



Boys & Girls Club
of Kamloops
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Club Hub Newsletter

Spring 2020



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COVID-19 Resources, Programs & Updates

We are constantly updating our Facebook and Twitter pages on the latest COVID-19 developments. Follow us to stay up to date.



Our staff have been innovating to continue to serve the needs of the community during this time. Abby, our Youth Resources Leader, is seen delivering hampers, pizza, and baked goods to our youth. Our Power Start team (Kerry, Jessica, Kaitlyn, Megan, and Molly, not pictured) maintain physical distancing measures while delivering Power Start breakfasts and Starfish backpacks to children in the program.

Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops COVID-19 Response

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has impacted most services Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops offers however, like so many other service providers, we have quickly adapted to the situation in order to continue to provide as many services as we safely can. In addition to more sanitation measures and physical distancing measures, we are open for childcare for essential services workers, offering parenting and school-aged virtual workshops via Zoom, offering “Grab and Go” meals for families, delivery of meals for youth, and continuing to provide our Power Start breakfasts to our families every weekday morning.

Staff are hard at work each morning, preparing more than 90 Power Start breakfasts and dropping them off at the children's homes. Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops has also partnered with Kamloops-Thompson School District #73 to deliver Starfish Backpacks to children in the program.

Our weekly “Friday Family Nights” has also changed from on-site dinner and games to a “grab and go” dinner where families come to the club to pick up their dinners. And our Youth staff are hard at work providing online programming, connection to supports, access to educational tools, and delivering hampers and hot meals to our youth.

We have also added a new page to our website (see below) where we have resources for families for food security, educational websites, activities, and more. If you have a resource you think should be added to our list, email Alison at resource@bgckamloops.com to have it added. <http://www.bgckamloops.com/resources-1>

BGCK Celebrates 65 years in Kamloops!

Did you know...?

The Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops began as the Boys Club of Kamloops in 1955 and was registered as a Society on March 29, 1955. Our two co-founders were Keith Pattinson, a young photographer for the Kamloops Sentinel Newspaper, and Harold Foulger, an RCMP officer. Within the first year, the Boys Club became a member of the national organization known as the Boys' Clubs of Canada. Our current name, Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops, was officially changed in November 1975.

We look forward to hopefully celebrating this milestone in person in the fall. Details to come.

Upcoming Dates/Events

Monday, May 18 - Club closed for Victoria Day

Wednesday, June 24 - Club Annual General Meeting (held virtually)

Summer Camp details coming at the end of May!



Spring Break Camp Success

The Riding into Adventure Girls Bike Camp was held during Spring Break, before the COVID-19 situation suspended programming. The girls, led by Andrea Locke, took part in mountain bike skills (pictured), different crafts and hiking activities and more.

We hope to offer this camp again this summer, depending on the COVID-19 situation. Details will be posted to our Facebook and website.



Once again this winter the Blue Bird Day Fund partnered with Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops to offer some of our youth a chance to access snow sports at Sun Peaks Resort. This volunteer-run group offers youth who face financial barriers access to equipment, outdoor gear, and a volunteer mentor.

Many thanks to Sun Peaks Resort and to the volunteers, coordinated by Bryan Lupal, who gave their time to provide youth this wonderful experience, allowing them to grow their confidence and skills on the mountain.

Thank you

Thank you to our donors! Your support is always appreciated and is especially vital now.

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