NEWSLETTER

May 2026

GET A GRIP

Climbing and trust building!

Our Get a Grip participants have been having an awesome time at Beyond the Crux climbing Gym, learning the foundations of climbing and belaying.

They've explored themes like communication and trust while ramping up for their first outdoor climb at the Skaha Bluffs last weekend! They've got 1 one indoor and 1 final outdoor day left!

This group has done an amazing job of connecting with their peers, challenging themselves, learning to belay safely, and have fun!

Thank you to our amazing volunteers, for your invaluable support on Get a Grip, and to our wonderful supporters for making this program possible: Canadian Tire Jumpstart, Stober Foundation, Dan Martell, Central Okanagan Foundation, Price Family Foundation, Ogopogo Rotary Club, City of Kelowna, and Colin and Lois Pritchard Foundation!

Learn More

Donate

EVENTS

48 Hours Left To Double Your Donation

The Okanagan is one of the best places in the world to grow up outside. But for a lot of youth here, that world is out of reach. Elevation Outdoors exists to change that.

Monthly donors are how we keep programs running all year long — and for 48 more hours your monthly gift will be doubled for a full year!

The goal: 20 people to give $20/month this May and No Small Thing will match it for a full year, up to $5,000. That's up to $10,000 to empower local youth with outdoor experiences.

If you've been thinking about making your giving more consistent, this is the moment. Your $20/month becomes $40/month — doubling your impact for youth all year long.

20 Donors. 20 Dollars. Infinite Possibilities.

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

10th Anniversary Celebration Tickets Still Available

On The Lawn teams may be sold out, but there are still tickets to the **10th Anniversary Celebration Night!**

Join us Thursday, Aug 20th for some casual lawn bowling, BBQ, bar, 50/50, toonie toss, and a celebration of 10 years together!

Tickets are only $10 — **space is limited:** **GET TICKETS**

The Payton & Dillon Budd Memorial Ride is 10 Days Away!

Elevation Outdoors is proud to be one of the benefiting charities for this year's ride - and we have a team! Ride with us June 7th. Every dollar raised through our team page goes directly to supporting our programs for local youth.

Join our team:

- Head to: buddride.com/
- Select "Create or Join a Team"
- Find team Elevation Outdoors
- Join and choose your distance - no experience needed!

Can't ride? Come find us at the After Ride Festival at Sutherland Park.

If cost is a barrier, reach out to Laura at laurad@elevationoutdoors.ca for a complimentary discount code.

JOIN OUR TEAM

Wild One Run - Early Bird Ends May 31st!

Wilden's annual trail run raises funds in support of youth mental health through the Wilden Legacy Fund. For the past three years, their generous annual gift has put bikes and gear into the hands of youth in our Live to Ride program, bikes they get to keep long after the program ends.

Run, walk, or cheer -- every participant helps make that possible..

SIGN UP HERE

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: Summer Edition

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 for our necy all-girls, multi-sport program, running for 5 weeks on Wednesday evenings, from July 22 - Aug 19.

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

- July 22: Hike
- July 29: Mountain Bike
- Aug 5: Hike
- Aug 12: Mountain Bike
- Aug 19: 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

Live to Ride & Ride More

Our mountain biking programs run on weekday evening in July and August this year. We have both beginner and intermediate programs for youth with no prior experience or youth who want to further the skills they learned with us on their first time on the program.

Volunteers will serve as mentors, passing along their passion for the sport helping us introduce our participants to the fundamentals of mountain biking and further develop their skills and technique.

Seeking Volunteers to join for 1 - 2x/week in July and August!

- Live to Ride runs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from June 30th to August 14th (two of the Thursdays will be swapped to Fridays for full day trips to Big White)!
- Ride More (Intermediate) runs on Monday and Wednesday evenings from July 6th - August 13th (with the last Wednesday being swapped for a Thursday day a trip to Big White)
- Volunteer Orientation (at Beyond the Crux): Mon, June 22nd @ 6 pm

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

Girls Forward: Summer Edition

We're seeking female volunteers who hike, climb, and/or mountain bike who want to join us on our next Girls Forward program. If you're available on Wednesday evenings from July 22 - Aug 19 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

KELOWNA BIKE RENTALS

Kelowna Bike Rentals is Open!

All proceeds from bike rentals 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.

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

Open Friday to Tuesday: 9am - 4:30pm (Closed Wednesday/Thursday)
Contact: 778-583-4835 | Website: Kelowna Bike Rentals

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Rotary Club of Morningside

Morningside Rotary

Morningside Rotary Club has been a dedicated supporter of Elevation Outdoors for many years, and their annual contribution helps us put more youth into programs each year, providing more opportunity for transformative outdoor experleices.

Last Friday, our team had the pleasure of volunteering at their 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Black Mountain Golf Club - a small way to give back to a group that gives so much to our community. It was a fantastic event and a great reminder of the incredible community we get to be part of.

Thank you, Morningside Rotary. We are gratful to be on this journey with you.

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