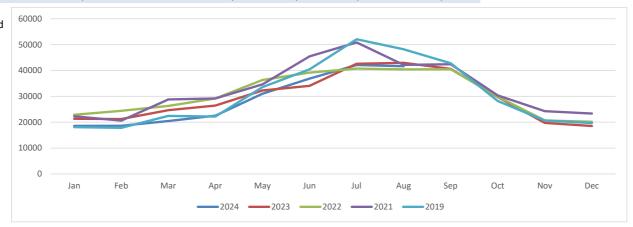
MARKETING CONVERSIONS - BRAND ENGAGEMENT						
	Month	YTD (fiscal)				
VG Requests (web & VIC)	280	1,088				
Newsletter subscribers	359	1,121				
Social media impressions (organic)						
Facebook	73,007	118,978				
Instagram	94,860	213,482				
Pinterest	21,730	46,730				
aRes reservations booked		0				
aRes room nights booked		0				
Hotel package redemptions	n/a	0				

PAID MEDIA					PARTNERS		
I AID MEDIA				Benchmark	TANTICE		
Campaign	Clicks	CTR	IMP	CTR		Month	YTD (2024)
Search evergreen	5,072	9.05%	57,434	4.68%	Airport Enplanements - AUG	78,001	354,308
Display evergreen	241	0.04%	653,074	0.47%		15.4%	9.4%
Meta evergreen	4,182	1.61%	259,688	2.06%	GNP Rec Visits - JULY	791,717	1,650,261
KaliSPELL Bound META	260					9.6%	6.8%
Fan Acquisition	255	0.3	n/a				

KALISPELL LODGING

				Running 12		Comp Set
Smith Travel Report	AUGUST	YOY	YTD 2024	Mths	FY25 Avg	Mthly Avg
OCC	82.5%	1.3%	56.4%	55.0%	81.3%	79.7%
Kailspell econ class	75.3%	8.2%	45.3%			
Kalispell mid/upper	86.1%	-1.0%	61.8%			
ADR	\$224.38	0.3%	\$5.00	\$5.30	\$236.24	\$191.00
Kalispell econ class	\$69.60	-1.8%	\$118.42			
Kalispell mid/upper	\$249.70	1.9%	\$182.05			
RevPAR	\$185.06	1.7%	\$94.88	\$86.89	\$191.91	\$154.50

Room Demand



Weekly STR

	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
осс	Aug		Sep														Run
occ	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	MTD
2024	80.3	90.5	80.5	66.6	82.0	87.3	88.0	86.8	84.7	83.7	93.4	93.2	93.4	86.2	86.3	75.1	84.8
2023	75.9	86.4	72.6	68.9	85.1	87.3	84.8	84.2	79.5	82.2	93.6	95.6	94.2	87.7	87.4	78.3	84.2
% chg	5.8	4.7	10.9	-3.4	-3.7	0.0	3.7	3.1	6.5	1.7	-0.2	-2.5	-0.9	-1.6	-1.2	-4.0	0.8
ADR 2024	208 95	220 75	199 15	181 96	188 62	193 54	185 52	198 92	200.73	188 53	191.67	197 34	207 81	205 50	209 79	204.03	196.88

Short Term Rentals - Kalispell City Limits (AirDNA)

	Availabl	e Listings	Occupar	ncy Rate	Average	e Daily Rate	Booked Listings		
	Month YOY		Month	YOY	Month	YOY	Month	YOY	
Entire Place	254	5.4%	66%	11.6%	\$281	6.6%	235	4.9%	

Future Conferences & Large Events

2024

September

- Foy's to Blacktail Trail Marathon September 8 Foy's to Blacktail Trail
- *AASHTOWare Safety User Experience Committee Meeting September 9-12 Hilton
- Flathead Celtic Festival September 13-14 Centennial Farm
- *Vicki's Tours September 13-14– Holiday Inn Express
- *New England Tours September 14-15 Red Lion
- Montana Reining Cow Horse Association September 17-22 Majestic Valley Arena
- Tamarack Fall Tournament September 21-22 Kidsport

October

- *State AA Golf October 3 & 4 Location not listed
- *Glacier Surf Premier Cup October 4-6 Kalispell & Whitefish
- Battle of the States Bull Riding October 5 Majestic Valley Arena
- *Galore & More FAM October 7-11 Kalispell Grand & Homewood Suites
- NRA-Northern Rodeo Association October 24-26 Majestic Valley Arena
- Absolute Fight Factory October 26 Fairgrounds

November

Beauties & The Beasts – November 16 – Majestic Valley Arena

December

- Craft Brewer Cup Flathead Valley Hockey Assn (FVHA) December 6-8 Woodlawn Ice Center
- Flathead High Wrestling Tournament (TBD) December 6-7 Flathead High School
- Winter Classic Flathead Valley Hockey Assn (FVHA) (10U WC) December 13-15 Woodlawn Ice Center
- Brash Winter Series Rodeo December 20-21 Majestic Valley Arena

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January

 Winter Classic - Flathead Valley Hockey Assn (FVHA) (12U/14U Non-Checking) – January 17-19 – Woodlawn Ice Center

February

Winter Classic - Flathead Valley Hockey Assn (FVHA) (8U WC) - February 14-16 - Woodlawn Ice Center

March

April

May

- Northwest Shootout Jamboree (Lacrosse) Date TBD Kidsport
- Mounted Shooting May 9-11 Majestic Valley Arena
- State A Softball May 22-24 Columbia Falls
- State AA-A Track & Field Meet May 23-24 Legends Stadium
- Three Blind Refs Tournament May 30-June 1 Kidsport

June

- Montana High School Rodeo Association Finals June 2-8 Majestic Valley Arena
- Emeralds Smash Tournament Date TBD Kidsport

July

- 2025 Under the Big Sky Fest Dates TBD Big Mountain Ranch in Whitefish
- *2025 Canadian Rockies Tour July 14 Red Lion
- Event at Rebecca Farm July 16-20 Rebecca Farm
- 2025 The Gathering (Lacrosse) July 25-27 Smith Fields Whitefish

August

NW Montana Fair & Rodeo – August 14-17 - Fairgrounds

September

• *2025 Landmark Tours – September 21-23 – Hilton Garden Inn

October

NRA – Northern Rodeo Association – October 23-25 – Majestic Valley Arena

November

December

9/17/24

*Indicates Discover Kalispell has booked the group/event or is assisting in some way. Other events may affect occupancy in Kalispell.

FY25 August Sales Activities

Dawn Jackson, Group Sales Manager

RFP's/RFQ/RFI's Sent

- 2025 Wisconsin Golf Group June 140 potential rooms
- 2025 International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians July 50 potential rooms
- 2026 Mountain Plains Museum Association October 400 potential rooms

Working Leads

- 2026 EIPBN May 1040 potential room nights working to coordinate a site visit with the organizer. He is a professor at Montana Tech in Butte.
- 2025 Great Open Spaces City Management Conference August 35 ppl Chose Red Lion waiting for signed contract
- 2025/2026 Montana Senior Olympics September Potential 400 rooms Met with Parks & Recreation and they would consider 2026. Will reach back out in October.
- 2026 Northwest Chapter American Association of Airport Executives NWAAAE Will send out RFP and compile information for the organizer of the association for a potential 2026 Annual Conference in Montana – due in September
- ISPS Continue conversation with organizers to bring a state or regional tournament here, and look for the right fields. Continuing to try to connect with baseball fields in CF and WF for an interest in hosting outside tournaments. After completion of sports facility guides will send that to the organizer.
- 2025 MT Tavern Association September 2024 is in Havre and planning to host in Kalispell in 2025. Waiting to connect with the planner.

RFP's Won

- 2025 Koch Family Reunion August 60 room nights Red Lion
- 2025 Christian Series Tour June through August 224 -room nights Holiday Inn Express

RFP's Lost

- 2025 One West Tourism Alliance June 164 potential room nights lost to Park City, UT
- 2026 MTCPA June 100 potential room nights lost to Grouse Mountain

Group Assist

- Liam Grant World Cubing Association needed venue suggestions
- Melissa Bracamonte transportation options
- Luis Sanchez Maritz conference hotel recommendations
- Nadine Nagamatsu Ironstar Construction recommendations on what downtown businesses should their business get gift cards for
- Aaron Ells Piton Wealth Financial looking for meeting space for their group to meet monthly. They are starting Montana Estate Planning organization
- Beth Cramer Aero Northwest wanting help with Red Bus reservations

Miscellaneous Tasks

- Met with Scott Flanagan with Smart Meetings
- Worked on Glacier Galore and More FAM trip details
- Costar Webinar for STR
- Met with Chad and Stephanie with Parks & Recreation regarding MT Senior Olympics
- Met with new Event Sales & Operations Manager at Wachholz College Center
- Created outline of talking points for an article with Northwest Meetings + Events Magazine