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News of the Week

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SV Gas Bar: Carbon Tax change Sep 1st

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IA Declaration Day: August 12th, 2026
IA Cheque Day: August 26th, 2026



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SQUAMISH VALLEY
ELDERS

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August 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
2	BC Day 3	Bernie M 4 10:30 Brunch Bingo	DB 5 Cheakamus Center	DB 6 Thrifting	Floyd B DB 7 Squamish Li'l'wat Cultural Centre 10-2	Charles N 8
9	Donna B 10	11 10:30 Brunch	12 Birthday Party 11-2	13 Youth Circle 10-3	14	15
16	17 Wayne Mah 11am	18 Theresa N 10:30 Brunch	19 Juanits L Cheekye Ranch 11-12	20 Elder's Budget 10-3	21 Foot Care 10-2	22 Donal B
23	24	25 ELDER'S GATHERING	26 Lorna W ELDER'S GATHERING	27	28	29
30 Elaine M	31			Legend: Unless stated, all programs will be at the Totem Hall Red: Birthdays Purple: Sign Up Required		

↓ In the boxes listed below please check off ✓ Activity(ies) you are registering for.

✓	2026 CULTURE CAMPS: Staff: Siobhan, Rachel, Nicole, Randy, Cindy, Roxy, Bev, Bella , William, Michael, Matthew, Char			
	Age Group	Date	Activity	Facilitator
			WEEK 7: August 17-20	
	6-8 Year Olds	Aug 18-20	Alice Lake Long House fun Days	Ed Staff
	Teens puberty rights	Aug. 17	Field Trip to NV/longhouse shakers etc.	Ed Staff
		Aug. 18	Girls making give aways (girls make salve)	
			Slocum/Boys circle with Male Elders	
		Aug. 19	Boys making give aways	
		Aug. 20	Sloum/Girls Circle (Siobhan & Virginia)	
			Puberty Rights Ceremony	
X	Pre-Determined	August 17-21	Neurodiverse Camp	Esha & Julia, Bella



Chilhiwílh (above): Past members of the SV Peacekeepers are commemorated at the Honouring the Peacekeepers Event. (3 t'l'a tem kw'élemexw — July 3rd)

Lésiwiłh (below): Members of the Community Safety Team paint their own hand-made drums. (9 t'l'a tem kw'élemexw — July 9th)



DEADLINE: AUGUST 31ST, 2026

Disabilities Survey

Squamish Nation is conducting a Disabilities Review Survey to better understand the experiences, needs, and priorities of Skwxwú7mesh Stélmexw (Squamish Peoples) living with disabilities, as well as their families and caregivers.

Your Feedback Matters

Whether you are currently accessing services or have experienced challenges finding the supports you need, your experience matters. Your feedback will help identify:

- Gaps and barriers in accessing services
- Unmet needs and challenges faced by individuals and families
- Priorities for future disability-related supports
- Opportunities to improve programs and services across Nation departments

The survey findings will help inform a Squamish Nation Disabilities Action Plan and guide future service planning and improvements across our community.

Complete the Disabilities Review Survey for your chance to win 1 of 10 \$100 Save-On Foods gift cards!

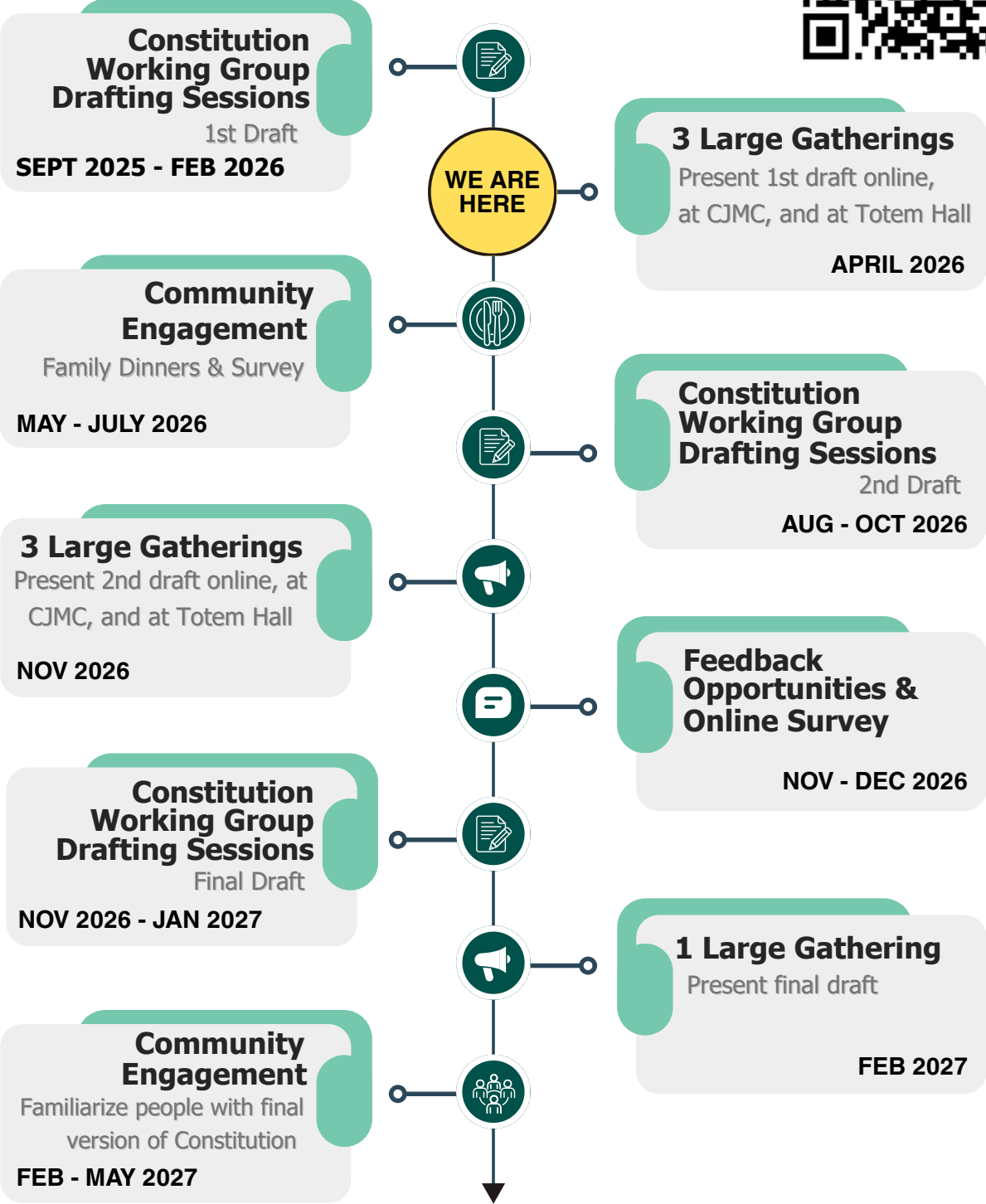
Scan the QR code to learn more



<https://bit.ly/4g9kAKB?r=qr>

Constitution Project Timeline

✉ info@constitutionproject.net
☎ **604-982-8600**
<https://constitutionproject.net>



REFERENDUM VOTE
MAY 2027



Seḥákw Updates

As sménhem, Tower Two, prepares for residents, the vision of Seḥákw -- returning Skwxwú7mesh People to our ancestral village -- grows stronger.

More Skwxwú7mesh People will be able to once again call Seḥákw home when Tower Two opens its doors to residents this fall.

We have several milestones to celebrate with Community, including:

- Tower One is more than 50 per cent leased, with 165 households already settled in. A majority of residents are Indigenous, reflecting the vision that has guided this project from the beginning.
- Tower Two move-ins are expected to begin this fall
- Seḥákw's Welcome Centre is now open six days a week
- Vancity is welcomed as Seḥákw's first commercial tenant

The details on Hiýárm Housing's application process for Tower Two will be released shortly.

A Hiýárm Housing Navigator can answer any further questions you may have about the application process or eligibility and can be reached at 604-210-9126, navigator@hiyamhousing.com

For more information on living at Seḥákw:
Senakw.com

Nch'kay guides the leasing and rental processes for Seḥákw. Leasing for Tower Two is expected to begin once Tower One reaches approximately 70 per cent occupancy. Skwxwú7mesh People and Indigenous applicants will continue to receive priority access.





Nch'kaý's 2025 Annual Report, A Shifting Current, captures a year where long-term investments in people, partnerships, and projects began to take visible shape.

Explore the report online to learn more about the businesses, projects, the people and opportunities helping build lasting prosperity for Squamish People. You can browse the report through an interactive online experience, download the full report, or read through a printed copy beginning August 14.

Scan the QR code or visit: <https://annualreport.nchkay.com/>

Prefer a printed copy?

Contact communications@nchkay.com or call 604-243-0802 to have a copy mailed to you, or visit the Nch'kaý office at:

210-731 Main Street, West Vancouver, BC



The Yúustway (Health & Wellness) team is seeking facilitators and Knowledge Keepers to support the delivery of workshops and learning opportunities throughout 2026-2027.

We welcome applications from individuals with experience, skills, cultural knowledge, and teachings that can contribute to the health and wellness of our community. Squamish People will be prioritized for paid opportunities.

Please note that submitting your name does not guarantee selection as a facilitator. However, all applicants will be added to our facilitator contact list and may be considered for future opportunities.

We encourage interested individuals to apply and share their knowledge, gifts, and expertise with our community.

Scan the QR code to submit your info





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Member Services

Subject: Important Policy Change – Monthly Declaration Requirement for PWD Income Assistance

To all Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Income Assistance clients,

Effective **October 1, 2026**, there is an important change to Income Assistance policy:

All PWD Income Assistance clients must now **submit a Declaration form every month** to be eligible for their monthly income assistance payment.

To ensure you continue to receive your monthly cheque:

- Submit your monthly Declaration form to your local office by the specified deadline.
- Please refer to the attached 2026 submission schedule for exact dates.

Important reminders:

- Declarations must be submitted on time. Late submissions will result in delayed payments.
- Declarations should not be submitted early, unless there is an emergency.
- You must report all sources of income and changes, including:
 - Employment earnings
 - Family Allowance
 - Disability Benefits (DB)
 - WCB Claims / Pension earnings / GST payments
 - Maintenance or other income
 - Changes to your address or household composition

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Income Assistance worker.



**Hiyám
Housing**

Housing Listening Circles Follow-Up Dialogue in the North Shore

Hiyám Housing and Squamish Nation invite Skwxwú7mesh People to attend a Follow-Up Housing Dialogue on the North Shore.

This session is part of the commitment to return to community after the Housing Listening Circles, where Skwxwú7mesh People shared experiences, concerns and hopes related to housing, home, family, safety, dignity and relationships.

The Follow-Up Dialogue will focus on what Hiyám Housing and the Nation can respond to now. This includes sharing what was heard at a high level, what has changed or is already changing, and what is still being worked on.

The session will also provide an opportunity for Skwxwú7mesh People to share guidance on how housing communication, follow-up, support and transparency can be strengthened going forward.

We invite you to arrive 30 minutes early to sign in and enjoy the community meal. The dialogue will begin with ceremony at 6:00 pm and will prioritize safety, privacy and respect for the space.

The purpose of this session is to move from listening to action, with a focus on clear information, practical next steps and stronger accountability in service of Skwxwú7mesh People, families and community.

Event details:

Date: Wednesday, August 19

Location: EsIha7an Learning Centre, Activity Room, 345 5th St W, North Vancouver

Time: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

To register:

Scan the QR Code or call 604-861-7382

If anyone from your family would like to attend, please have them register separately.



<https://bit.ly/HousingListeningCirclesDialogues>

RIVER JOURNEY

Ancestral Waterways
Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Stakw

20 August 2026

9:00am-5:00pm

Community members are invited to sign up for an all-day river journey to explore cultural sites and village locations. Lunch is included).

- Canoeing & Rafting Options
- Ages 13+
- No paddling experience required

Éncha (where):

Skáwshen to Squamish River Estuary

To register:



Or contact:
stephanie_wood@squamish.net



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Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snew'íyelh
Language & Cultural Affairs



People Services Offering Land-Based Medicine Drop-In for Squamish Valley

Nexwnínlhewá7nem Ch'áwch'aw (People's Services) is offering land-based medicine drop-ins for Squamish Valley.

Stop by and connect with Pénemkin (Jared) to access traditional and plant-based medicines or have a consult. Stop in for the medicines, or just for a cup of tea and a chat.

- August 20 | 1:30 – 4:30 pm
- 41139-B Government Road, Squamish

No appointment needed, but please call ahead to let us know you're coming at: 778-928-8448.

Please note that for North Vancouver, Land Based Medicine Drop-ins is still on Tuesdays.



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SV Caring for Ménmen Art Circle

Join other Skwxwú7mesh caregivers at the Squamish Valley Caring for Ménmen monthly Art Circle and talk about your struggles, joys and experiences in caring for Ménmen.

We will explore our relationship to young ones through art, movement and connection.

Facilitated with Elder support, and open to anyone in a caring role. A meal will be provided and childminding available.

WHEN: 3rd Thursday of the month
Beginning August 20 | 5 – 8 pm

WHERE: Healthy Hub, 4139B Government Rd

Registration required. Scan the QR Code to register



Questions? Contact Sharon:

604-762-7071



Come meet your Justice Services Team

OPEN TO COMMUNITY

Come meet the Justice Services Team and join us in an evening of Ceremony and a presentation on the services we provide.

WHEN: Monday, August 24, 5 pm - 9 pm

WHERE: Totem Hall

Agenda:

- Welcoming & Opening Prayer
- Feast
- Presentation
- Q&A and Community Feedback/Recommendations
- Skweni'lich Cultural Work
- Grand Prize Draws: 2 adult prizes & 2 Youth prizes

Hosted by:

Justice Services, Member Services

Stacey: 604-762-4905
Stacey_williams@squamish.net

Nicasio: 604-369-4220
Nicasio_campos@squamish.net



Grief and Loss Healing Circles

Please join us in a Healing Circle as we learn how to move through grief in a good way. These Circles are open to all Community Members, and will be facilitated by Elder Gene Harry.

Dates:

North Vancouver:

Wednesday, July 22, 5 – 9pm

Wednesday, August 19, 5 – 9pm

Wednesday, September 23, 5 – 9pm

Location: Shaker Church, 104 Mathias Rd

Squamish Valley:

Wednesday, July 29, 5 – 9pm

Wednesday, August 26, 5 – 9pm

Wednesday, September 30, 5 – 9pm

Location: Shaker Church, 1365 Chief Billy Drive

Food and refreshments will be provided.

Hosted by:

Justice Services, Member Services Department

For further details, or any questions, contact:

Nicasio Campos:

604-369-4220, Nicasio_Campos@squamish.net

Stacey Williams:

604-762-4905, Stacey_Williams@squamish.net



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We Pull Together

Elders Program Plan
Implementation Project

You're Invited!

4TH ANNUAL ELDERS OPEN HOUSE

Connecting, Sharing and Learning Together!

This day is an opportunity to come together as Ta Síiyuxwa t'l'a Skwxwú7meshulh the Elders of the Squamish People.

The day will include feast and refreshments, cedar brushing, and booths hosted by Squamish Nation Departments and partners where you can learn about supports for Elders.

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Totem Hall
1380 Stawamus Rd, Squamish BC

All Squamish Elders (aged 55+) are invited to attend! Elders are encouraged to bring one young person to the event.



Please let us know at eldersproject@squamish.net or **604-987-4646** if you require transportation support to and/or from the event

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Vancouver Coastal Health

New Job Postings

Squamish Nation

Accountant
Permanent Full-Time | Estxwáyusem Finance | North Vancouver, BC

Senior Language Teacher
Permanent Full-Time | Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Sne'wiyálh Language & Cultural Affairs | North Vancouver, BC

Bus Driver
Permanent Full-Time | Ta na wa Ch'awát ta Sxwéxwel Squamish Valley Operations | Squamish Valley, BC

Client Care Coordinator
Casual | Yúustway Health & Wellness | North Vancouver, BC

Nch'kay

Customer Service Representative
Casual | Squamish Valley Gas Bar | Squamish, BC

Senior Project Manager
Permanent Full-Time | Park Royal | West Vancouver, BC

Nch'kay

Senior Accountant
12 Month Term Full-Time | Park Royal | West Vancouver, BC

Maintenance Manager Cap RV
1 Year Term | Cap RV | West Vancouver, BC

Maintenance Technician
Permanent Full-time | Ch'ich'iyúy | International Plaza North Vancouver, BC

Social Media and Content Specialist
Permanent Full-Time | Park Royal | West Vancouver, BC

Communications Specialist
Permanent Full-time | Park Royal | West Vancouver, BC

nchkay.com/careers

Develop your career with the Nation

Questions? Need help applying? 604-985-8335 | careers@squamish.net

Chénchenstway (Human Resources) connects with all Squamish People who apply for positions with Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw. We look forward to receiving your application and supporting your professional growth with the Nation.

squamish.net/careers



Fellowship of the Spirit

To the members in the Valley who are looking for some support to achieve sobriety and be around like-minded people:

You are welcome to join us in the Fellowship of the Spirit meeting to share or just to listen. No pressure to commit, but just to get your foot in the door and start your journey to healing your mind, body, and spirit.

At the meeting we alternate between nights where we read from the AA book and share, and nights where we have a Talking Circle. We are looking forward to greeting you with an open mind, and open heart, and open arms.

**We have childcare available for young or single parents to further support their needs.*



**Meeting @ the Shaker Church —
1365 Chief Billy Dr.
Every Friday night, starting @ 6:15pm**



COHI Summer Park Day!

August 17th
10:00am – 12:30pm

Eskéxwi7ch t'l'a Sp'akw'uplace
Community Space

- ~ Facepainting
- ~ Hydration Station
- ~ Dental Screenings
- ~ Games
- ~ Giveaways

COHI • Children's Oral Health Initiative for children ages 0 – 7 years
Hosted by COHI Aide Melissa Rasmussen & COHI Provider Tammy Laminski



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 18

Yúustway Health: DIABETES SHARING CIRCLE

The Sharing Circle will teach you how to manage your diabetes or how to help a loved one manage theirs.

Over a shared meal, Yúustway staff will share information about the four pillars of diabetes management: medications, activity, nutrition, and emotions.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 18, from 5 - 7pm

WHERE: Yúustway Health & Wellness Boardroom
Unit 9A, 380 Welch Street, West Vancouver

To register, contact publichealth@squamish.net, or call (236) 668-9653.





Squamish Valley Community Health & Immunizations

Each month, the Squamish Valley Public Health Nurses have an opportunity for Squamish Nation members to drop-in and ask questions about their health, get screened for tuberculosis, and get information about vaccines, or get immunized.

This event is first-come first-serve, and while registration is recommended, we do welcome drop-ins.

WHEN: July 30, August 20, September 15
12:30 - 3:30
WHERE: Totem Hall

Contact

604-815-3899
604-213-5097



New Medical Transportation Driver

For Squamish Valley Appointments Only

Yúustway (Health and Wellness) is excited to announce their new medical transportation driver for Squamish Valley.

Jason Wilson has 25 years of experience as a truck driver, is a member of the Swan River Nation, and was raised in Squamish. He joined the Nation because he wanted a community focused role that would allow him to connect more with Skwxwú7mesh members of all ages.

The Medical Transportation Program provides transportation assistance only for medical appointments that are located within Squamish Valley, and within 30 km of the client's residence. It is intended to support Elders, individuals with disabilities, and low-income community members who do not have access to a personal vehicle.

The program provides rides to:

- Doctor's appointments
- Specialists visits
- Hospital appointments
- Medical testing and treatment

To sign up for the program, contact Yúustway at:

+778-266-7132
healthbenefits@squamish.net



Squamish Valley Rec

BLOOM & BREEZE

Workshop



Priority will go to Squamish Valley members/SN community members.
Registration does not guarantee a spot; you will be notified once registration is complete
spots limited

Temtám (When): August 17, 2026

Tánamtn (Time): 5:30-7:30PM

Éncha (Where): 14988 Squamish Valley Rd,
Brackendale, BC

Flower picking, create a bouquet! 1 per household.

Contact:

SquamishRecreation@squamish.net


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Family River

RAFT



Priority will go to Squamish Valley members/SN community members.
Registration does not guarantee a spot; you will be notified once registration is complete

TEMTÁM (WHEN): AUGUST 19, 2026 WEDNESDAY
T'ÁNAMTN (TIME): 11:00–2:00PM
ÉNCHA (WHERE): CANADIAN OUTBACK RAFTING,
12825 SQUAMISH VALLEY RD, SQUAMISH

CONTACT:**SQUAMISHRECREATION@SQUAMISH.NET**
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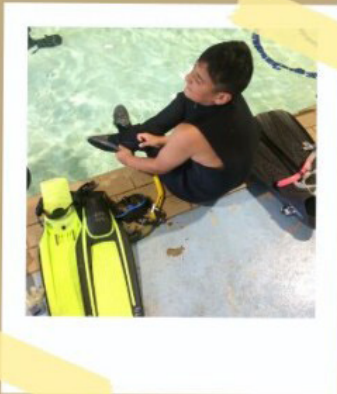


Lifeguard Leadership Camp

West Kelowna, BC | August 23 - August 31, 2026







I-SPARC (Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council) is pleased to present the Provincial Lifeguarding Leadership Camp, hosted in partnership with the Aboriginal Youth F.I.R.S.T. Program (Futures in Recreation & Sport Training).

This weeklong camp is open to self-identified Indigenous youth (First Nation, Métis, Inuit) of all ages and will introduce the sport of Lifesaving & Lifeguarding for both beginners and advanced athletes. The camp will be delivered by certified Lifesaving Society and PADI instructors.

Dates: August 23 – August 31, 2026

Venue: Green Bay Bible Camp in West Kelowna, BC

Lifesaving Stream: 13 years old by course start date & basic swimming ability

Lifeguarding Stream: 15 years old by course start date & Bronze Cross certification

Youth who complete a combination of the programs have an excellent chance of being hired by local community pools and obtaining employment in BC's Scuba Diving industry.

- Squamish Nation participants age 18+ may be eligible for travel supports from the Recreation and Ta7lnewás (Employment & Future Skills) departments. To find out more and to apply for these supports, contact SquamishRecreation@squamish.net
- To register for the camp with I-SPARC, scan the QR code here, or visit <https://isparcbc.wufoo.com/forms/2026-ayf-lifeguarding-leadership-application>

Register here! ↓





Squamish Valley Recreation

HEALTHY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

**REGISTER
TODAY**



For kids born 2016-2020

**Monday to Thursday
3:30-5:00 pm**

Limited space

**PROGRAM
INCLUDES**

- ART, MUSIC & SPORTS
- LIFESKILLS
- PRO-D CAMPS
- TRANSPORTATION FROM BRACKENDALE AND MAMQUAM



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SQUAMISH VALLEY RECREATION

2026/ 2027

TEEN CENTRE

Fitness * Art * Life Skills * Fun

REGISTER NOW

FIELD TRIPS

DROP IN GAMES

FOOD

YOUTH BORN 2008-2016

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**Place for Sport:
Public Call for Artists**

The District of West Vancouver invites artists to design and integrate site-specific public art at the Place for Sport in West Vancouver, BC.

Artists may submit either an art mural (Category A) or a fabricated installation (Category B), or to both categories. Opportunity is open to all artists who:

- reside in British Columbia
- understand the vision and themes
- have the skills & experience necessary to manage all project phases, from design through to installation
- can meet the deadlines and stay within approved budget

Deadline for submissions is October 15, 2026 @2:00 PM (Pacific Time)

For more information, including the vision and themes for the project, contact info, instructions for submissions, and where to direct your questions, please use the QR code or link below.



https://bcbid.gov.bc.ca/page.aspx/en/bpm/process_manage_extranet/232987



In case of after-hours emergency:

- **Public Safety:** 604-982-9938
- **Health & Wellness:** 604-982-7806
 - **Comm Ops:** 604-815-7116
- **Member Services:** 604-505-3776