

NEWS RELEASE

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Celebrate the season with fun holiday activities in Nanaimo

Skate into Winter Wonderland and kick off the new year with Activate 2025

Summary

There's no shortage of festive fun this holiday season with Parks, Recreation and Culture, offering activities for the whole community to enjoy.

Frank Crane Arena is hosting its annual "Winter Wonderland" where it will be transformed into a West Coast Winter Wonderland. These skating sessions take place over seven days starting December 24 and again December 26-31. Each session, including skates and helmet rentals, are free thanks to the generous sponsorship of local community organizations and businesses. Specific times and corresponding sponsors are posted on the City of Nanaimo website.

This is a New Year's Day family event held at Beban Park from 12-5 pm and includes swimming at Beban Pool, skating at Frank Crane Arena, as well as arts, crafts, an ice sculpture demonstration, sports, inflatables, a StoryWalk, a magic show and more at Beban Park Social Centre. There will also be a concession and food trucks on site. Participants are encouraged to buy their tickets in advance at any Nanaimo recreation centre or online using barcode 134029. The cost is \$10 per person with children 2 years and under free.

Drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium sports will be available throughout the holiday season as well. Please check the City of Nanaimo website for the latest options and schedules.

Strategic Link: Providing residents with quality recreation opportunities enhances the livability of our City.

Key Points

- Winter Wonderland takes place at Frank Crane Arena on December 24 and again on December 26-31. All skating sessions, including skate and helmet rentals, are free thanks to the generosity of local businesses and community organizations.
- Activate 2025 is happening on Sunday, January 1, 12-5 pm at Beban Park. Tickets are available in advance or at the event.

Quotes

"I invite the entire community to participate in one or all of the holiday activities that are happening with Parks, Recreation and Culture. From Winter Wonderland to Activate, there is something for everyone. Wishing all our citizens a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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