# Affordable Recreation, Grants and Inclusion Services



## **Financial Assistance Program**

RDN Recreation and Parks works together with the Society of Organized Services (S.O.S.) to provide financial assistance for low income residents in District 69 wanting to participate in recreation programs.

0-18 years - Community programs contact S.O.S. 250-248-2093.
0-5 years - RDN programs contact Cathy MacKenzie 250-248-3252
18-118 years RDN programs contact Cathy MacKenzie 250-248-3252

The process is simple and confidential and must be done in advance of registering to avoid disappointment. Confidentiality is assured.

#### **Free Admission**

Children 3 years and under and adults 80 years and older receive free admission at Oceanside Place Arena and Ravensong Aquatic Centre. Reduced rate sessions for all ages are also available at both locations and are highlighted on the swim and skate schedules with a grey box.

### **Q-Points**

Redeem 200,000 Quality Foods points for \$20 worth of Rec Bucks. Use Rec Bucks to purchase swim/skate passes, program registration, RDN camping fees and facility rentals. Enquire at the Quality Foods customer service desk to obtain Rec Bucks.

## **Grade 5/6 Active Living Card**

A Grade 5 Active Living Card provides free admissions to public swim, skate and drop-in gym sessions from Sep 1 to Aug 31 for all District 69 Grade 5 students.

A Grade 6 10X Active pass provides 10 admissions to public swim, skate or drop-in gym sessions for all District 69 Grade 6 students.

Pick up an application form at Ravensong Aquatic Centre or Oceanside Place Arena or online at rdn.bc.ca/recreation. Bring the completed form to either recreation offices. Photo id card will be issued. Child must be present for photo.

# Corporate & Volunteer Group Recreation Pass

A 15% discount is available for nonprofit organizations and local businesses within District 69 purchasing 10 or more annual active adult membership passes at one time. Active passes are for use at both Ravensong Aquatic Centre and Oceanside Place Arena for public sessions. Contact us for more information.

### **KidSport**

KidSport is available to low income families for children age 18 years and under to participate in a sport season of their choice. First-time applicants receive priority for grant funding. Please apply early. Parents should apply for fall sports in May and spring sports in January. For more information go online at <a href="https://www.kidsportcanada.ca">www.kidsportcanada.ca</a> or contact us.

## **Recreation Grants**

The District 69 Recreation commission offers Youth and Community Grants three times annually to area organizations needing financial support for recreation programs or special events. Eligible applicants are of district-wide interest or benefit and are either new or expanding.

Youth Grants are available for Recreation programs or projects for youth age 11 to 18 years. Community Grants are available for all age groups. Grants are awarded for up to \$2,500 and may be used for equipment, materials and supplies, but may not be used for wages or honorariums.

The next grant application deadlines are September 29, 2017 and January 26, 2018. Pick up an application form at Ravensong Aquatic Centre or Oceanside Place Arena or online at rdn.bc.ca/recreation.

## **Inclusive Recreation**

Support workers may be available to provide assistance in our programs, whether it is minimal or one-to-one, at no charge. If you, or someone you know, requires support please contact us at 250-248-3252 or 250-752-5014. Requests for summer camp support must be received by June 15.

If support is arranged privately to assist someone with a disability during a swim or skate session, the assistant is admitted at no charge. It is expected that the assistant will be present alongside the participant for the duration of the activity.