

OBC Outreach Team Report

Volunteers in our OBC-affiliated orienteering clubs across the province do an excellent job of providing training and competition opportunities for their club members. This year-round effort places real limits on the energy and time that club members can devote to bringing orienteering to other groups/communities in their area, or in regions of the province that lack an active O club. As result, we often cannot respond effectively to external requests for this kind of assistance, which means we are also missing opportunities to expand our sport in BC.

As an effort to fill this gap, OBC decided this year to launch an **OBC Outreach Team** project. We are recruiting experienced orienteers located in various parts of the province who can be called upon to take responsibility for responding to requests arising from their general geographic area. Team members are all suitably trained, and cleared for working with children and the vulnerable sector. They can choose to accept or decline any assignment they are offered, as their time and energy allow, and they are financially compensated by OBC for their time (planning/delivery), travel expenses and material costs.

Outreach projects completed or underway at the moment (2024) include park O-mapping for an elementary school in Pemberton; delivery of a workshop for *Spirit North* staff who want to introduce orienteering into First Nations schools in the south Okanagan; and instructional assistance for O activities in a North Vancouver school. If you are interested in being part of the OBC Outreach Team, please contact Brian Ellis (e-mail: bee@mssl.ubc.ca or txt/tel 604-209-7230) for more information.