

NEWSLETTER



January 2026

EVENTS



Do you Have Your Tickets Yet?

We're proud to bring the **7th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival**, presented by Eising Construction Solutions, back to Kelowna.

Powerful films, inspiring stories, community vibes all in support of local youth.

Live Event - Feb 20 - Tickets \$35

View it on the big screen with fun community vibes at the Metro Hub. Doors at 6:00 with community booths, prizes, and auction. The inspiring line-up of environmental and outdoor films starts at 7:00. Popcorn, drinks, merch and coffee available for purchase. Plus your ticket includes online viewing for a full week.

Online Viewing - Feb 20-26 - Tickets \$20

Can't make it in person? Don't worry! The full film lineup is available online to view from the comfort of your own home.

 Online Auction - Feb 13-20 - [Bid online](#)

Bid on an amazing selection of goods and services from Kelowna and across BC.

Proceeds from the event and auction go directly to support Elevation Outdoors programs and local youth.

In person seating is limited and expected to sell out. Don't miss this incredible night out - get your ticket now!

Get Tickets

Thank you to our Amazing Sponsors

Presenting Sponsor:



Film Sponsor:



Community Sponsors:



UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Take a Hike

Get your applications in now!

Our Take a Hike program starts out with some easier local hikes to get everyone acquainted with the group dynamic and its leaders. As the program progresses the hikes become longer and more engaging as we travel further away from town to access the amazing hikes available in the region.

While hiking, our Program Leads facilitate curriculum around identifying local flora and fauna, basic way finding skills, and connection to, and respect for, nature. Participants will acquire a variety of knowledge and skills including:

- Basic navigation and map reading skills: route selection and understand how to safely navigate trails in a variety of circumstances
- Being able to safely travel through the local terrain with the “leave no trace” principle
- Understanding of the impacts of our presence in the environment
- How to incorporate mindfulness skills into their time in nature

The program runs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in April, starting April 2 and ending April 28, 2026. If a youth you know, aged 12 - 18, wants to get out into nature this spring, apply now at the button below!

[More Info](#)[Apply Now](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Take a Hike

Calling all hikers, we have three 4-week hiking program running this April, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from April 1st - 28th, and we need your help!

We're looking for hikers who want to come out and join us as volunteer mentors once a week in April! Our hiking programs are a great way to pass along your passion for movement and the outdoors to youth!

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

[Apply to Volunteer](#)

HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

Sponsors a Seat - Update

Thank you to everyone that donated! Because of your generosity, our Sponsor a Seat campaign surpassed our goal of 11 seats raising \$9,175, funding **14 full scholarship seats for youth in our 2026 programs!**

That means 14 local youth facing barriers will have the opportunity to discover confidence, build community, and find their potential through outdoor adventure.

Your support is creating barrier-free access for:

- 2 youth in Take a Hike
- 3 youth in Get a Grip
- 3 youth in Ready to Roll
- 3 youth in Live to Ride
- 2 youth in Learn to Shred
- 1 youth in Leaders in Action

Thank you for believing in youth and the power of outdoor adventure to change lives!



UNIQUE WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT



Coffee for Cause

Calling all coffee lovers! We've teamed up with [Pink Weasel Coffee](#) to bring you delicious, locally roasted specialty coffee, with impact in every cup!

\$5 from every Elevation Outdoors coffee bag goes directly toward supporting youth in our programs.

Pink Weasel Coffee is known for its fair trade, sustainably sourced, locally roasted micro-batch beans in a variety of roasts and flavours.

Our Elevation Outdoors blend is always available online for pick-up at the Pink Weasel Coffee store in Sutherland, but **for a limited time, you can pre-order with your [WSFF tickets](#) and pick it up at the live screening on February 20.**

Every purchase helps local youth build confidence, connection, and opportunity through outdoor experiences.

[Get Coffee Here](#)

Great coffee. Easy pickup.
Meaningful impact.



Get a Great Deal on a Bike

Looking for a new to you bike? Kelowna Bike Rentals is selling off some of our rental fleet to make space for some new bikes in the Spring.

E-bikes start at just \$1,250 and the Giant Cypress start are only \$300. If purchasing multiple bikes bulk pricing is available.

Find out more here: [Bike's For Sale](#)

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



[Big White](#) plays a vital role in bringing our winter programs to life. From January to March our Leaders in Action, Learn to Shred, and Shred More programs shred the slopes on Big White.

We rely on Big White's incredible instructors to introduce our participants to snowboarding, help them build skills, and ignite a lasting passion for the sport. Their rental team ensures every youth is set up with the right gear, creating a safe, welcoming, and confidence-building experience on the mountain.

Through Big White's support, in collaboration with the [Stober Foundation](#), graduates of our snowboard programs receive season passes for a future year. This extends the impact far beyond the program itself, allowing youth to continue riding, practicing, and staying connected to the sport they've grown to love.

Big White's support doesn't stop there. Throughout the year, they generously contribute to our fundraising efforts, help raise awareness of our programs, and in the summer, partner with us to give Live to Ride and Ride More youth the experience of lift-accessed mountain biking.

Big White has been with us since day one, when our very first snowboard program brought just six youth to the resort. They've stood behind our mission every step of the way, and we're incredibly grateful for their long-standing partnership and belief in the power of outdoor sport to change lives.



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