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2004 STMA SCHOOLS/PARKS COMPLEX OF THE YEAR

24 Aspen Rec Center wins

The sports field complex is used 365 days a year. Baseball, softball, football, soccer, rugby, and lacrosse are played spring through fall, and in the winter the fields are part of a Nordic Trails system.

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