

# Partners



[Vamoseducation.com](http://Vamoseducation.com)

We send our recipients on trips with Vamos Education (VE), a bi-lingual environmental education organization. VE takes a mix of native English and Spanish speakers on multi-day trips into the North Cascades and surrounding landscape, working on student led language and culture exchange, sense of place, environmental literacy, backpacking skills, and youth leadership activities.



<https://wmbcmtb.org/>

The Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition and Vamos Outdoors Project are bringing bikes and kids out to Galbraith. Beginning

September 2018, we are biking weekly on Galbraith with the kids. These adventures help connect everyone with the local landscape, impart bike safety and skills, and offer an evening of fun for the kids. In conjunction with WMBC's Trail Corps program, we will be biking and working 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 us!



Ride Run and Dig (RRAD) host's bike rodeos in all of the Bellingham elementary schools, which gets roughly 6,200 kids out on bikes! RRAD helps Vamos with our mountain bike outings, bringing bikes and expertise, as well as letting the kids get their hands dirty building trails!

**VITAL**  
**CLIMBING GYM**

<http://www.vitalclimbinggym.com/bellingham/>

In partnership with Vital Climbing Gym, we send 5 students per month to visit Vital and explore the vertical world. Indoor climbing is a challenging, purposeful activity for all ages.

Climbing pushes the cardiovascular system, it 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. We want to thank Vital for providing access and equipment, and having the forethought to offer waiver forms in Spanish.



<https://www.whatcomymca.org/>

The Whatcom Family Y and Vamos are bringing swim lessons to Bellingham families. Groups of up to 12 kids get to use the swimming pool and take lessons that wouldn't have done so otherwise. Swimming is a life-long healthy habit and empowers people to explore different aspects of the wild places surrounding Whatcom County. Vamos Outdoors Project gives a big thanks to the Y and staff.



[www.ccsww.com](http://www.ccsww.com)

Vamos works with the youth and families at Villa Santa Fe, a housing community managed and subsidized by Catholic Community Services, designed for families working in the agricultural sector. Connecting the youth of this community to the opportunities in Whatcom County makes it important to the future of all members of Whatcom County.



<https://www.mercyhousing.org/washington-sterling-meadows-apartments>

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.



<https://www.skidsteersolutions.com/about-us/>

Skid Steer Solutions is a Bellingham-based, family run business selling compact machinery and attachments. Vamos Outdoors Project has been supported by Skid Steer Solutions since our inception, we want to thank them for their support and engagement in building community.