

NEWSLETTER



July 2026

LIVE TO RIDE



Summer is for Mountain Biking!

Our 2026 Live to Ride program is now almost halfway through!

We've had a great time so far with this crew. They started out with some flat ground ride to practice the very basic of positioning and safety before moving on to downhill riding! This week the group focused on learning rock rolls, cornering, and risk evaluation!

They've biked the KVR, Rutland Skills Park, Knox Mountain, Crawford, Smith Creek, and Lake Country bike park all while learning sport and life skills!

We can't wait to take them up to Big White in August, we know they're going to have an amazing time!

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EVENTS



On The Lawn 2026 Has Begun!

On The Lawn 2026 officially kicked off with an incredible night of lawn bowling, laughs, and friendly competition to celebrate our 10th Anniversary season. This is what it's all about!

The scores are in and our crowned winner of Bracket 1 is Lawn 'N' Order FH&P Lawyers LLP Congratulations to our champions!

Check out all the photos from last week here: [On The Lawn July Bracket Photos](#)

Want to join in the fun? COMe roll some bowls at our 10th Anniversary Celebration Night August 20th! Tickets are only \$10 — **space is limited:** [GET TICKETS](#)

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 for the 8th annual wilden Wild One Run October 3rd!

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



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!

Get your applications in asap to be considered!

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

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



Leaders in Action

We are still seeking volunteers for Semester 1 (Sept - Dec 2026)!

This 10-month long leadership program runs from September until June and is for committed youth who are seeking the opportunity to try all of our sports while gaining valuable leadership, volunteering, employment, and life skills!

Program Dates:

- Kick Off Camping Trip: TBD (second or third weekend in Sept)
- Sept 2026 - June 2027: sessions typically run on Wednesday evenings, with occasional weekend days to allow for longer trips (ie. outdoor climbing, hikes, full-day at Big White, etc.)

You're a good fit to volunteer with our Leaders in Action program if you:

- Are 19+ years old
- Have experience in one or more of the sports we do on this program
- Are looking for a longer-term, consistent volunteering opportunity throughout Sept - June, with potential interest in overnight trip volunteer opportunities as well
- Have availability to join for a session every week or two for at least 1 semester (semesters are Sept - Dec, Jan - Mar, and Apr - Jun)
- Are open to volunteering in both sport-based and in-class 'Skills Development' session

- Are interested in building positive relationships with our team and the youth in the program!

If you're interested in volunteering with either of these programs, you can either complete the volunteer application below (if you're new to volunteering with us) or email Jess at programs@elevationoutdoors.ca (if you're a returning volunteer).



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



**KELOWNA
BIKE RENTALS**



Kelowna Bike Rentals is Open!

All proceeds support Adaptive Adventures and Elevation Outdoors.

With a wide selection of bikes including: E-Bikes, Mountain Bikes, Gravel Bikes, and Adaptive Options we have the right fit for exploring Kelowna's beautiful pathways.

[Book online](#) or simply walk up to our convenient location at [579 Truswell Road](#).

Contact: 778-583-4835 | Website: [Kelowna Bike Rentals](#)

Rent a Bike. Explore the Outdoors. Make an Impact.

Legacy Giving

Want to make a lasting impact in your community? A gift in your will to Elevation Outdoors ensures that the next generation of Okanagan youth, no matter their circumstances, will always have access to the transformative power of the outdoors.

A legacy gift is one of the most meaningful ways to invest in the future of your community.

Want to learn more? We'd be honored to have that conversation with you.



Your Legacy Could Lift a Generation

A legacy gift to Elevation Outdoors ensures young people in our community have access to free outdoor sport programs, building life skills, confidence, and passion that doesn't just change their lives, it strengthens our whole community.

Your Legacy | Their Future | Our Community

Questions? Contact Laura Dunne
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BDO LLP Kelowna

We're proud to spotlight BDO, our Presenting Sponsor for the 10th annual [On The Lawn powered by BDO!](#)

[BDO Canada LLP](#) - Kelowna has supported this event since the very beginning, helping it grow into our most successful, and most anticipated fundraiser.

BDO is a leading provider of professional services across Canada, offering assurance, accounting, tax, and advisory expertise. BDO proudly supports community initiatives that make a difference.

Thanks to their ongoing partnership, we're celebrating 10 years of On The Lawn fun and \$250,000 raised to support Elevation Outdoors' outdoor sport, mentorship, and life skills programs, giving hundreds of local youth access to transformative outdoor experiences.

Thank you, BDO, for being part of this journey from day one and continuing to help us make a lasting impact in our community.



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