

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Register for spring and summer programs with Parks, Recreation and Culture

*beginning on Wednesday, March 6*

### Summary

The City of Nanaimo, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture is offering a wide variety of recreation, culture and parks programs for the upcoming spring and summer season. This includes swimming and skating lessons, summer daycamps and courses in art, music, cooking, dance, fitness, yoga, music and more.

In addition, there will be information on Invasive Plant Removal Month, Canada Day, Concerts in the Park, the new Playground Program and Family Fun Nights, the new Youth Poet Laureate and the popular youth leadership programs.

This edition of the Activity Guide has an overall theme of environmental stewardship and education and will be filled with fun facts on our green spaces and how to get involved to protect and enhance them.

The online guide is available for viewing on Friday, March 1, and registration for programs begins on Wednesday, March 6 at 6 am.

To be inclusive and accessible to customers on registration day, registration will begin both in-person and by telephone starting at 6 am in addition to online registration. Staff will be on-site to assist and answer questions, and all recreation facilities will be open for extended hours.

The recreation hours for Wednesday, March 6 are as follows:

- Beban Park: 6 am-8 pm
- Bowen Park: 6 am-4:30 pm
- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre: 6 am-9 pm
- Nanaimo Ice Centre: 6 am-6 pm
- Oliver Woods Community Centre: 6 am-7 pm

Residents can look for program offerings in the following ways:

- View an online PDF of the Spring and Summer Activity Guide starting Friday, March 1
- Pick up a hard copy of our program guide at Bowen Park, Beban Park Social Centre, Oliver Woods Community Centre and Nanaimo Aquatic Centre starting Monday, March 4 (for those who do not have online access; limited copies available)
- Visit [recreation.nanaimo.ca](http://recreation.nanaimo.ca) and choose "Register for a Program" to search programs by various categories and key words (for the best user experience, please choose Chrome as the browser)

Register online through [recreation.nanaimo.ca](http://recreation.nanaimo.ca) (accounts should be set up in advance of registration day) starting at 6 am, by telephone at 250-756-5200 (starting at 6 am on March 6) or in-person at Beban Park, Bowen Complex, Oliver Woods Community Centre, Nanaimo Ice Centre and Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (starting at 6 am on March 6).

*Strategic Link:* The City of Nanaimo is offering programs that improve the health, wellness and livability of its citizens in our community.

## Key Points

- Registration for spring and summer programs begins on Wednesday, March 6 at 6 am (online, by telephone and at all recreation facilities).
- The online guide is available for viewing on Friday, March 1 at [recreation.nanaimo.ca](http://recreation.nanaimo.ca)
- The Spring and Summer Activity Guide has information on recreation, culture and park programs, events, facility updates and other community services.

## Quotes

"Each new Activity Guide provides an array of opportunities to get active in your community through registered programs and events. This edition features information on how to get involved with improving our beautiful and important outdoor spaces, and it also has many daycamp options to keep kids active all summer long - many of them new! For registration day, extra staff will be on site to assist you, and all recreation centres will be open with extended hours. I invite you to participate in programs and events because they help to create a happy and healthy community."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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