



## News Release

### Get Ready for Recreation

Sechelt, BC – September 7, 2021— The Fall recreation schedule is coming this Friday and you can register for activities starting at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Information on activities being offered this Fall will be available in a two-page spread in this week's Coast Reporter. Recreation users can then call, go online or visit any Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) recreation facilities on Monday, September 13 to register for your chosen activities.

This year, the SCRDR will not be sending recreation guides out to homes in the Region. This is due to a number of reasons including:

- It is estimated that sending recreation guides to every home on the Sunshine Coast this year would use over one million sheets of paper, that's roughly 100 medium size trees. Providing information at our recreation facilities and online is far better for the environment. Not printing the guide will also save up to \$21,500.
- Health orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic requires the SCRDR to be in a position to change recreation offerings as and when directed to do so by the Provincial Health Officer. At this time the SCRDR cannot guarantee that a printed recreation guide would be a reliable source of material into the future so having information available online, via the phone and at our recreation facilities allows SCRDR staff to quickly make any changes necessary and update program offerings accordingly.

#### Three ways to book

1. Online – Visit <https://www.scrd.ca/myrecreation>. Please note that you need to set up an account before you can book any activities so ensure you have your account setup before September 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. By phone with a credit card – Call us at 604-885-6801
3. In person – Visit any SCRDR recreation facilities and book through our front counter staff.  
Information on our facilities is below:
  - Gibsons & Area Community Centre, 700 Park Road, Gibsons
  - Pender Harbour Aquatic & Fitness Centre, 13639 Sunshine Coast Highway, Madeira Park
  - Sechelt Aquatic Centre, 5500 Shorncliffe Avenue, Sechelt

#### Sechelt Aquatic Centre

Please note that due to the current drought period, the SCRDR's Emergency Operations Centre has requested that pools at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre remain closed. Recreation users can still book swimming activities to hold their place, however dates for these activities will be impacted due to the closure. Recreation staff are working to amend the dates for these activities and will follow up directly with those affected once the reopening date is confirmed.

## **Know before you go**

Got a question about our recreation schedule? Or find out what you need to know before you go at <https://letstalk.scrd.ca/myrecreation>.

In the coming weeks, recreation staff will be looking for your feedback on the activities being offered and your experience with the booking process. Stay tuned for your chance to have your say.

## **Vaccination Requirements**

Following direction from the Province, it is expected that proof of vaccination will be required to access Recreation Facilities beginning on September 13. Details will be confirmed as more information is released from the Provincial Health Officer. Further information is available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof>

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