

# Volunteer Nanaimo



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## Dates to Remember

We will be **closed**

**Thursday, July 1**  
**Canada Day**



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Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**47%**  
of Canadians  
volunteer.

## Member of the Month

**PACIFIC**  
**SPORT**  
**VANCOUVER ISLAND**

PacificSport Vancouver Island, a local not for profit regional sport hub, has been operating since 1995. While you may have heard of PacificSport Vancouver Island in a sport and high-performance capacity, it's their work in the community and recreation sector that is the great passion for many of their volunteers and staff.

This organization partners with recreation/sport groups, school districts and health authorities to deliver programming for youth across the city. Programs range from after-school teaching activities for children's sports, art, and circus, as well as inclusive sport programming for children in wheelchairs.

During the Spring and Summer, the week-long XploreSportZ camps introduce kids to a variety of sport, recreation, and movement skills training and skill-specific program that help them learn to cycle, bike, skateboard, fish and more.

Partnerships with local groups help Pacificsport to connect across the region.

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## Ongoing Programs

### Tax Return Service

*for low income clients*

We can help with your simple tax return **one Friday a month May to November.** Please call 250-758-7121 for an appointment.



### WATCHDOG Computer Services

Providing technical support for non-profit agencies and individuals within our community. We offer computer repair, software upgrades, network setup, malware removal, and computer upgrades. Volunteers also provide instruction and advice for technology users.



Offered by donation - plus cost if parts are purchased. Quite often recycled parts harvested from donated computers are used to minimize the cost.

We welcome donations of used computers – **especially laptops** - which are refurbished and redistributed to members of the community.

**More information: 250-758-7121.**

## PacificSport Vancouver Island cont.

Children participating in these programs leave their summer camp experiences with new skills and new confidence in their goals.

While the Covid-19 pandemic has slowed down the need for volunteers at this time, there may be upcoming opportunities to get involved with their programming this summer.

If you are a keen volunteer who loves sport and recreation, email PacificSport Vancouver Island Program Coordinator Amanda Gould at [agould@pacificsport.com](mailto:agould@pacificsport.com) to inquire about more about opportunities.



**PACIFIC SPORT**  
VANCOUVER ISLAND

## Global Village Nanaimo

Each year, around the world, May is dedicated to celebrating, advocating for and educating on all things Fair Trade.

**Global Village Nanaimo** is once again acknowledging **Fair Trade Month in Canada** by opening a Pop-Up store, **open until June 10, 10 am – 6 pm, Monday to Saturday, and 11am to 5 pm on Sundays.**

**This year's store is located in Nanaimo North Town Centre, beside LifeLabs.**





**Sunday, June 20**

**SCAVENGER HUNT!**

We may not be able to offer our usual Touch a Truck Father's Day event but we've come up with a number of ways to celebrate the dads, grandpas, and father figures in our community.

Check our website and Facebook page for our Father's Day activities.



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[www.facebook.com/volunteernanaimo](https://www.facebook.com/volunteernanaimo)

**RAFFLE**

- FIRST PRIZE:** An Adirondack cedar bench and a BBQ
- SECOND PRIZE:** A bicycle
- THIRD PRIZE:** A scooter

Tickets: \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for three  
 Draw Sunday, June 20.

**Proceeds benefit Volunteer Nanaimo's Youth Programs.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

Our third annual yard sale is coming up on **Saturday, July 10.**  
**9am - 1pm**

We welcome your donations of gently-used items for this fundraiser. Drop them off at our office Monday through Thursday 9am - 3pm or call the 250-758-7121 to make alternate arrangements.

***Funds raised through this event support the many services and programs the Angel Network provides throughout the year.***

**Angel Network Crafters**

**We're most grateful for a recent major donation from IslandSavings.**

This will allow us to buy supplies to ensure our crafters have the materials they need to make blanket squares and pillow cases for babies, children, families and elders in our community.

**THANK YOU**

Knitters and sewers are always welcome. Contact us at **250-758-7121** if you'd like to join this worthwhile activity. Yarn, material and templates are available.



## Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



### Youth 20/20 Can & Youth NetWork of Volunteer Nanaimo

**It's official! We have adopted Diver Lake Park and have begun our stewardship with our first work party.** We are excited to help protect the environment.



Youth programs at Volunteer Nanaimo are all about building community and making a difference. Last month our youth hosted a donation drive for Homeless youth. The support we received was amazing! **Thank you to everyone who donated, Save on Foods** for hosting our drive and **Nanaimo News Bulletin** for sharing our story.

**Youth NetWork is for youth between 11-18.** In pre-pandemic days, Youth NetWork members volunteered at countless events in the community. With the cancellation of events, Youth NetWork members have joined forces volunteering with Youth 20/20 Can members.

**Youth 20/20 Can is a youth-led project for youth 15-29 years old.** Members come together to brainstorm activities, projects and events and then work together to turn those ideas into reality. Presently we have several projects on the go.



To celebrate **Ocean's Day** on June 8<sup>th</sup> we're creating a video to share why we think the ocean is important. We are also painting rocks for the **Volunteer Nanaimo Touch a Truck scavenger hunt**, planning a **Youth Talent Show** and a fun in-person get together when COVID restrictions are lifted.

Follow our Instagram & Facebook pages to see the Ocean's Day video and other projects we are working on.

@youth2020cannanaimo

Every Tuesday night Youth NetWork and Youth 20/20 Can members meet to watch Ted Talks, play games and have discussions. Every Thursday night Youth 20/20 Can members meet to have a brainstorming/planning meeting.

**We are always looking for new members to join us.** If you are between 11-29 years old and want to be involved, get connected and help shape the community we want to hear from you! Our volunteer programs allow youth to follow their passions, explore their interests, have fun, all while helping them build their self confidence, personal skills and resumes for the future.

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