

# Community Partners



Vamos Outdoors Project partners with Bellingham Public Schools to provide culturally and linguistically representative educational opportunities for Latinx and English Language Learner youth. Vamos contracts with BPS to run a summer program for migrant youth, including academic, socio-emotional, and outdoor activities. Vamos partnered with BPS and other community organizations to run the Connections Program, a childcare program designed to support English Language Learner families as they navigate online learning during COVID, as a support to families who are working or speak languages other than English. Vamos also partners with the Cordata and Birchwood Elementary Schools to run after school nature experience clubs, all in Spanish.



Vamos Outdoors Project partners with the Burlington-Edison School District through the Gear Up Program to provide outdoor enrichment experiences to youth working towards success in college and other forms of higher education. Vamos works with youth in the outdoors in Skagit County, learning from parks and each other through representational mentorship.



Vamos partners with the Lynden School District to provide summer programming through OSPI's Migrant Education Program. Vamos provides academic, outdoor, and recreational programming to 60 students each summer.



The Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition and Vamos Outdoors Project are bringing bikes and kids out to Galbraith. Beginning September 2018, Vamos bikes weekly on Galbraith Mountain. These adventures help connect everyone with the local landscape, impart bike safety and skills, and offer an evening of fun for the kids through representational mentorship. In conjunction with WMBC's Trail Corps program, Vamos will bike and work on trail building and maintenance. A big thank you to WMBC and all of the mountain biking forces in Whatcom County behind the scenes who make this a reality for Vamos!



Kona bikes is dedicated to getting more people on bikes and is helping to lower the barrier to entry for Latinx, Migrant and English Language Learner youth. By providing and maintaining a fleet of bikes and funding coaching programs, Kona is able to get more kids out on the trails for their first time, and Kona

hopes to help them build relationships with cycling that will last a lifetime. Kona is based in an area that cultivates a strong community around mountain biking, and they are excited to help their kids be a part of a growing network.

# VITAL CLIMBING GYM

Thanks to VITAL Climbing Gym, Vamos brings 5 youth in to climb once a month, exploring vertical. Indoor climbing is a challenging, purposeful activity for all ages. Climbing pushes the cardiovascular system, and challenges the participant's sequencing skills, executive functioning, and problem solving skills. Benefits of rock climbing include building trust and teamwork, increasing physical stamina, and strengthening bonds with peers. Vamos thanks Vital for providing access and equipment, and their Spanish-language waiver forms.



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The Whatcom Family Y and Vamos partner to provide swim lessons to Latinx and ELL youth. Students attend 8 swim weekly lessons, including a lesson on safety around water. Students learn to be safe in water, how to enjoy aquatic experiences, and get to play in the big and little pools.

The Y also provides weekly access to the climbing wall for weekly climbing outings for Vamos participants. Thanks to the Y for having a great wall and great staff!



## COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER BELLINGHAM BAY

Vamos partners with The Community Boating Center to support participants in embarking on safe small-boat recreation in Bellingham Bay. The CBC was founded by a core of local small-watercraft enthusiasts in 2006 and began services to the public in 2007. The CBC is not a club. There are no memberships and no dues. Their mission is to foster small-watercraft education, access, safe recreation, and marine stewardship on Bellingham Bay.



The Bellingham Mountaineers provide climbing instruction for indoor and outdoor climbing experiences, at Mount Erie and at the Bellingham YMCA. Thanks to the Mountaineers for sharing your resources, climbing enthusiasm, and teaching time. Mount Erie is a world class destination for an introduction to rock climbing.



**mercy** HOUSING

Live in Hope

We work with the youth of Sterling Meadows, a local housing

complex for agricultural workers who make less than 45% of the median area income. These youth are underserved in access to outdoors and recreation, and we are helping connect the resident families with opportunities to enjoy the outdoor and recreation opportunities in the Pacific Northwest.



**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES**  

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