



## WESTSIDE YOUTH CENTRE BGC OKANAGAN

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[www.bgco.ca](http://www.bgco.ca)



**Drop-in Programs** 12-19yrs  
**M-F 3:00-8:00pm**

**\*Closed Weekends and Holidays**

The Westside Youth Centre's drop-in programs and special events are geared toward youth. The Centre offers free supervised drop-in activities five days per week. **Activities include:**

- Free afternoon snacks and dinner M-F
- Pool tables, art programming, computers and internet access
- Movies, music and board games
- Structured Life Skills, Employment and Education Support, Leadership and Arts Programming
- Rec out trips to local parks with games and snacks

### Creative Arts

If you have been inside our club you've seen how creative and incredibly talented West Kelowna youth are. Their art is displayed with pride throughout our Centre. We are always offering opportunities for youth to engage in creative activities such as tie dye, painting, crafts, and more.

### Life Skills Training

To help youth become healthy, successful and contributing members of society, we offer many life skills training opportunities for youth. This includes volunteer and leadership opportunities, employment and education support.

For registration or more information on programming [www.Bgco.ca/forms](http://www.Bgco.ca/forms)

### Youth Leadership

Youth Leadership within the club helps youth develop employment skills and become confident leaders in their community. The Westside Youth Centre provides a number of opportunities for youth to build leadership skills including volunteer opportunities, youth-led activities and projects and our Youth in Residence Peer Support Program. Youth who are interested in being a part of the Youth in Residence Program can contact staff to learn more.

### Virtual Programming

Online programming is available daily on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BGCOYouth](http://www.facebook.com/BGCOYouth). Programming includes Art, Baking, Employment and Academic Support, and Leadership Opportunities. Activity kits are available for online programming.

### Youth & Family Services

#### Reconnect 13-18yrs

The Reconnect program provides short term services to youth including parent/teen mediation, advocacy for high-risk youth that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, alcohol and drug referrals, one on one support, hygiene and contraceptive education and products. This program is free of charge. **Please email [gsimms@bgco.ca](mailto:gsimms@bgco.ca), [vschermel@bgco.ca](mailto:vschermel@bgco.ca) or [mlea@bgco.ca](mailto:mlea@bgco.ca) for services.**

### Volunteer Opportunities

Want to make a difference? If you have a special talent or simply want to make a difference in a child's life, contact the BGC Okanagan to be a volunteer. We need: **youth and children's mentors, program volunteers and special needs assistants.** Go to [www.bgco.ca](http://www.bgco.ca) to volunteer.