



Welcome to the STIX Diabetes Program Quarterly Newsletter! Your connection to the people, programs, and progress making a difference in our community. In each edition, we'll highlight upcoming events, opportunities to get involved, and the impact we're making together. We're glad you're here and look forward to keeping you informed, connected, and inspired! Until there's a cure...there's STIX!



Camp STIX 2026

As we look back on Camp STIX 2026, we're grateful for the incredible volunteers who make camp so special. This year brought a new Camp Director and new experiences, and Aubrey "Adorable" shares a heartfelt reflection on her first year leading Camp STIX and the people who made it unforgettable.

Camp STIX 2026 was an unforgettable experience and one that will stay with me for years to come. My first year as Camp Director challenged me in new ways, pushed me outside of my comfort zone, and reinforced just how special Camp STIX truly is. Camp is not only life-changing for our campers, but also for the volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, and hearts to making it happen. A very special thank you to the Camp STIX Leadership Team: Antibody, Tazer, Citrus, Joplin, Korluffe, Molokai, Eesaki, Macademia, and Popovermint. I could not have done it without each and every one of you. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to STIX are inspiring, and I am eternally grateful for all that you bring to camp. Thank you will never be enough. To all of our camper families, thank you for trusting us with your kiddos. As a former camper myself, I know firsthand how incredible the camp experience is and how much it means to the children and families we serve. It is a privilege to be part of creating those memories and helping make Camp STIX a place where campers can feel supported, understood, and empowered.

-Aubrey "Adorable" Camp STIX Director

Camp TWIGS 2026

It was a different year for our Camp TWIGS kiddos. As most of you know, this year, due to the fire in our Spokane community, we had to make the hard decision to cancel Camp TWIGS. We were devastated not to be able to spend our weekend with our youngest campers and see the joy on their faces as they maybe met their very first fire-belle!

Thankfully, our volunteers came together and decided to plan a TWIGS celebration with our STIX Annual Pool Party (for all campers, volunteers, and community members) at the "TWIGS Dance," as they called it (we love a good dance party at our camps!). The campers got to grab their camp goodies and T-shirts, hang out, and enjoy a little special time together before heading into the pool party.

One volunteer, our advocate lead, shared this message with our TWIGS team:

"Thanks to everyone who helped make today happen. I know it wasn't camp, but it was a chance to show all of our families that we see them, we care, and we will show up for them. The special tokens for the graduates were AMAZING, the goodie bags and boxes were so thoughtful, and I saw plenty of campers making new friends. The pool party looked like it was a total blast, and I saw several new onset kiddos getting very excited to connect with the community! You all are amazing, and it's a privilege to be part of such a compassionate and thoughtful team."

We at STIX could not have said it better ourselves. Shout out to our volunteers for making the best of an unfortunate situation. They are truly awesome!



STIX Annual Pool Party!

The end of Camp Season had us diving right into our Annual Pool Party! The Pool Party has been a fun tradition for many years now for the entire community to signify the end of camp season. It gives friends from camp a chance to reconnect before school and also serves as a thank you to our hardworking volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to putting on two wonderful camps. It is also a chance for families who may be newer to STIX, or who don't attend camp, to come together, meet new people and start making their own connections. This year, we served 153 Kona Ice and had a record-breaking 168 people attend the Pool Party!

Camp may be the heart of summer, but Community Outreach helps keep those connections going throughout the year. We love seeing kids make new friends, parents connect with other families who understand, and our STIX community continue to grow through every event we share together.

-Shelly "Stitcher", Outreach Coordinator

What's coming up at STIX?

Please email Outreach@stixdiabetes.org to RSVP for all events!

- * **STIX "Fall Into Fun" Event - October 10 at 1:00 PM** - Hilary Library 4110 N Cook - Join us for fall activities, games, food, and most importantly to make connections with those in our community. The whole family is welcome!
- * **STIX Auction Committee Kickoff - October 19 at 5:30 PM** - 1114 N Fancher Rd Spokane Valley, WA Suite #104 - Come learn more about our annual Share the Experience Dinner & Auction and how you can be part of making it a success. Enjoy some treats, connect with others, learn about procuring auction items, and discover the many ways you can help. Whether you're new to the committee or returning for another year, we'd love to have you join us!
- * **"Fall Spin with STIX" in the Tri-Cities - November 1 at 1:00-3:00 PM** - GESA Carousel of Dreams 2901 South Ridge Blvd, Kennewick, WA - Join us for crafts, community, and a free carousel ride (for those who register in advance)
- * **STIX Annual Holiday Event - December 6 at 1:00 PM** - The Hive - 2904 E Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 99202
- * **STIX Chiefs Camel - January 2 at 6:05 PM** - Link to purchase tickets coming soon!

Camp 2027

- * Camp STIX 2027: Mark your calendars! Camp STIX will be June 27-July 3, 2027 at Bear Paw.
- * Camp TWIGS dates coming soon!
- * Planning Ahead: Our camp staff recommends having your physician release form for next year signed at your next endocrinology appointment.
- * Many endocrinology offices are scheduling appointments up to six months in advance, so planning ahead will help ensure you're ready for camp registration.



Save the date for one of our biggest nights of the year! Our Annual Share the Experience Dinner & Auction brings our community together to celebrate STIX and raise funds to support children and families living with diabetes.

Want to Get Involved?

We are currently looking for:

- **Sponsors** - Help make this event possible and support STIX programs.
- **Auction Donations** - We are accepting items for our live and silent auctions.
- **Volunteers** - Help us make the evening a success with event setup, execution, and more.

Reach out to us at stix@stixdiabetes.org to learn more or get involved! We hope to see you there!

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