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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Four Boulders Climbers Reach Podium at CEC Western Regional Sport Climbing Championships**

Central Saanich, BC - Success continues for climbers who train at the Boulders Climbing Gym in Central Saanich, as four young athletes have recently returned from the 2013 Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) Western Regional Championships in Calgary with podium finishes.

Coming away with first place medals at the event, which took place at the Calgary Climbing Centre over the April 20-21 weekend, were Victoria's Allison Stewart-Patterson in the Junior Girls category and Nanaimo's Elan Jonas-McRae in the Junior Boys category.

Stewart-Patterson adds the Western Regional title to her recent gold medals in both the Difficulty and Speed events that she earned at the BC Provincials in Victoria in March, while McRae's gold follows on a recent impressive 6th place finish at the US Nationals in Boulder, Colorado, as well as his gold medal in the same event at the BC Provincials.

Other Boulders' climbers reaching the podium at the Western Regionals included Abbotsford's Sophie Buitendyk and Shawnigan Lake's Aidan Doyle, both of whom placed 3rd overall in the 12/13 Girls and Boys categories respectively.

All four climbers will now gear up for the Canadian National Climbing Championships that will be held at The Boulders Climbing Gym on the Victoria Day long weekend, May 18-20, 2013. They will be competing along with other top climbers from across Canada and the United States.

The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Youth Championships are also being hosted by The Boulders Climbing Gym and will take place August 15-19, 2013. This will be a world class event that will be attended by the best youth climbers from around the world and that will garner the attention of the International Olympic Committee, as sport climbing has been short-listed as an event at the 2020 Summer Olympics.

#### **About The Boulders Climbing Gym**

The Boulders Climbing Gym is a not-for-profit society, with the mandate of making climbing accessible for everyone, regardless of ability or ability to pay. With over 13,000 square feet (1,208 square metres) of



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climbing space, The Boulders Climbing Gym is a community facility and a unique social enterprise, providing adaptive recreation and rehabilitation programs, youth recreational and competitive programs, as well as facilitating a climbing academy at Stelly's Secondary School. All instructors are certified by the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides. See [www.climbtheboulders.com](http://www.climbtheboulders.com) for more details.

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