



Get Outside BC Port Alberni Application

Applications due Friday, June 3rd by 4pm PST
Please submit to: getoutsidebc@cpawsbc.org

WHAT IS GET OUTSIDE BC?

Get Outside BC is a **cost-free** collaborative youth leadership project that aims to strengthen youth attachment to British Columbia's wilderness by empowering young leaders across the province. The project is created through a collaborative effort between CPAWS-BC, BC Parks, Mountain Equipment Co-op and Child and Nature Alliance of Canada.

Since 2011, Get Outside BC has been transforming young people in BC to become leaders in their community. The program provides both a gateway experience for youth engagement with BC's outdoors, and subsequent opportunities for training and education through youth-led follow-up events. The result is the creation of a BC-wide, supportive network of youth leaders.

Who: Youth aged 14-18 from Port Alberni and the surrounding communities.

When: June 15th 2016 – March 31st 2017.

Where: Phase 1 will be at Strathcona Provincial Park. Phase 2-4 will be community based.

What: The four phases of the Get Outside BC project are briefly as follows:

Phase I – Youth Leadership Camp - July 18th – July 21st 2016

For 4 days/3 nights 10 youth will come together and camp at a local, provincial park, where they will participate in leadership and outdoor skill training, networking, mentoring and community event planning. All expenses of this project are paid for.

**Prior to the camp, participants are expected to prepare by completing a pre-camp component which can be done at home or abroad.*

Phase II – Youth-led Outdoor Events and Local Park Projects / July 8th – October 15th, 2016

The youth participants return to their respective communities to plan and host their own outdoor events. Youth have access to up to \$150 bursary to support their events and are encouraged to work with other community groups.

Phase III - Province-side Celebration / October 22nd, 2016

In October, the young leaders will take part in a province-wide event that will connect each community hub by webcast to share their community projects.

Phase IV – Youth-led Community Initiatives / November 2016 – March 2017

From November to March, participants meet once a month in their community hub to continue to plan events and discuss other ways to get youth in their communities outside to lead healthy and active lifestyles.

Name:

Gender:

Address:

City:

Postal code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Birthday (dd/mm/yy):

High School:

1. Why do you want to participate in the Get Outside BC project? Please include what you hope to learn from the program. 250 words max

2. What will you bring to the program? This could be something you are passionate about, your hobbies or leadership and volunteer experience. We are seeking participants with diverse experiences. 250 words max.

CREATIVE SUBMISSION!

In a creative way, provide an answer to this question: **Why is the outdoors important to YOU and why should it be important to other youth in your community?**

Submit a YouTube video, an art piece, a written piece, a song, anything really! It doesn't have to be a masterpiece, we just want to see (or hear? or experience?) your enthusiasm and commitment to participating in all 4 parts of the project.

Criteria:

- YouTube videos or songs are to be no longer than 3 minutes long.
- Art pieces can be submitted as a JPEG or PDF. If it isn't a digital piece, take a photo of it or scan it and send it our way!
- Written pieces are to be no longer than 1,000 words. That's about 2 pages single spaced.

If you have questions or need clarification about any other type of creative submission, please contact us at getoutsidebc@cpawsbc.org.

3. Please provide the YouTube link or file name and file type of your creative submission:

4. Provide a brief explanation of your creative submission that explains: "Why is the outdoors important to YOU and why should it be important to other youth in your community?" 250 words max

COMMITMENT

Get Outside BC participants are required to actively participate in all 4-phases of this project from June 15th – March 31st 2017.

Are you able and willing to commit to the Summer component of this program (Away from home from: July 18-21, 2016)?

YES/NO

Are you able and willing to commit to the Fall/Spring component of this program (September 2016 – March 2017)?

YES/NO

SUPPORT

Do you have your parent/guardian's permissions to participate in the full length of this program?

YES/NO

The facilitation team will be calling parents/guardians of accepted participants.

Parent/Guardian's name(s):

What is the best number to reach your parent/guardian?

What is the best time to reach your parent/guardian?

What is your parent/guardian's email?

How did you hear about the Get Outside BC project?

Application Submission Checklist:

- This application form
- Creative entry digital file – YouTube link, word document, etc.

Submit via e-mail to getoutsidebc@cpawsbc.org by **Friday June 3rd at 4pm**

Questions? Contact us at getoutsidebc@cpawsbc.org, Phone: 604.685.7445 ext 34

