



## **Snowboard Contest Announced**

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*February 5, 2010* – Parks, Recreation and Culture is pleased to announce the first ever “Picnic in the Park” snowboard contest. The event takes place on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 from 10am – 4pm at Bowen Park, and is open to riders age 7 and up.

Picnic in the Park is a snowboard rail jam contest for children, youth and adults of all abilities. The event aims to keep kids and teens active on their Professional Development day. Recreation Coordinator Chris Barfoot says it’s important to encourage activities the community is passionate about. “We know there are some really talented young riders in our community, and this is a great event for them to come show their stuff without having to head up to Mt. Washington.” Riders will have a number of chances to show off their best tricks, with prizes awarded for the top scores in each division. The event promises to be exciting even if you are not a snowboarder or skier. Spectators can expect to see a wide variety of tricks and will be eligible for product tosses throughout the day.

Registration is only \$10 and includes an official event t-shirt. Early registration is available by phone at 250-756-5200 or online at [www.ireg.nanaimo.ca](http://www.ireg.nanaimo.ca). Registration forms are available at all Parks, Recreation and Culture facilities and online at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca). Children and youth under 19 must have a parent or guardian sign a waiver form. Helmets are mandatory. For more information about Picnic in the Park, please contact Damon Johnston at 250-755-7526 or Chris Barfoot at 250-755-7522.

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