



Boulderfest 2026



To the Nova Scotia Climbing Community,

On behalf of Climb Nova Scotia, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came together for the 22nd Boulderfest on Dover Island.

A huge thank you to our incredible sponsors:

Arc'teryx, East Peak Climbing, Seven Bays, Propeller Brewing Co., Aerobics First, and Static Holds, for helping make this event possible and continuing to support our climbing community.

To all of the hardworking volunteers who gave their time, energy, and passion to the planning and execution of Boulderfest, thank you! Your efforts behind the scenes and throughout the weekend are what make this event so special.

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Thank you as well to everyone who shared their knowledge through the climbing clinics and the morning yoga session.

And, of course, a very special thank you to Gizz, Rod, and Teddy for their unwavering support year after year and for once again getting us out to Dover Island. It simply wouldn't be Boulderfest without you!

As President, it makes me incredibly happy to see so many members of our community come together, share a passion for climbing, reconnect with old friends, and make new ones.

Thank you all for making the 22nd Boulderfest one to remember. I'm already excited for next year's Boulderfest and can't wait to see everyone back on the island!

Will Sarty
President, Climb Nova Scotia

A thank you to Volunteers.

Boulderfest only runs with a team of hard working volunteers to bring the weekend to life. Climb Nova Scotia would like to extend our gratitude to all those who came out and helped make Boulderfest 2026 a reality.



A big thank you to those who came to help:

Isaac Fillmore, Ella McDonald, Elliot Mccowan, Kiera Levesque, Alex Chouinard, Olivier Lagace, Kage Hamilton, Christian Ward, Megan Chandler, Noah Bourque, Gabe Moore, Jenna Walker, and from our CNS team: Will Sarty, Mike Simmie, Chris Ginou and Christie Hagerman.

A thank you to Arcteryx.

The team at Climb Nova Scotia would like to extend a massive thank you to @arcteryx for making Boulderfest 2026 a reality! This years event could not have happened without them.

They went above and beyond by:

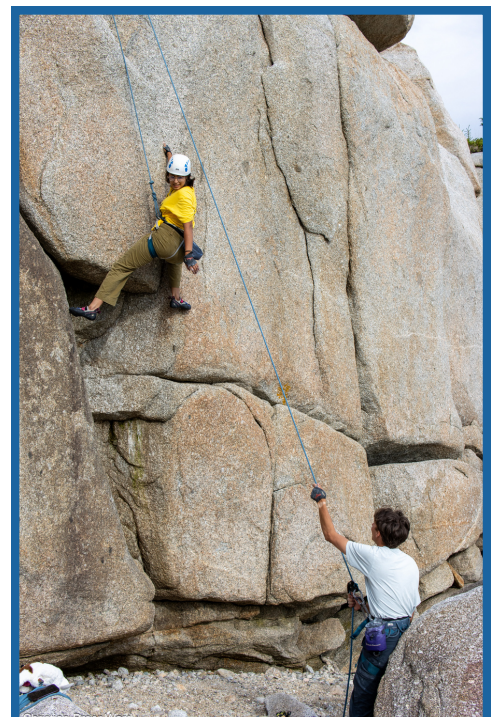
- Helping to sponsor Boulderfest 2026, as well as helping to organize this year's T-shirt contest.
- Sent two representatives to the island who both brought some great energy to cheer on the climbers.
- Provided gear and tents for participants, .
- Brought out tons of great swag and giveaways for participants



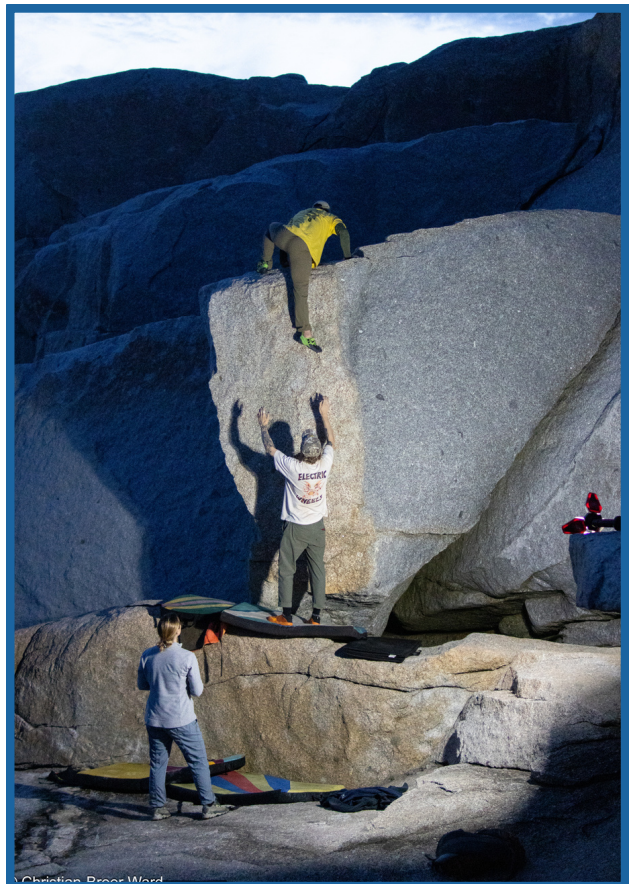
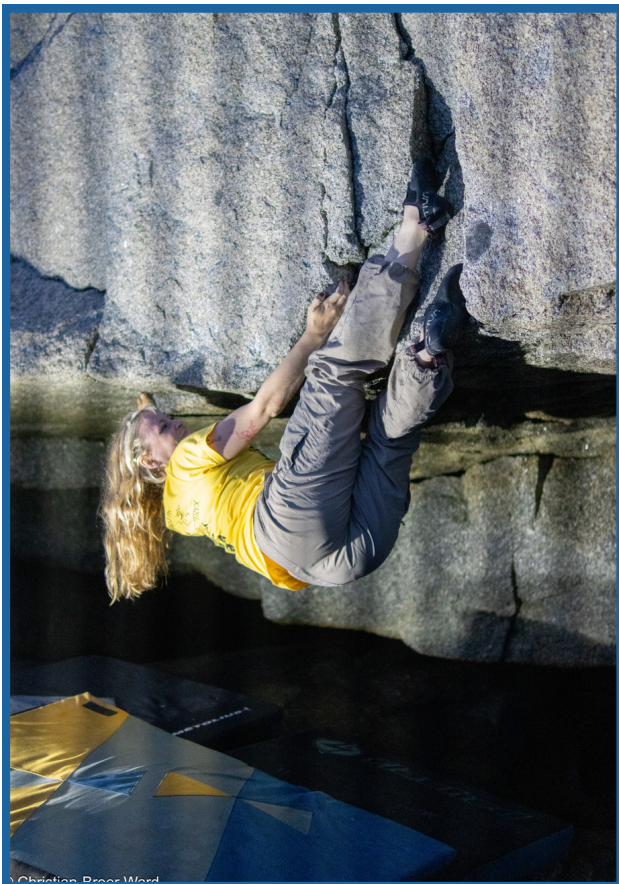
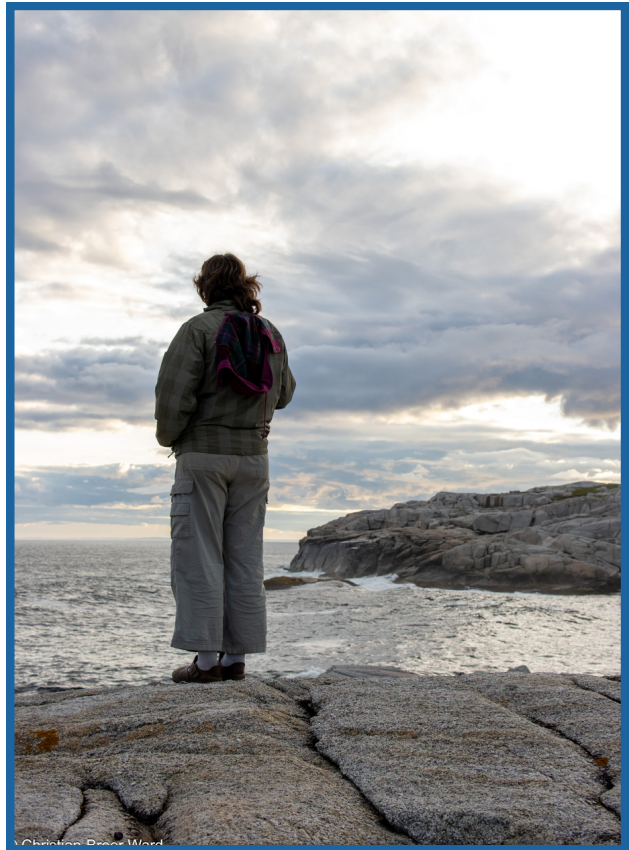
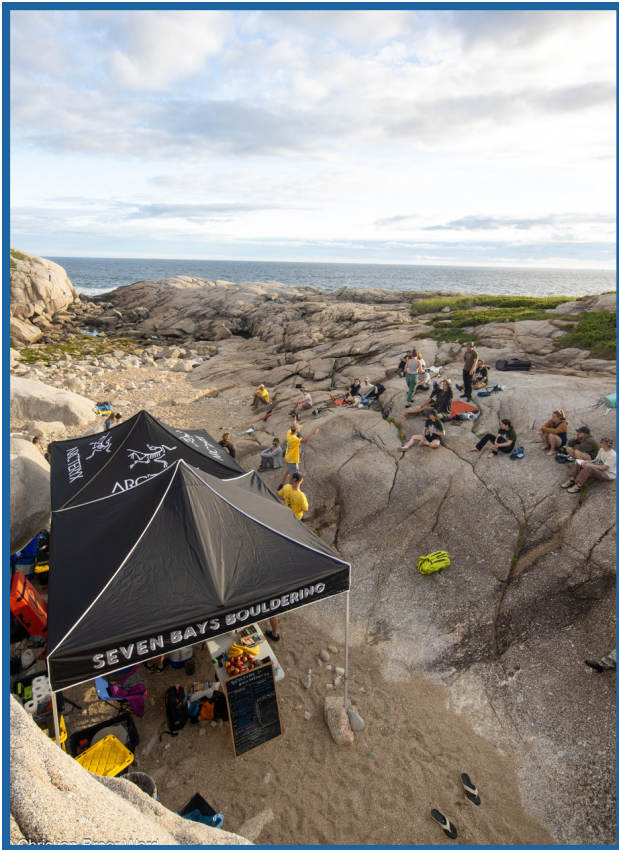
Be sure to check out their new storefront! Arc'teryx Halifax is located at 5466 Spring Garden Rd.

A thank you to the photographers.

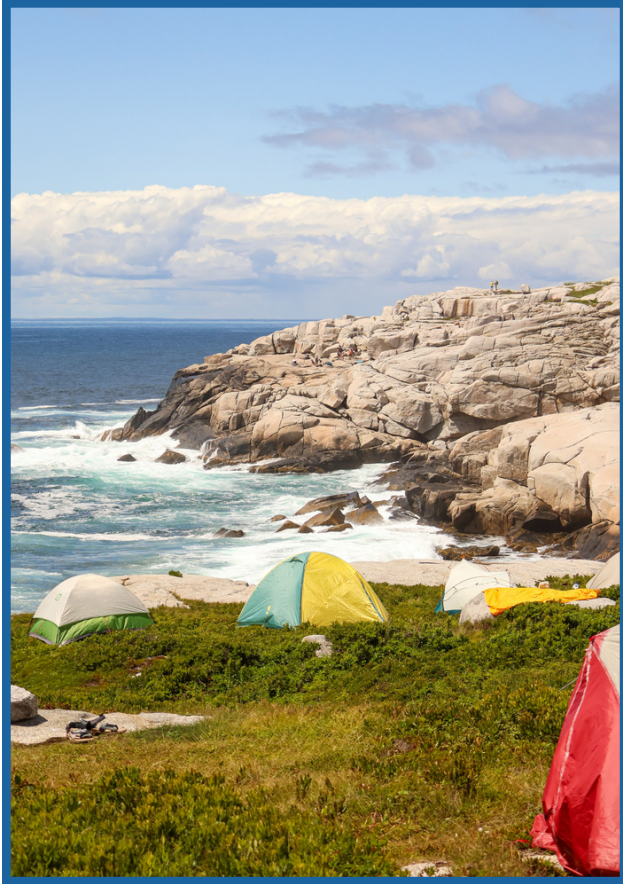
We had some incredible photographers come and document Boulderfest this year. A special shout out to Alex Chouinard and Christian-broer Ward (@shotsbychouin and @shycefx on instagram). Be sure to give them a follow and support the work they do!



Christian-broer Ward/ @Shycefx



Alex Chouinard/ @shotsbychouin



Volunteers needed at The Spot

On Sept 19, 2026, the Nature Conservancy of Canada will be removing the Bridge and Beaver Dam, located at The Spot near Musquodoboit harbour. The NCC is looking for 4 volunteers from Climb Nova Scotia to assist with the removal of the dam.



For those who want to help out,
they can reach out directly to
Jamie Simpson
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Easter Seals

On Aug. 11, 2026, Easter Seals held its annual Drop Zone event at the tallest office building in Halifax (1801 Hollis St.). Participants rappelled down the side of the building to raise funds in support of Nova Scotians living with disabilities. Funds raised during the event directly helped to fund Camp Tidnish, the only barrier-free and fully accessible summer camp for Nova Scotians living with disabilities.



Easter Seals works directly with volunteers in order to provide a safe experience for rappellers. Those in the Nova Scotia Climbing community with rope experience have continued to step up and offer their support year after year; CNS would like to extend a big thank you to all those who lent a hand, your contribution helps organizations like Easter Seals accomplish these truly extraordinary events.

Funds raised also go to three other Easter Seals programs. New Leaf Enterprises provides supported employment opportunities and job skills training for adults and youths living with disabilities. Take PAR creates opportunities for Nova Scotians living with disabilities to try out new sports in a more accessible way. Finally, its Assisted Mobility program helps provide equipment for Nova Scotians that require mobile support.

An update on Reel Rock 20 In Nova Scotia.

Though no specific dates have been finalized, Climb Nova Scotia has been working with Dalhousie University and the crew at Reel Rocks to confirm a date. As of now, Reel Rocks will likely be screened in Halifax between the end of October and the end of November. Details will follow in next months edition and/ or on Climb Nova Scotia's social media pages.

Community Feedback

If you have a story/ community event that you'd like to share on the CNS news letter or social media, contact us at communications@climbnovascotia.com or our instagram [@climbnovascotia](https://www.instagram.com/climbnovascotia)