



A Community Centre where people belong and are valued

Report to Community: June 2026

Get To Know Us:

As a small but mighty non profit we maintain and manage the building known as the Salmo Valley Youth & Community centre (SVYCC). We run youth programing, support locals to run health and wellness offerings and host a range of independently run recreation and support services that are key to the well being of our community.

Among those services are the RDCK's Fitness Centre, Salmo Community Services' Family resource room, The Salmo Climbing Society's indoor climbing wall, Salmo Skateboard indoor bowl and Freedom Quest's youth support services office. Our facility also includes rentable spaces for a range of events from weddings and birthday parties to meetings, yoga classes and organized sporting events. We have meeting space, studio space, a music studio, commercial kitchen and full size gymnasium.

Community Programming Highlights:

The first half of 2026 has been busy with community events and celebrations. Highlights include a New Year's Eve Gala and fundraiser, Emily Jamieson's Salmo Youth Theater programs production of "Over the Rainbow", a celebrated community breakfast and Easter egg hunt.

Some of the Weekly Offerings you will find at SVYCC:

- **Move Strong:** Beginner and Intermediate Fitness Tuesdays/Fridays at 10:00 AM & Wednesdays at 11:00am.
- **Salmo Barre:** Classes Mondays at 6:30PM, Thursdays at 6:00PM and Saturdays at 9:00 at AM
- **Grip Brazilian Jiu Jitsu:** Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Dance fit with Emily from Glitter Step Dance:** A sweaty Wednesday morning class at 7:30AM
- **Dance with Dana:** Saturday morning dance classes for children
- **Yoga with Laurie:** Evening yoga classes running fall & winter



Youth Programming

Youth programming is thriving, with increasing numbers of young people connecting, learning, and building friendships through our programs. We run two different groups totalling 8 hours per week:

1. **Children's Group (Ages 8 - 12)**

We welcome children ages 8 to 12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. On these days, we can have anywhere from 5 to 25 kids show up. The groups love the open gym time and arts and crafts activities. We also strive to get them outside, cooking or baking, trying new things, and making friends outside of their usual circles.

2. **Teen Group (Ages 12 - 18)**

On Fridays after school, we open our doors to teens aged 12 to 18. Friday evenings bring an average of 25-30 youth each week. They come to eat and lounge with their friends, play basketball, get creative, and learn new skills.

In addition to our weekly groups, we host community events and partner with local schools, community organizations, and RDCK/Salmo Rec to reach families and youth who may not attend our regular sessions.

Upcoming Summer Programming

We are excited to announce that we will be running summer programming this year, thanks to the support of RDCK and the Salmo Recreation Commission. We have a fully packed six weeks of summer programs open for registration:

- **Children's Summer Program (Ages 8 - 12)**

Sessions will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am to 2:30 pm for children aged 8 to 12 years (birth years 2014-2017).

- **Teen Summer Program (Ages 12 - 18)**

Sessions will take place on Tuesdays from 11 am to 4 pm for youth aged 12 to 18 years (birth years 2008-2013).

For more details and registration, please visit our website at svycc.ca. To keep up to date with our activities, follow us on our social media channels.



Our Youth drop-in programs offer a safe, inclusive space. We have a lounge for youth to relax and socialize, a full gymnasium, weekly activities and healthy meals.



Our Building & Spaces

Originally built as a high school in 1956, our facility has evolved over the years to meet the changing needs of the community. Recently, we completed two major improvement projects. First, we upgraded 80% of the building's lighting to energy-efficient LED fixtures, reducing lighting costs by 66% while creating brighter and safer spaces for users. Second, the gymnasium roof was fully replaced, helping stabilize the facility's infrastructure and minimize disruptions to programs and community use. We extend our sincere thanks to Columbia Basin Trust and RDCK for their generous support of this project. Looking forward, we continue working to improve our infrastructure with reroofing the lower level of the building and developing a community art space.



Gymnasium



Zen Den



Skate Bowl

The Salmo Climbing Society:



Congratulations to the Salmo Climbing Society on their official opening! Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers Salmo now has its very own climbing gym. Learn about the gym and how you can get involved:

<https://salmoclimb.gymdesk.com>

Salmo Recreation:



Salmo Recreation is one of the cornerstone organizations operating out of SVYCC. They offer drop in or memberships to the fitness centre, open gym time and other recreation and fitness programming. Contact them directly for more information: 250-357-0121 <https://www.rdck.ca>

Volunteer Spotlight

Celebrating 20 years

We are a volunteer lead non-profit society dedicated to supporting the community we operate in. We celebrated our 20th anniversary in 2025. Managing and running the community centre takes a team. We are always looking for volunteers, community groups or other organizations that we can partner with to provide expanding services for our community.



We are deeply grateful for the unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions of Susan Chew and Sally Whitman. Over the years, their passion and leadership have been instrumental in shaping the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre. As they transition from their roles with SVYCC we wish them all the best!



Thank You



Join Our Board – Make a Difference!

We invite passionate community members to fill the two upcoming seats on the SVYCC Board of Directors. This is your chance to contribute your skills and ideas, make a positive impact, and help shape the future of our community center. If you're interested in joining our Board, we want to hear from you! Reach out today to learn more and become a part of our vibrant community team.



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