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About a seven minute walk from my office is the Royal Roads University forest. It covers hundreds of acres, has a number of trees that are 250-300 years old and is covered in dozens of trails and paths. I love to wander these paths when I need a few minutes to pray and spend time with Jesus. Early on in my time at YFC, a friend of mine walked me through the forest to a massive tree (28 ft around!). I've been searching for it ever since and haven't been able to find it again.

Although I now have a pretty good grasp on where most of the paths lead, I can still get a little lost in there. The paths curve around fallen trees and depressions, by creeks and waterfalls, through a wide variety of bushes, and are generally canopied by trees that are hundreds of feet tall. It can certainly get a bit disorienting.

Our youth have to navigate so many different paths through life. Often they think those paths lead to a particular place, but they end up getting completely turned around or lost. Our staff are continually finding and working with these youth and making every effort to bring them back to the path that leads to life in Christ. Sometimes that means a bit of trudging through the undergrowth and weeds, but the excitement of finding the correct path is unparalleled.

Thank you for praying, financially supporting and volunteering with us as together we lead these youth to the path that leads to Christ. It may be narrow, but it's the true path that will bring life!

Lindsay Hodges
Executive Director – YFC Victoria



ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual fundraiser golf tournament is coming up this fall and we would love for you to join us! Come out and enjoy a round of golf, a great meal, contests and prizes while helping support our efforts to reach youth in the region.

Here are the details:

Olympic View Golf Course
Friday Sept 13th 1:00pm, Dinner to follow
\$225/golfer, \$900/foursome



This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and helps tremendously in supporting the staff's outreach to youth. If you have a company or know of someone who does, we would love to give them some great exposure while supporting YFC through hole sponsorship. Information & registration can be found at:

www.yfcvictoria.com/golf

If you'd like to make a donation towards this, just go to yfcvictoria.com/donate, and write "Golf" in the comment section under "General donation."



Kristen Bill (Tseycum Band Administrator), Kelli Telford (Tseycum Health & Head Start Director), Rick Wismer (YFC Victoria Mobile Outreach Director), Carter Mahoney (Pauquachin Education Director)

Our Saanich Peninsula prayer team felt led to drive through Tseycum, Pauquachin, Tsartlip and Tsawout, stopping at each Indigenous community to pray for God to bless and draw all youth to Himself. Three weeks later, I received an email from Carter Mahoney, Pauquachin Education Director. Carter told me that he was at a meeting with people who remembered their time at the bus as youth back in 2004. They asked Carter to reach out to me to see if we would bring the bus back to their community, maybe even having something for both Pauquachin and neighbouring Tseycum Nation.

We scheduled a meeting with staff from Tseycum, Pauquachin and myself. When I arrived at Pauquachin Nation for our meeting, I told the receptionist "Wow, you look so familiar" to which she replied, "I used to go by the name Megan and I used to go to Blue Bus. I heard you guys might be bringing Blue Bus back to our community." At our meeting there was a sense of excitement about ways that the two communities could collaborate, one of which was to bring Pauquachin and Tseycum youth together on Tuesday afternoons starting in September 10, 2024.

Twenty years pass, then God prompts community members who fondly remember their time at Blue Bus to get the Blue Bus back. Wow, God is good!

YFC Nanaimo Ryan Schmand

A few months ago, these girls started coming to our youth group. They have been attending consistently for 6 months, and they received the revelation about who Jesus is! These girls are seeing a major transformation unfold in their everyday lives! Please continue to pray for them as they step into a leadership role at our youth group.



Community Youth - Jenn Labuik

One thing I love about Youth Ministry is the ability to be able to pour into each youth I get to work with. One way the Lord has opened doors in this area is by allowing mentorship to take place with the teens I serve. This can look like many different things daily: taking a youth out for coffee, having time in the youth office, teaching them how to play pool, messages of encouragement and prayer, working through struggles and challenges, being present in highs and lows, extended conversations in the school cafeteria or even helping them learn to drive! I praise God for every opportunity that comes before me and there have been many of them this year. It is an absolute honour to be able to be a part of Jesus' hands and feet in Esquimalt and the verse that has been my fuel during this year of transition is Matthew 10:8b "Freely you have received; freely give."

