



## FAQ

### 1. What is the Bike Swap?

The Bike Swap is an event that has been revived here in Bellingham, by Shifting Gears, a new non-profit organization that aims at breaking down barriers and building confidence through recreation. Shifting Gears hopes to make this an annual Bellingham Event that will provide our community who would like to start biking or already bike accessibility to gear, equipment and bikes, This event is about biking for everyone - no matter your level, expertise, gender or knowledge.

### 2. When is it?

Public Gear Registration & Drop off:	Saturday, March 2nd	7am - 11am
Shop the Swap:	Saturday, March 2nd	12pm - 5pm
Pick up Checks & Unsold Gear:	Saturday, March 2nd	6pm - 8pm

### 3. Where does the Swap take place?

Boundary Bay Brewery: The Mountain Room  
1103 Railroad Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225  
[Click here for directions.](#)

### 4. Why should I come to the Swap?

For the best selection and buys of reasonably priced gear. This soon to be annual event will come to symbolize the kick-off of Spring and Summer, when we will all be itching to get outside and play on our bikes. The Swap is a source of funding for Shifting Gears, their programming, scholarships and operations which helps previously disadvantaged populations building confidence through recreation.

### 5. How can I sell my equipment at the Swap?

- Sign up to sell your gear at <https://www.letsshiftgears.com/bike-swap>
- Drop off you gear at Boundary Bay's Mountain Room on Saturday, March 2nd between 7am - 11am.
- Please come with patience, all your gear, NO kids and appropriately dressed for the weather. As this is a new event in Bellingham, you may have to stand in line for a bit and you will need to take time to write on tickets the cost of each piece of gear, plus other information.
- If you have 25 or more items to sell, please contact a Shifting Gears volunteer via email [letsshiftgears@gmail.com](mailto:letsshiftgears@gmail.com) with the subject line: 'Bike Swap - more than 25 items' and we will contact you directly regarding what you should do to make your life a little easier on Swap Day.
- After dropping off your gear, either return to shop between 12pm - 5pm, or return between 6pm - 8pm to collect your unsold gear, and, or your check for items sold. If you do not return between 6pm - 8pm your items will be automatically



donated to Shifting Gears, as well as all the proceeds of your sold items. When you drop your items off in the morning, if you know you would like anything to be donated, please inform the volunteer so they can make a note.

**6. Do you accept credit cards?**

Yes, the Swap accepts cash, check and credit/debit cards.

**7. Can I get any discounts?**

No, items have already been discount as they are being sold as second hand items. No haggling/bargaining is allowed. Prices marked are final.

**8. Is there an admission fee?**

NO

**9. How can I contact you for more information?**

You can email us at [letsshiftgears@gmail.com](mailto:letsshiftgears@gmail.com). Visit us on [Facebook](#) to stay connected to the latest info and you can also send us a message on Facebook.

**10. How many items are available at the Swap?**

70+ bikes & tons of gear

**11. What kind of equipment is available?**

We will have mountain bikes, road bike, and commuter bikes of all sizes. We will also have a couple of kids bikes. There will be bike gear, and bike bags, plus pedals, handlebars and more....

**12. Where does the equipment come from?**

Some of the gear comes to the Swap by individuals in our community. We have 3 vendors who will have both new and used equipment.

**13. What else is available?**

Boundary Bay's bar will be open, or you could go upstairs and have a meal.

**14. How many people will attend?**

Organizers expect attendance to exceed 100.

**15. Are there experts to help educate? What if I'm a beginner?**

In addition to volunteers who love biking, representative from retail shops will be on hand to answer questions, help fit boots, and provide advice and recommendations.



**16. How do I price my equipment for sale?**

We leave that up to you, however, if you need help, we will be on hand as you register your equipment on Saturday, March 10th and will provide you with valuation guidance based on our experience.

**17. What percentage of the sale price is returned to the seller? How do I collect my money?**

25% of each sale is retained by the Swap Organizer - Shifting Gears. The balance of 75% is returned to the seller. Checks are issued and available for pickup on Saturday, March 2nd between 6pm - 8pm.

**18. What if I forget to pick up my unsold gear or check?**

If checks or items are not picked up on Saturday, March 2nd between 6pm - 8pm, they will be considered a donation to Shifting Gears.

**19. How can I help out at the Swap?**

The Bike Swap relies on many volunteers to run smoothly and efficiently. If you are interested in donating your time, please register for shifts on our website.

**20. How many years has this been going on?**

This will be the second annual Shifting Gears, Bellingham Bike Swap.

**21. Where does the money go?**

Money generated by the Swap will be used to support programs run by Shifting Gears, and individuals who wish to participate in these recreation programs.

**22. How can I get my business involved with the Swap?**

For sponsorship options, please contact us at [letsshiftgears@gmail.com](mailto:letsshiftgears@gmail.com)

**23. I would like to have a booth at the Swap.**

Please email us at [letsshiftgears@gmail.com](mailto:letsshiftgears@gmail.com) with your request, and explain why you would like to have a booth.

**24. Tell me more about Shifting Gears.**

Shifting Gears is a non-profit aiming to create welcoming recreation experiences that encourage confidence, wellness, growth and joy.

Our inclusive cycling and hiking programs will focus on breaking down barriers that stand in the way between a person and their aspirations. By participating in Shifting Gears programs, community members will walk away with the tools that they need to attain their recreational goals. Whether it be learning how to change a flat tire, cycling 50 miles, locating accessible trails, finding a hiking partner, setting goals or just

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remembering how to "play," our aim is to create a welcoming environment for all to join in and learn.

**25. How long has Shifting Gears been around?**

Shifting Gears has been piloting programs since 2016. We received our non-profit status in 2017 and officially launched programs in the Summer of 2018.

**26. How can I find out more, or participate in Shifting Gears' programs?**

You can follow us on Facebook to see what we are up to, and what we have in the works. You can also check out our upcoming programming on our website:

<https://www.letsshiftgears.com/> OR sign up for our newsletter

**27. How can I become a part of Shifting Gears?**

We would love you to be part of the Shifting Gears community, whether it is to volunteer at one of our events, participate in a ride or hike, or other program, or volunteer for us - we would love to hear from you. Drop us a message on Facebook, or shoot us an email: [letsshiftgears@gmail.com](mailto:letsshiftgears@gmail.com)

**28. Are there programs that I can do to learn about the new equipment I am buying?**

We offer bike maintenance workshops, and evening, or day rides where you can learn at your pace in an encouraging and safe environment where we value inclusivity, and a welcoming environment. Check out our [website](#) for more information.