

NEWSLETTER



August 2026

LIVE TO RIDE & RIDE MORE



Big White was a Blast!

We had a blast up at Big White last week with our beginner Live to Ride and intermediate Ride More programs!

Here's what one of our participant's parents had to say: "One of the most memorable experiences for him was the full day of riding at Big White. It was an incredible experience — spending the whole day on the trails, putting his new skills into practice, and simply having so much fun riding. I could see how happy and proud he was of his achievements."

You can see the [Video highlights of the program here!](#)

We were also so lucky to be able to give gear (ie. backpacks, padding, helmets) and the bike they got to use throughout the program to our participants on the last day. We're so grateful to BEEM Credit Union, COGIR Foundation, Martell Legacy

Foundation, and Morningside Rotary for facilitating a future of riding for these kids by providing them with the gear they need to do so!

And a big thank you to all of our wonderful supporters for helping us make this program possible: **Presenting Sponsor Appleton Investment Partners at CIBC Wood Gundy**, Valley First, BEEM Credit Union, Province of BC, Canadian Tire Jumpstart, Hornby Organics, Smith Creek Cycle, Stober Group, Central Okanagan Foundation, Dan Martell, Price Family Foundation, City of Kelowna, First West Foundation, Cogir Foundation, and the Morningside Rotary Club of Kelowna!



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EVENTS



That's a wrap for OTL 10th Anniversary!

What a summer celebrating **10 Years and over \$287,000 raised for local Kelowna youth**. The 10th Anniversary of On The Lawn, powered by BDO brought everything we love about this community - the friendly competition, the cheers, the laughter, and the people who show up year after year to support this event and Elevation Outdoors.

To every player, volunteer, sponsor, and community partner who was part of OTL this year - Thank you!

Ogopogo Rotary Golf Tournament - Benefiting Elevation Outdoors

Join Ogopogo Rotary for their 8th Annual golf tournament! Proceeds support Elevation Outdoors.

- Friday September 18th
- Sunset Ranch Golf & Country Club
- Shotgun Start 1:00 PM
- Tickets \$225
- Scan QR code to register or follow this link: [Get Tickets](#)



Wild One Run - Supporting Elevation Outdoors and youth mental health

Join us on October 3rd for the 8th annual Wilden Wild One Run!

The run brings together families, trail runners, dog owners, kids, and people who just want to show up for something that matters - raising funds and awareness for youth mental health through the Wilden Legacy Fund.

- 10km Run
- 5 km Run and Dog Walk
- 1km Kids Fun Run

Grab your spot at wildonerun.ca

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Ready to Roll: Skateboarding

Get your applications in now!

This fall, we'll be running our third annual skateboarding program for participants with little to no previous skateboarding experience!

In Ready to Roll, participants will be introduced to the very basics of the sport. Starting out with the fundamentals and setting up their own board. Over the course of the 4-week program, they will explore a variety of locations across the region while learning alongside a group of their peers.

Dates

- Orientation: Monday, Sept 15 @ 5:00 pm (virtual, on Zoom)
- Sessions: Tuesday and Thursday evenings (after school) starting September 22 and ending October 15

If you are 12 - 18 years old and want to learn to skate, get your applications in now!

[More Info](#)

[Apply Now!](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Ready to Roll

In Ready to Roll, participants will be introduced to the very basics of the sport. Starting out with the fundamentals as well as setting up their own board.

Over the course of the 4-week program, they will explore a variety of locations while learning from the skilled instructors alongside a group of their peers. This program is a great way to learn something new and build a sense of community within the sport. There will be 10 youth accepted into this program, between the ages of 12 and 18.

We're looking for skateboarders who want to come out and join us as volunteer mentors for our awesome Ready to Roll participants!

Program Dates:

- Orientation: Mon, Sept 15 @ 5:00 pm on Zoom
- Program: Tuesday and Thursday evenings (after school) starting September 23rd and ending October 16th.

[Apply to Volunteer](#)

UNIQUE WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Recycle & Donate!



Did you know you can donate the refund from your cans and bottles to Elevation Outdoors at the Kent Road Return-It Centre in Kelowna?? Just follow these steps to help support our youth!

How to donate:

1. Put your returnable containers into clear/transparent plastic bags and seal.
2. Head to the [Columbia Bottle Depot \(Return-It Express\) at 1936 Kent Rd, Kelowna](#)
3. At the Express Label Stand (located just inside the front door) print out labels by entering our phone number **250-870-9094**
4. Head to the Return-It Express Depot at 1936 Kent Rd, Kelowna
5. Place the label on your bag and drop it off at the Express area (located just outside the main entrance).

That's it! Your donation will go directly to Elevation Outdoors!

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



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Appleton Investment Partners

Lee Appleton at Appleton Investment Partners has been supporting Elevation Outdoors and our Live to Ride program for many years. Not only does Lee contribute financially as our Presenting Sponsor of the program he also contributes his time as a volunteer on the program joining for rides and sharing his passion for the sport with our participants each season.

Through Lee's work as a Senior Investment Advisor he understands the value of long term support and the stability it provides an organization like Elevation Outdoors. His steady support has allowed us to expand our Live to Ride program over the years to now include our Ride More program as well as his support has let us focus on deeper impacts for all participants. This year Lee has continued to expand his support by running a radio ad that highlights our program and has helped create more awareness of our work in the community. You can listen to the

[ad here](#) or visit his [website](#) to learn more about his services and the work he does in the community.



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