

# 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.

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## BC Rock and Gem Show

<https://www.bclapidary.com/bc-gem-show.php>

**Admission will be free for Home school families on Friday, April 11th.**

**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 at the front door and students, plus their parents/caregivers will be admitted free of charge.

## The Chemical Institute of Canada has a National Crystal Growing Competition

<https://www.cheminst.ca/discover/national-crystal-growing-competition/>

This year, the competition will be occurring in 2025 and will involve the growth of potassium chloride (KCl) within the growth period from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The handbook with more detail is in the "When does it take place?" section under "How to participate". This could be fun for those with patience.

## Rock related events

Educational and fun for all ages, information on the event (May) <https://www.bclapidary.com/bc-gem-show.php>

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

## Youth Leadership Millennium (YLM) Program

[www.successylm.org](http://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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