

NEWSLETTER



April 2026

TAKE A HIKE



More than just a hiking program

Hiking has the power to be so much more than movement. It brings us together, closer to nature, and builds friendships. The youth in our Take a Hike program enjoyed a month of exploring their local trails and their inner worlds, getting to know each other through quiet conversation in calming ponderosa pine forests.

We decided to celebrate a successful program with a forest cookout. Participants learned how to make backcountry beaver tails topped with delicious cinnamon sugar and an amazing view to boot! We are so grateful for these little moments we get to share with participants - good food, good people, and good views!

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EVENTS

Make It Monthly

20 DONORS. 20 DOLLARS. INFINITE POSSIBILITIES.



Coming May 1st: Make It Monthly: 20 x 20

We're launching something in May that we think you'll want to be part of.

On May 1st, Elevation Outdoors kicks off Make It Monthly: 20 x 20. Our goal? Find 20 people to give \$20 a month by May 31st and thanks to a matching gift from [No Small Thing](#), every new monthly gift made in May gets doubled for a full year, up to \$5,000.

If you've been thinking about making your giving more consistent, this is the time - your \$20/month gift becomes \$40/month doubling the impact your gift makes to support local youth.

And if monthly giving isn't the right fit for you, sharing this with one person who might be interested is genuinely helpful. So whether you're one of the 20 or you help spread the word, we hope you'll join us this May!

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MAKE IT MONTHLY: 20 X 20

On The Lawn powered by BDO - Sold Out Again

On The Lawn teams may be sold out, but there's still a way to be part of Year 10!

Thank you to everyone who grabbed a spot. The support from this community has been incredible!

Apologies to those that weren't able to get a team - we'd love to have everyone out! You can still add yourself to the waitlist and keep an eye on your inbox for team cancellations.

And don't forget - everyone is welcome at the **10th Anniversary Celebration Night!**

GET TICKETS

Join us Thursday, Aug 20th | 6:00–9:00 PM at Kelowna Lawn Bowling Club:

Casual lawn bowling, BBQ, bar, 50/50, toonie toss, and a celebration of 10 years together!

Tickets \$10 — **space is limited, grab yours at trellis.org/onthelawn2026**



Questions about tickets or sponsorship opportunities? Contact Laura at laurad@elevationoutdoors.ca



Payton & Dillon Budd Memorial Ride

Ride Don't Hide - [Payton & Dillon Budd Memorial Ride](#) raises awareness and funds to support youth mental health. Proceeds from the ride support local charities and mental health programs here in Kelowna and **Elevation Outdoors is grateful to be one of the benefiting charities for this years ride!**

We're gonna be there for the ride and we'd love for you to ride with us and **Join Our Team!**

1. Join Team **Elevation Outdoors** [HERE](#)
2. Select "Join This Team"
3. Then sign yourself up and choose your ride!

You can also create your own team, ride as an individual, or come see us at our booth at the After Ride Festival.

RACE INFORMATION

- Date: **Sunday, June 7, 2026**
- Location: Sutherland Bay Park (612 Ellis St)

Questions? Email Laura at laurad@elevationoutdoors.ca

Join Our Team

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Leaders in Action

Get your applications in for the Sept 2026 - June 2027 cohort!

This well-rounded, experience-based program is aimed at giving youth an opportunity to try new adventures and outdoor pursuits while gaining valuable volunteer experience with a consistent group of peers and leaders throughout the year. All of the outdoor sports we offer are included in this program.

Dates

- This 10 month program runs throughout the school year (September – June) with sessions running every Wednesday after school (+ a few weekend days)

Who is Leaders in Action for?

- 15 – 18 years old
- Dedicated, able to attend at least 1 evening session a week (Wednesdays) for the whole school year
- Interested in, and willing to try, all of our sports (listed below)
- Willing and able to collaborate with others
- Interested in gaining volunteer hours in an outdoor recreation setting
- Interested in developing leadership and employment skills
- Interested in building positive relationships with our staff/volunteers and the other youth in the program!

[More Info](#)

[Apply Now!](#)



[Girls Forward](#)

Get your applications in now!

Positively impacting female participant's access and experience of the outdoors and of the sports we do is super important to us!

That's why we've paired up with [Girls Forward Foundation](#) to put on our first all-girls, multi-sport program, running for 5 weeks on every Tuesday evening in June 2026.

We'll take up to 10 girls, aged 12 - 18, mountain biking, hiking, and climbing alongside Girls Forward's Role Models, who will provide life skills sessions!

Dates

- June 2: Hike
- June 9: Mountain Bike
- June 16: Hike
- June 23: Mountain Bike
- June 30: Indoor Rock Climb

Eligibility: Unlike our other programs, you do not need to meet eligibility criteria to access this program for free! Everyone can apply!

[More Info](#)

[Apply Now!](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Happy National Volunteer Week to our Amazing Volunteers!

April 19-25, 2026 was National Volunteer Week - a week-long celebration of the vital contributions volunteers make to communities, recognizing those who provide time and energy to support local causes.

Thank you to all the volunteers who support us! Whether its being a mentor on programs, selling tickets at an event, bike mechanics, or any number of ways our volunteers give their time and energy - we are forever grateful. Our programs could not not run without you and we cannot fully express our gratitude to you all and the immense impact you have made for youth in our community.

THANK YOU!

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Girls Forward

We're seeking female volunteers who hike, climb, and/or mountain bike who want to join us on our second annual Girls Forward program. If you're available on Tuesdays in June and would like to join this awesome program, we'd love to hear from you!

If you have any questions about what it's like to be a volunteer with Girls Forward, email Jess (Program Manager) at programs@elevationoutdoors.ca or fill out our volunteer application below!

Apply to Volunteer

UNIQUE WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT



3rd Party Event in Support of  ELEVATION OUTDOORS

Host a 3rd Party Event with Elevation Outdoors

Planning an event and looking for a great cause to give back to? Consider directing a portion of your proceeds to Elevation Outdoors.

Whether you're organizing a community event, company fundraiser, or something totally unique, **you choose how it works and we'll help spread the word** to get people through the door. Funds raised (or a portion of proceeds) go directly to empowering Okanagan youth with free outdoor experiences.

A few ideas to get you started: Ask for donations in lieu of gifts, donate a portion of sales for a day, host a social event or activity, hold a school or workplace fundraiser.

The best part? You bring people together for a great cause, strengthen your connection to the community, and give your guests or customers a reason to feel good about showing up.

Want to know more or already have something in mind? Reach out to Laura at laurad@elevationoutdoors.ca or 250-870-9094 ext. 4 and find out how we can help make your event a success.

WE'RE HIRING



Looking for a Job Where You Get to Have Fun & Make a Difference?

Join our team! Help us change lives and have fun doing it. We're looking for passionate people who believe every young person deserves access to outdoor adventure.

Open Positions:

All current roles are seasonal summer positions funded through the Canada Summer Jobs program.

- **Kelowna Bike Rentals**
 - Recreational Rental Supervisor
 - Bike Maintenance Mechanic and Customer Service
 - Rental Attendant
- **Elevation Outdoors**
 - Marketing and Events Assistant

[VIEW OPEN POSITIONS](#)

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Jumpstart

Founded in 2005, Canadian Tire Jumpstart helps kids overcome financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation, ensuring inclusive play for kids of all abilities.

Jumpstart has been one of our valued program supporters since 2017. Their mission to enrich the lives of kids in need through sport and physical activity aligns with our own. Like us, they understand that programs like ours offer more than just a chance to get active. Sport builds self-esteem and confidence, supports mental and physical health, sparks passions, and helps young people develop meaningful relationships with peers and mentors.

Jumpstart supports our core programs by helping fund scholarship seats and staffing, and has provided training programs for our staff and volunteers. Their long-standing support has made a real difference, and we are grateful to have them in our corner.



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