

NEWS RELEASE

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Spring into action with Parks, Recreation and Culture

Spring & Summer Activity Guide and registration available soon

Summary

The City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture Department is pleased to announce that the 2026 Spring and Summer Activity Guide will be available for viewing on the City's website and for pick-up at recreation facilities starting Friday, Feb. 27. The new tagline, "Rooted in Community", aims to illustrate how the department works hard to create vibrant and relevant programs, events, facilities and parks and open spaces to enhance our community.

Registration for aquatics programs begins at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4 while registration for all other programs starts on Wednesday, March 11 at 6 a.m.

There are three ways to register:

- Online at recreation.nanaimo.ca
- In Person at Beban Park, Bowen Park, Oliver Woods Community Centre, Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and Nanaimo Ice Centre
- By Phone at 250-756-5200

Details on a variety of programs and events for all ages at facilities and parks throughout Nanaimo can be found in the Activity Guide along with information on several other community opportunities. A large number of new classes have been added, including Swim Stars Camp, Kids Intro to Workout Training, many new pottery options, Podcasting for Beginners and a Refresher Pruning class.

Also included in the guide are the Summer Concerts in the Park schedules, Playground Program details and information on summer family events held in June and August. Summer daycamps are back this summer with the opportunity for families to mix and match registration options allowing for more flexibility and broader camp experiences.

There are also updates on cultural opportunities, park updates and future facility projects. The new guide can be viewed beginning Feb. 27 on the [Activity Guide page on the City website](#).

Strategic Link: To be a community that is livable, environmentally sustainable and full of opportunity for all generations and all demographics.

Key Points

- The Spring and Summer Activity Guide will be available for online viewing or hard copy pick-up on Friday, Feb. 27.
- Registration for spring and summer classes opens on Wednesday, March 4 at 6 a.m. for aquatic programs and Wednesday, March 11 at 6 a.m. for all other programs. Registration can be done online, by phone or in person.
- Programs and events in the Spring and Summer Activity Guide run from April to August.

Quotes

"We are pleased to announce the launch of the 2026 Spring and Summer Activity Guide and our new tagline, "Rooted in Community". There is so much to learn and experience, and we invite and encourage you to sign up and try something new."

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