

Community Opportunities

This page is a central database of community opportunities that families might like to investigate. We are not endorsing these opportunities but rather sharing information as to possible resources available. Thank you.

BC Rock and Gem show

Home-school families or groups are welcome to attend the BC Rock and Gem show in Chilliwack again this year if they would like a field trip opportunity! <https://www.bclapidary.com/bc-gem-show.php>

Admission will be free for all education groups, including Home-school families, **on Friday, April 10th.**

Please come after 1:00 pm, as we have many bus loads of classes from different school districts already coming in the morning. Just **identify yourselves** as a Home school family or group at the front door and students, plus their parents/caregivers/supervisors will be admitted free of charge.

Valley Tennis Academy, Abbotsford

We are launching a 12-week homeschool spring group lesson program beginning March 30, offered on weekday mornings and afternoons and designed specifically for homeschool students. The program provides structured physical activity, skill development, positive social interaction, and character development in a safe and encouraging environment. For more information and to register, see [here](#).

Parks Canada and Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants

☐☐ **Calling all teachers and educators!!!** ☐☐

From Monday March 2 through Thursday March 5, join **Parks Canada and Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants** for an exciting new online learning series sharing the nature and history of Coastal BC! ☐☐☐☐☐

Learn more and register here! ☐☐ <https://exploringbytheseat.com/lessons/parkscanadabc/>

Elevate Aviations ACE Tour

Multiple cities across BC and Canada
More information can be found [here](#).

Elevate Aviation is now in its 10th year of inspiring youth across Canada through ACE On Tour (previously the Cross Country Tour). In 2025 alone, we visited 20 cities and reached over 1,000 youth with this inspirational program. Each full-day event features dynamic guest speakers, lunch, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the local aviation community. Best of all, these events are offered at NO COST to participants or schools.

(January) Registration is not yet available, please check starting in February. There is also a newsletter sign-up at the bottom of the above linked page to stay informed.

Home Learners Camping Opportunity

4th Annual Home Learners Camping Trip: May 4th-8th, 2026 (4 nights)

Camp Hope - 61855 Lougheed HWY, Hope, BC

A chance to meet other home learning families from around the Province and maybe even beyond. Explore a place you may know already or discover an area of our Province that holds so much wonder. There will be lots of down time for families to make use of the grassy field, casual play and bonfire time. Participation in any of the events is completely optional.

The trips are quite simple - book an accommodation, pay a small registration fee, bring your family and be prepared for your kids to have a blast and you, the parent, to have a few moments of free time. The event is open to all - whether you are a registered or enrolled family, whether you are neurodiverse or neurotypical, whether you are young or younger at heart. There is no religious affiliation at this event, no structured learning and the whole goal is to be inclusive and for everyone to have fun!

For details and sign-up, please see [this online form](#).

Vernon Gymnastix is now offering Hybrid Homeschool Classes

Ninja & Gymnastics Program is a 7-week session running on **Mondays from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, starting November 10 and ending December 22.**

Classes are divided into two age groups: Ages 6-8 and Ages 9 and up

This program combines the best of gymnastics and ninja parkour, providing a fun and active way for homeschoolers to build strength, agility, coordination, and confidence.

1-1935 11th Ave, Vernon BC V1T 9A9

info@vernongymnastix.ca

Tel. 778-943-3807

Epiphany Neighbourhood Art Studios: Homeschool Art Classes

Level 2 In this four-class intermediate session, students continue expanding knowledge and practice in drawing, watercolour painting, and acrylic painting. They will draw using the Elements of Visual Arts like line, shape, tone, and value. Watercolour Painting includes techniques like brush control, wet/dry applications, washes and special effects. Acrylic Painting covers concepts like more brush control, blending, and layering. The last class is a project of choice. Students come out with art learning outcome pages, as well as one art piece each class.

Please visit [our website](#) for more information and registration. Go to School Hours Classes in the drop-down menu under Classes, and fill out the form.

Co-op Opportunity

I am a Christian homeschooling Mama in the **Cowichan Valley** and run a field trip group that meets monthly for local field trips. We also organize informal classes and meet ups. I want to invite all homelearning families on the Island to join us if they desire. Families can email me at crystalnickeljones@gmail.com to be added to the monthly email list.

Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants

There are many virtual offerings that home learners can sign-up for in both English and French.

Museum of Surrey

Vibrant, interactive and ever changing, Museum of Surrey, located at 17710 56A Avenue, is a free local venue for wonder, dialogue and fun for the whole family. **Drop-In for a Visit** Tuesday to Saturday (9:30am to 5:30pm) Sunday (noon to 5pm). There are **rotating exhibitions** available.

<https://centreoftheuniverse.org/exoexplorations>

Astronomy Resources offered by:

Friends of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory
Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

Located at the National Research Council's Dominion Astrophysical Observatory near Victoria, BC

ExoExplorations Lessons, Guides and Teacher Resources

- Unique and extensive set of lessons in astronomy, in both English and French. Developed for Canadian classrooms from grade 6 to 10 but aspects of many activities can be adapted for other grades. Can be used as background material, individual learning or classroom settings.
- Find out about planets both within our Solar System and Exoplanets beyond our Solar System
- Other topics include stars, the Milky Way, galaxies, and the universe
- Plenty of hand-on activities, links to videos, websites and other resources
- Questions and quiz materials
- Free on the website

ICanDance! Online Dance Classes

Please consider our programs for Arts and/or P.E. credits: **Ballet, Pop Fusion, Dance Chance! Sampler, All On Broadway! Sing & Dance and something NEW....CANpop Music Video Project.**

You can find our company information on our website: www.icandance.ca or on FB/IG: [Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#)

Class course descriptions can be found here: <https://www.icandance.ca/icd-online-classdescriptions>

Book classes here: <https://www.icandance.ca/book-on-line-classes-via-zoom>

We hope to see you soon!

Bateman Foundation: Nature Sketch

Victoria, Duncan, Vancouver and Online

Nature Sketch is designed to inspire appreciation of the natural world using a pencil and sketchbook. Every participant will have the opportunity to connect with nature in a variety of unique ecosystems through art, and learn about local flora and fauna and their habitats, including species at risk and the rewilding of urban habitats. With the guidance of a local artist and a naturalist, Nature Sketch encourages participants to explore natural environments through art and eco-literacy.

Details and fees can be seen at <https://batemanfoundation.org/nature-sketch/>

Canadian Parents for French

[Some incredible \(and free\) opportunities](#) for parents who are interested in resources, the annual public speaking contest and opportunities in French.

Cybersafe BC

www.cybersafeBC.ca

Cybersafe is geared towards youth aged 10 – 16. It is an online course with a certificate at the end (which can be used as a Health & Career Sample). Students will watch videos, and do activities as well as learn about the dangers of the internet. They will learn about their digital footprint and online crime, including cyberbullying.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Parents should have a look at the course first because there is a component of the course that discusses sexual predators and "sexting".

Free bowling program for kids

<http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/>

Parents are offered a \$25 deal to allow up to 4 older family member to bowl for free with the kids. The parent offer is introduced after you sign up your children.

Royal BC Museum

<http://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/learn/museum-events/kids-and-families-events>

Youth Leadership Millennium (YLM) Program

www.successylm.org

The Youth Leadership Millennium (YLM) Program consists of three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. These correspond with the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award – which is a big part of YLM – but we offer so much more.

Our aim is to empower young people to take on leadership roles both in life and in the community. Through the three levels of the program, we strive to guide them in exploring new opportunities and developing their leadership and life skills through experience.

The S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Youth Leadership Millennium program is a holistic leadership training program with 5 unique focuses:

- Personal Development
- Leadership Development
- Community Awareness
- Adventure Expedition, and
- Community Leadership Initiative

New to YLM? The Bronze level is where you want to start!

Upon successful completion of the YLM Bronze program, youth participants will receive the following:

- S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Youth Leadership Millennium (YLM) Certificate
 - The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award
 - Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program Certificate
 - St. John Ambulance's First Aid Certificate
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