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Removing Barriers to Continued Access

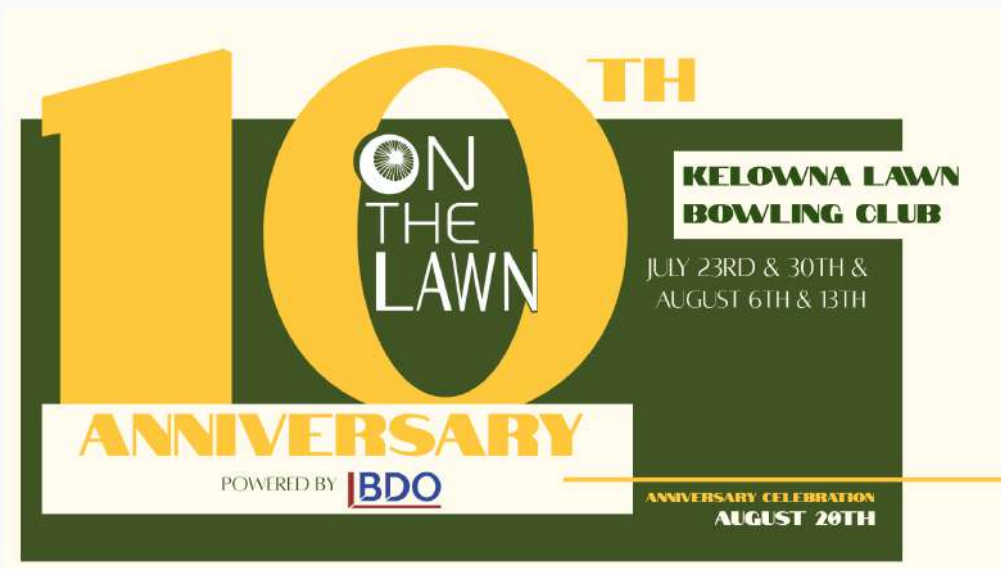
We're so grateful for the opportunity we get to provide our Shred Awards to one lucky participant in each of our snowboarding programs!

Each year we get the chance to provide a full snowboarding gear package to a youth, in each program, who will continue on with the sport. We know the programs we introduce youth to can be expensive and so it's important to us to increase the ability for our participants to continue on with our sports wherever we can, and these awards are a great way for us to make that happen with snowboarding!

A big thank you to [ONE Boardshop](#) and [Rip Curl](#) for helping us make these awards happen and thank you to all of our other amazing sponsors for making these snowboard programs possible: [Stober Foundation](#), [Central Okanagan Foundation](#), [Martell Legacy Foundation](#), [Price Family Foundation](#), [Ogopogo Rotary Club Kelowna](#), [Big White](#), [Province of BC](#), [Hornby Organic](#), [Underground Pizza](#), [The Market at Big White](#)

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EVENTS



On The Lawn 10th Anniversary!

On The Lawn powered by [BDO](#) is back and we're celebrating 10 years!

Over the past decade On The Lawn has brought our community together to **raise a quarter million dollars** for Elevation Outdoors and youth in our community.

Join the fun this summer, Thursday evenings at the Kelowna Lawn Bowling Club. And this year we're doing something extra special. We've added a bonus night to celebrate 10 years together.

Two Brackets · 4 Game Nights · Hot BBQ · Cool Drinks · Good People · Great Cause

SAVE THE DATES:

- Bracket 1: **July 23 & 30**
- Bracket 2: **TAugust 6 & 13**
- 10th Anniversary Celebration Night: **August 20**

[Registration opens April 9th](#)

Don't wait - this event sells out every year!

[Info & Registration Link](#)

A huge thank you to BDO for 10 years of showing up as our Presenting Sponsor. This event does not happen without you.

For questions or sponsorship opportunities, contact Laura at laurad@elevationoutdoors.ca



SUO Swim Club Swimming for Youth

The UBCO SUO Swim Club held their annual Swim-A-Thon on March 29th. 14 swimmers came out to **swim non-stop laps totalling 33.75km!** They passed their fundraising goal, **raising almost \$1100 for youth in our programs.**

Thank you to everyone who came out to swim, volunteer, organize, and donate to this event, helping remove barriers for local youth to access transformative outdoor programs. We are grateful for your effort and support!



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!**

Join a team or join as an individual - or just attend the After Ride Festival.

[RACE INFORMATION](#)

- Date: **Sunday, June 7, 2026**

- Location: **Sutherland Bay Park** (612 Ellis St)

Want to be part of the Elevation Outdoors Team? Email Laura at laurad@elevationoutdoors.ca for more information.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Get a Grip

Get your applications in now!

Our Get a Grip rock climbing program is designed for participants that have limited to no previous experience with the sport of rock climbing, but can easily accommodate a more experienced climber who is looking for an opportunity to improve their skills and make some new friends! Participants will get a chance to learn and practice at Beyond the Crux climbing gym before going on a couple trips to the Skaha Bluffs in Penticton to try out outdoor climbing!

Dates

- Program sessions will run on the evenings of May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, & 26 (Tuesday or Thursday indoor climbs at Beyond the Crux Climbing Gym) and on 2 Saturdays: May 23 & May 30 (full days, outdoors climbs at Skaha Bluffs)!
- Orientation (Zoom): Mon, April 27th @ 5 pm

[More Info](#)

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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



Get a Grip

Our Get a Grip program is designed for youth that have limited to no previous experience with the sport of rock climbing, but can easily accommodate a more experienced climber who is looking for an opportunity to improve their skills and make some new friends!

Volunteers will serve as mentors, helping us introduce our participants to the fundamentals of rock climbing, including a belay lesson on day one, so that all participants can develop this skill and climb safely with a partner on the rope walls.

Seeking Volunteers to join for 1x/week in May!

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- Youth Orientation (Zoom): Mon, April 27th @ 5 pm
- Volunteer Orientation (at Beyond the Crux): Mon, May 5th @ 6 pm

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

[Apply to Volunteer](#)



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

WE'RE HIRING





Do You Want 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

- Recreational Rental Supervisor - [Kelowna Bike Rentals](#)
- Bike Maintenance Mechanic and Customer Service - [Kelowna Bike Rentals](#)
- Rental Attendant - [Kelowna Bike Rentals](#)
- Marketing and Events Assistant

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

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Helping us Remove Barriers ONE Board at a Time.

[ONE Boardshop](#) has been with us since the beginning, and we're so grateful for their continued support.

ONE Boardshop is a key supporter of our Shred and Shred More programs. They donate swag bags at the start for every youth and they are integral in us providing our Shred Awards. At the end of each program, volunteer mentors select one youth for the award, recognizing participation, attitude, and passion for the sport. The award? A shopping spree at ONE Boardshop for their own board, boots, and bindings! These are provided to us at cost so the award remains sustainable year after year. They've also supported our Ready to Roll program with products and discounts.

Beyond product support, ONE Boardshop donates to our fundraising efforts, promotes our events, and helps raise awareness of our programs in the community. They're a true community partner in every sense.



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