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CAMP WINFIELD SPRING CLEANUP



A huge thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves for the Camp Winfield Spring Cleanup during the first weekend of May!

More than 50 volunteers, including Lions members, students from George Elliot Secondary, and volunteers from Wellington-Altus in Kelowna, came together to help prepare camp for another unforgettable summer.

The Lake Country Lions Club generously provided meals for volunteers during the cleanup weekend, while Lion Mike Livingstone from the Okanagan Falls Lions Club provided lunch during the Camp Improvement meeting attended by approximately 20 Lions members.

Lots of hard work was accomplished throughout the weekend, helping make Camp Winfield a welcoming and accessible space for campers and families across BC.

We are also incredibly grateful for the generous support from the Vernon Lions Club, Penticton Lions Club, and Lake Country Lions Club, who presented donations in support of Camp Winfield, totaling \$12,000!

2026 LIFE-CHANGING, BY DESIGN GALA



Our annual Life-Changing, By Design Gala in support of Camp Shawnigan has sold out tickets and sponsorships in record time. This is an incredible milestone for this year's event happening September 11, and a powerful reflection of our community's support.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our presenting sponsors, Alpine Group, Zapco Welding and Fabrication, and Maxxam Group, as well as to the many Lions Club members who purchased tickets, volunteered their time, and continue to champion Camp Shawnigan and the work of the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities and Easter Seals BC/Yukon. Your support plays a vital role in helping shape the future of Camp Shawnigan for generations to come.

Although the gala is now sold out, a waitlist is available here ([Join the Waitlist!](#)). You may also want to **join us on Bear Mountain July 16th for A Summer Garden Party** presented by the Maxxam Group with all proceeds benefitting Camp Shawnigan. More information and tickets can be found [here](#).



[Summer
Garden Party](#)

[Gala
Waitlist](#)

Thank you again to the Lions community for your ongoing generosity, leadership, and volunteer support.

PEACHLAND LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Peachland Lions Club teed up another incredible day in support of Easter Seals Camp Winfield at their 25th annual Golf Tournament on May 3. With 100 golfers, 116 guests in attendance, and the support of 15 dedicated Lions volunteers, the event was a tremendous success. We are so grateful to the Peachland Lions Club and everyone who participated for their ongoing commitment to helping children and youth experience the magic of camp. Thanks to their generosity and community spirit, an amazing \$8,000 was raised in support of Camp Winfield.

NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK (NAAW)

In celebration of National AccessAbility Week (May 31 – June 6), we invited students in Grades 5–12 across BC and Yukon to design a T-shirt! On May 7th we hosted a panel of judges, comprised of Lions club members and other leaders in the accessibility community, who voted for the winners who captured this year’s theme: Reimagining Play, Learning, and Community Through Accessibility.



[More NAAW initiatives](#)

DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS



*Noah, Squamish School District
Winner of Group A Grade 5 - 8*



*Alyssa, Burnaby School District
Winner of Group B Grade 9 - 12*

3RD ANNUAL AROUND THE WORLD DINNER

On April 16th our 3rd annual Around the World Dinner, presented by the mister Blake foundation, brought guests together for a vibrant evening of globally inspired cuisine, lively entertainment, and rooms filled with conversation, laughter, and connection.

We were especially happy to welcome so many Lions members in attendance, whose enthusiasm and support helped make the evening even more meaningful. Together, supporters helped raise an incredible \$138,500 in support of Easter Seals BC/Yukon. This generosity will go directly toward providing life-changing programs, services, and camp experiences for children and adults across BC and Yukon, creating opportunities for connection, confidence, and independence.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMP OPEN HOUSES - JULY 2026



Date: Sunday, July 12, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Location: **Camp Winfield**, 1790 Davidson Rd,
Lake Country



[Register for
Camp Winfield](#)

We are excited to share that we will be having Open Houses at both Camp Squamish and Camp Winfield this July. These events are a great opportunity to show the magic of camp to supporters, Lions, donors, families, and more! Special thank you to the Squamish, Vernon, Kamloops Paddlewheelers, and Sorrento Lions Clubs for operating the BBQs this year.

Date: Sunday, July 19th, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Location: **Camp Squamish**, 41015 Government Rd,
Brackendale



[Register for
Camp Squamish](#)

DROP ZONE



[Register](#)

This September, take the Easter Seals Drop Zone Challenge, a once in a lifetime thrill to change lives by rappelling from incredible heights. **Encourage your club to form a team** and sign up to take part in this thrilling fundraiser together!

Victoria - September 9 **Burnaby** - September 14
Vancouver - September 17 **Kelowna** - September 22

DIGITAL COMMERCE GROUP OPEN

Experience championship golf at the Digital Commerce Group Open this September in Victoria, where every ticket purchased helps send children and adults with disabilities to Easter Seals BC/Yukon camps and programs.



[Purchase Tickets](#)

The Lions District L Convention was held on April 10 and 11 in Richmond, welcoming more than 200 Lions. The Lions District O Convention was held on March 20 & 21 in Chilliwack and the Lions District I Convention was held on April 24 & 25 in West Kelowna. We appreciate being given the opportunity to have a booth and make a presentation at both events!

At the Richmond convention, BCLS hosted a booth featuring a PowerPoint presentation on the Camp Shawnigan redevelopment project, arranged by board member Lion Al Beddows. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share updates and information about BCLS and ESBCY at both conventions and connect with Lions from communities across BC.

We are still seeking a couple of clubs to partner with the Whitehorse and Port Coquitlam Lions Clubs to complete an Easter Seals House room renovation. Together, these clubs have already contributed \$14,500 toward the \$25,000 needed to complete the project.

If your club is planning a donation, please ensure any cheque includes a designation in the memo line indicating where you would like the funds directed. If no designation is provided, funds will be allocated based on priority needs.

If your club is hosting fundraising events in support of Easter Seals, we would be delighted to receive a short write-up and photos. It is always inspiring to share and celebrate the incredible work Lions are doing in communities across BC.

We receive club contact information through MD19 and appreciate your support in keeping executive details up to date following elections. This helps us stay connected and share relevant updates throughout the year.

The Lions have raised approximately \$138,875 so far this year. Thank you to all clubs for your continued support and generosity.

Clubs that have donated since the last Lions Den include:

NanOOSE Bay	North Kamloops	Westbank
Victoria	Pitt Meadows	Vernon
Whitehorse	North Surrey	Penticton
Enderby	West Shore	Lake Country
Esquimalt	Peachland	

Sincerely,

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Manager, Major Gifts - Okanagan

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