

## **KAMLOOPS OUTDOOR CLUB GUIDELINES FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

### **Welcome to the Kamloops Outdoor Club!**

This webpage is intended to link you to information about the Club, how to become a member, and guidelines for outings.

The Kamloops Outdoor Club was founded in 1936 by Jack Gregson – now honorary president for life. The Club members share fellowship and a variety of outdoor interests, such as hiking and cross-country skiing, throughout the year, with an outing planned for most Sundays/weekends of the year. Pets are not allowed on club outings.

The Club owns a cabin, and maintains historical records of its activities. Early records are kept at the Kamloops Museum. All Club work is done by members volunteering their time and labor. The cabin and its surrounding area is a non-smoking environment.

The Club activities vary with the season, each having its own unique highlight. The summer can feature backpacking and car-camping, hiking, biking, canoeing/kayaking, etc. The fall brings more day hikes, work parties, and the annual banquet. Winter is devoted to snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, both day trips and the occasional weekend away. A traditional Christmas party is held at the cabin. Spring is celebrated with the new bloom of flowers on day hikes and a gourmet picnic above Chase. All outings are planned at regular program meetings and everyone is invited to attend and share his/her ideas.

### **Joining the Kamloops Outdoor Club**

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

[Waiver](#)  
[Current Program](#)  
[Membership Application form](#)  
[Membership with FMCBC](#)

1. Complete the Waiver form and bring to the first club activity. You must give a signed waiver form to the day hike leader.
2. Complete 2 or 3 club outings before making a final decision about whether or not this club is a good fit for you and your interests. If it is, then you complete the Membership Application form and send that to the club mailing box along with the club membership annual fee. (\$40) Mailing address is: Kamloops Outdoor Club P.O. Box 526, Kamloops, BC V2C 5L
3. Note that as a member of the Kamloops Outdoor Club you have many advantages with discount at supporting stores; insurance coverage for club activities through FMCBC; responsibilities of a club member to participate in various work parties during the year; and access to the KOC cabin and boats. For more information check out the [Current Program](#).

**Club outings are rated in the following star rating:**

On hikes leaders rate trips according to any one criteria. Backpacking will always be noted in the narrative. Always discuss trip with the leader ahead of time.

**Guidelines for Participation in Hikes and/or Work parties:**

**Carpooling Policy:**

Splinter groups are only permitted with prior discussion and agreement of the leader. The size of the splinter group will be decided by the leader based on terrain, weather, route finding skills, etc.

The club practices low impact hiking e.g. all garbage including toilet paper should be packet out.

The club's constitution and by-laws are posted on our website for your perusal.  
[www.kamloopsoutdoorclub.ca](http://www.kamloopsoutdoorclub.ca)

**THESE GUIDELINES ARE FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND SAFETY AND TO ENSURE THAT YOUR OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE WILL ALWAYS BE ENJOYABLE AND SAFE.**

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