

## Fee Waiver Staff Report

**Date:**

**To:** Douglas County Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Dan Avery, Deputy County Manager

**From:** Steve Shultz, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation *SS*

**CC:** Morgan Morehart, Parks Operations Manager  
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**Subject:** **Fee Waiver Request in the amount of \$1210 for the Parker Homeschool Information Day at Challenger Regional Park**

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**Board of County Commissioners Hearing:**

**April 28, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.**

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### **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Parker Homeschool Information Day requests a fee waiver of \$1,210 for the use of Challenger Regional Park for the 5th Annual Parker Homeschool Information Day event on July 1, 2026.

### **II. BACKGROUND**

Parker Homeschool Information Day is a free, community-based resource event serving homeschool families throughout Douglas County and surrounding areas. Over the past four years, the event has grown from a small gathering into an annual event welcoming approximately 200 homeschool families and 50 local businesses, tutors, enrichment programs, and community organizations. The event provides accessible information, connections, and support to families educating their children at home. Activities include a homeschool curriculum library, local vendor booths, a young entrepreneur market, food trucks, and a “Touch-a-Truck” experience. The non-profit event is fully staffed by local homeschool volunteer mothers. Vendors and families are not charged to participate. Due to the event's popularity, it now requires a Special Event Permit because attendance exceeds 200 participants, resulting in increased costs that pose a financial barrier for this volunteer-led community event.

### **III. REQUEST**

Parker Homeschool Information Day requests a fee waiver of \$1,210 for the use of Challenger Regional Park shelters A, B, and C, including the grass area for vendors, for the 5th Annual Parker Homeschool Information Day event on July 1, 2026.

**IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT**

The Board of County Commissioners has sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the \$1,210 use fee for the Parker Homeschool Information Day.

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