



Sport BC President's Award

November 6, 2010



As a full member of Sport BC, CKBC is able to annually present this award to any volunteer in the organization who represents the spirit of volunteerism and whose dedication, energy and commitment is critical to sport development. Nominations are due in the fall of each year.

2010 Recipient - Jaden Langford

Victoria Youth Paddling Club exists due, in large part, to the vision of Jaden Langford. Jaden has voluntarily given tirelessly over the last five years to ensure the development of our club. He has been central to establishing our facilities and acquiring equipment, hiring our coaches, accessing diverse funding sources and creating revenue streams through program, courses, networking and fund raising. He has established and maintained positive co-operative partnerships with municipal and provincial organizations and funding bodies. Jaden has also been strongly involved in community outreach and has overseen the growth and expansion of our program and offerings to the broader spectrum of youth in our community. Jaden's demonstrable commitment and dedication is readily witnessed in his voluntary willingness to perform, these past years, in the capacities of Coach, Head Coach, Commodore, Treasurer, Administrator, Webmaster, Chair, Manager, Bookkeeper, Secretary, Newsletter author and Facilitator; Jaden has even been our equipment repairman. He has been intrinsic in the establishment of operating procedures, creation of policies, undertaking of marketing and designing of promotional and advertising materials. Also a computer "Techie", Jaden designed the online event information and registration program called "Sportical", currently being used by our club and by CanoeKayak BC. Through Jaden's original vision, we have a handful of high performance athletes and have raced sprint kayakers in both the Provincials and Nationals; sent youth to the BC Summer Games and have had an athlete named to the 2010 Western Canada Games. In fact, due to Jaden's vision, we currently have 22 competitive athletes in VYPC and we proudly offer a diverse selection of coached paddling alternatives to youth in the greater community (e.g. whitewater, outrigger and dragon boat, among other options).



But Jaden's talents have not stopped at the club level. Jaden works closely with CanoeKayak BC and his research resulted in the provincial sport organization receiving a grant that allowed volunteer training at a number of clubs over the past year. His 'Sportical' creation is increasingly being used by clubs not only in BC. He is the developers of our website and is always available to answer questions from non techie staff. He has recently been trained as a CanoeKids Learning Facilitator and an Entry Level Competitive Coach Evaluator and has given generously of his time to facilitate the learnings of coaches across the province. He also participated as a volunteer coach at the recent BC Summer Games.

Jaden Langford clearly embodies the values for which the Sport BC President's Award was created to honor. He has been critical to our sports' development both in Victoria and further afield. Were it not for Jaden's spirit of volunteerism, his dedication, energies and commitment to both the Victoria Youth Paddling Club and CanoeKayak BC, we, not only would not have developed to the degree we have but, we, and the opportunities we have been able to offer our community, would simply not exist.

Congratulations and THANK YOU Jaden.

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Previous Recipients:

2009	Kurt Raynor
2008	Marlene Hoyt
2007	Dave Nosella
2006	Grant Rawstron
2005	Jaden Langford
2004	Rick Hammer
2003	Patricia Lovatt
2002	Mary Jane Abbott