

Welcome to Camp Big Sky 2010

This year, due to high demand, we have expanded The Best of Big Sky Camps to include Fridays. For those of you who aren't familiar, these camps will be offered each week of the summer, with a different set of activities keyed to the theme for that day of the week. We have also added a new payment option to make it easier and more affordable to attend a variety of programs throughout the day!

The Best of Big Sky camps are designed to offer fun camp programs with strong content and skills building while providing parents who need it, safe care from 9:00 to 4:00 Monday through Fridays for only \$35 a day (if you enroll your child full-time). Offering a combination of the most popular traditional Camp Big Sky programming, children are guaranteed an enriching enjoyable experience no matter how often or long they are enrolled.

We will also continue to offer a full schedule of single focus multi-day camps, which will provide all ages with the immersion experiences that build skills and interests over the course of several days. Middle-schoolers, in particular, will find camps of interest to them in this area of our programming.

In addition, this year we introduce The Big Middle, a once a week Middle School activity offering Middle-schoolers the opportunity to learn new skills or enhance skills they have from the pros in the area while meeting up with friends from school. Many businesses in the area have donated their time, equipment, property and employees in order to offer these fantastic activities at the lowest cost available! Please make sure to thank Big Sky Resort, Geyser Whitewater Expeditions, Montana Alpine Guides, Gallatin Alpine Sports, Grizzly Outfitters, Mark Savoy and the crew at the Big Sky Golf Course, Jake's Horses, the BSCC's Frisbee Golf crew, and many other individuals who donated ideas and hours to make this program happen. It could not happen without their generosity. We would also like to thank the Montana Community Foundation and the Yellowstone Club for their LIFT grant last year. The remainder is still benefiting the Big Sky Community.

It is our hope that all families will find that these options or a combination of all of them will provide their children with the fun summer they are dreaming of, and give parents the programming and schedule they need.

As always, we strive to meet the needs of your family. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

Katie Coleman, Camp Big Sky Director

CAMP BIG SKY "BEST OF BIG SKY" CAMPS

In response to parents and kids who wanted more flexibility and variety in the weekly Camp Big Sky program, this year Camp Big Sky will offer their most popular camp offerings spread out across the summer, in a predictable weekly schedule we are calling the Best of Big Sky Camp Program.

In this **9:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday program** at the Big Sky Community Park, Golf Course, and Big Sky Resort, you will get the consistency and quality of programming you need and have requested, with a schedule you can depend on from week to week. These camps are designed for all children entering 1st grade through entering 5th grade but older campers are welcome. Campers may sign up by the hour, for a single day, a half day, recurring days, or everyday. However, since campers will be able to build upon their skills over the course of the summer, enrolling in the same camp each week will allow greater skill development. Lunch between activities will be supervised but is not provided. **PLEASE NOTE: Camp Big Sky is unable to transport children between program locations. You will need to transport your child. This is one way we are able to offer inexpensive child care.**

THE BEST OF BIG SKY SCHEDULE

Monday: Frisbee Golf 9-12:30/Geyser Activities 12:30-4:00

We are using the Edge Disc Golf program which is a backwards design approach to teaching young children a fantastic new sport! The Big Sky Community Park is expanding its 9 hole Disc Golf Course to 18 holes this summer! Ask your child to teach YOU to play and get out there! Please visit <http://edgediscgolf.org/> for more information on the curriculum. The afternoon will be a combination of climbing wall and games at Geyser as well as a scenic lift ride, hike and paddle boating Lake Lavinski at Big Sky Resort. Please see the BEST OF BIG SKY schedule in the downloadable forms section for exact dates.

Tuesdays: Games and Crafts 9-12:30/Golf 12:30-4:00

Join camp director, Katie Coleman, at the Big White Tent design uses for recyclable materials such as "Tin Can Man" and "Homemade Terrarium" building as well as crocheting, sewing, making recycled paper, annual planters, tie dye shirts, soap, friendship bracelets and MUCH MORE!!! Campers who attend weekly will be able to continue working on these projects throughout the summer as they see fit. **START SAVING YOUR TIN CANS OR OTHER RECYCLABLES FOR YOUR IDEAS NOW!!!**

Mark and Lori will be teaming up again this year teaching beginner golf skills on Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. Please see individual golf camps for extra skills enhancement!! Thanks again to Mark and Lori for his years of dedication to this program!

Wednesdays: BSI: The Nature of Big Sky 9-12:30/ Swimming 12:30-4:00

The Big Sky Institute is BACK! With "The Nature of Big Sky"! This program, designed by Jessie Wiese and Katie Alvin, is an excellent way for your child to learn about their natural surroundings here in Big Sky! From animal tracking to habitat exploration your child will be hooked on nature if they aren't already! Please see dates for details as will meet at a different Big Sky trailhead each week to explore!

Thanks to Big Sky Resort for the use of the pool at the Whitewater Inn!! We are finally able to offer swimming to the Big Sky Community!! This afternoon is a free swim. What a great way to wrap up the afternoon.

Thursdays: Golf: 9-12:30/Soccer: 12:30-4:00

More practice with your strokes at the Big Sky course.

Join Big Sky local, Kate Scott, while doing what she does BEST!!! We will walk over from the Golf Course to the outfield at the softball field for an afternoon of soccer skills enhancement and play!

Fridays: Field Games and Fun 9:00-4:00(Half-day option is also available)

Children will get their fill of all the park has to offer! From freeze tag to frisbee golf and free play to leap frog we will be playing ALL DAY!!! Make sure to bring a book or a journal the much needed down time that this camp will induce! Children entering Kindergarten are welcome to attend! What a great introduction to Camp Big Sky!

kcoleman@3rivers.net or call 406-995-3194.

THE BEST OF BIG SKY PRICING- Please note that we have a new payment policy. A credit card number will be required to be kept on file. All accounts must be paid in full by the end of the week or your card will be charged as well as a \$15 service charge.

Option 1:	1/2 day (9:00-12:30 OR 12:30-4:00)	\$37
Option 2:	1/2 day all week (Monday-Thursday)	\$117
Option 3:	1/2 day all week (Monday-Friday)	\$146
Option 4:	1/2 day all week(M-Th) for 5 or more weeks	\$105
Option 5:	1/2 day all week(M-F) for 5 or more weeks	\$132
Option 6:	Full day (9:00-4:00)	\$70
Option 7:	Full day all week (Monday-Thursday)	\$180
Option 8:	Full day all week (Monday-Friday)	\$225
Option 9:	Full day(M-Th) for 5 or more weeks	\$140
Option 10:	Full day (M-F) for 5 or more weeks	\$175

NEW THIS YEAR!!

\$5 CHARGE IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR COST FOR SAME DAY SIGN UP, SO REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

AN HOURLY OPTION HAS BEEN ADDED FOR FOR A SMOOTHER AND MORE INEXPENSIVE TRANSITION BETWEEN OTHER PROGRAMMING OPTIONS SUCH AS TENNIS, SWIMMING LESSONS OR PRIVATE LESSONS. THE RATE IS:

\$8 PER HOUR

THERE IS A 10% DISCOUNT FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD IN THE BEST OF BIG SKY PROGRAMMING. NO SIBLING DISCOUNT FOR OTHER PROGRAMS.

CAMP BIG SKY MULTI-DAY AND SPECIAL CAMP EXPERIENCES

In addition to the Best of Big Sky Camp program, the following multi-day and single day camp experiences will be offered, listed below by age grouping. Many camps are offered more than once during the summer. Please pay close attention to detail.

Please note: Camp Big Sky wants to be your one-stop site for camp information and planning, and so this list also includes local camps which are not operated by Camp Big Sky, with contact numbers for registration. None of these camps qualify for a sibling discount and are marked with an asterisk.

3, 4 and 5 year olds

*Morningstar Learning Center will offer a summer program at the park. For information please call: 406-995-2565

*TENNIS LESSONS- For tennis details, go to downloadable forms section under TENNIS. PLEASE CONTACT KATIE AS THE DOWNLOADABLE FORM ISN'T WORKING. I CAN EMAIL THE DOCUMENT TO YOU DIRECTLY.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Join Becky Maicki and Corry Nagashima, two great local Water Safety Instructor(WSI) certified swimming instructors, in this week long session of swimming lessons!

Location: Whitewater Inn Pool

Ages: 3, 4 and 5 year olds

***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Dates: July 19-23 (M-F)

Time: 9:00-12:00

Cost: FREE

Location: Big Sky Chapel

Ages: 4 to 10 years old. As always, junior leaders are welcome!!

For more information, contact Krista Boersma at 995-2573

Entering First Grade to Entering Third Grade:

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Time: 9:30-12:00

Cost: \$110

Location: Beaver Creek Clay Studio

Ages: Entering 1st through 5th Grades

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INTERACTIVE SPANISH I and II

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Dates: Session I: Fridays from June 18th through July 16th

Session II: Fridays from July 30th through August 27th (This session will only run if there is demand, so please contact Katie to indicate intentions.)

Time: 9:00-12:30

Cost: \$175 for 5 Fridays

Location: Big Sky Community Park Pavilion

Ages: Entering 1st and 2nd Grades

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Dates: June 28, 30 and July 1st (MWTh)

Time: 12:30-4:00

Cost: Regular cost \$120

Ophir Students \$100 Thank you Montana LIFT Grant

Location: Big Sky Golf Course

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Dates: July 26-29

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Cost: \$120

Location: Big Sky Community Park Pavilion (near the playground)

Ages: 7 - 12 years old

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Instructor Bios: Campfire Songs and Games camp is led by singers John Zirkle and Greer Schott. John and Greer hail from Colorado College, where they both sang in an a cappella group and multiple choirs. John earned his B.A. in Music and currently teaches choir at Ophir School. Greer has spent eight summers as a camp counselor, teaching everything from backpacking and camping skills to dance and drama.

Date: August 23-27(M-F)

Time: 9a.m.-2p.m.

Cost: \$200 includes a week of singing fun, daily snacks, and a final campfire sing-along party!

Location: The BIG WHITE TENT at the Community Park

Ages: Entering 1st-5th grades

Entering Third Grade and Up

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SKATEBOARDING

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Dates/Time/Cost: June 16/17 (W/Th) 9a.m.-12:00p.m. \$50; June 28/29 (M/T) 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. \$50; July 16 (F) 9:00-12:00p.m. \$25;

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Location: Skate Park at Big Sky Community Park

Ages: Entering 3rd to entering 6th grades

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Time: 9:00-12:30

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Dates: June 23rd and 24th, June 30th and July 1st, July 28th and 29th (All Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Times: 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Cost: \$75

Location: Ophir School Music Room

Ages: Entering 3rd to entering 5th grades (please contact camp director if your child has a serious interest and does not fit in this age range)

BIG SKY BROADWAY

Five days, three musical numbers, one performance: Big Sky Broadway is big fun for theater lovers. An intensive week-long musical theater camp, kids will focus on singing and performance technique, then give 'em the old razzle dazzle as they show off their skills in a final performance. Campers will spend the afternoons learning, rehearsing, and perfecting numbers from a mixture of Broadway's classic and modern musicals, all in preparation for their final show at the Strings Under the Stars. There, kids will show off their musical talents to parents, friends and community members, helping promote and raise money for the arts in Big Sky.

Instructor Bio: Known throughout Big Sky as JayZee, music and voice teacher John Zirkle will lead and direct Big Sky Broadway. JayZee graduated from Colorado College in 2008 with a B.A. in Music and has studied singing across the globe on a year-long Thomas J. Watson Fellowship. He has performed in, produced, and worked on many musical shows, including Broadway's The Little Mermaid, and currently teaches choir at Ophir School.

Date: July 5-9(M-F) with a performance at Strings Under the Stars on Friday night!

Time: 1-4:30

Cost: \$190 Includes 5 afternoon sessions, daily snacks, and live professional piano accompaniment at the final performance.

Location: TBD

Ages: Open to all ages, but suggested for 3rd grade and up due to intensive rehearsing schedule

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Cost: \$110

Location: Beaver Creek Clay Studio

Ages: Entering 1st through 5th Grades

COWBOY UP

Day 1- 1:00-4:00p.m. on the ground. Participants learn the parts of the horse, colors, markings, equipment, grooming, saddling and horse safety.

Day 2- 1:30-5:30p.m. Participants will groom and saddle horses, learn loading techniques, correct reining techniques and riding posture. Minimum ride time is 1 hour.

Day 3- 1:30-5:30p.m. Participants will groom and saddle horses, practice-tying, load and ride for a minimum of 2 hours.

All participants are required to wear a helmet. Campers may bring their own helmet, otherwise helmets are provided. Students must wear long pants (ex. Blue jeans) and closed toed shoes- boots or tennis shoes. Parent or guardian must sign a release form acknowledging risk and assuming responsibility. Arrangements for dropping off and picking up participants must be made in advance and campers are to be picked up in a timely fashion.

Date: June 14, 15, 16 (MTW)

Cost: \$175

Time: See description for times as they change.

Location: Jake's Horses

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Cost: \$75

Location: Ophir School Music Room

Ages: Entering 3rd to entering 5th grades (please contact camp director if your child has a serious interest and does not fit in this age range)

***RIVERS AND ROCKS**

This four-day camp promises to be a thrill. You'll spend three mornings on the climbing wall learning how to get your grip, then you'll be holding on tight during a morning of rafting on the Gallatin. This camp requires a 10 camper minimum so get your friends together and register early.

Dates: Session I: July 5-8

Session II: July 12-15

Time: 9-Noon

Cost: \$165. Thanks to the Montana Community LIFT Grant, Ophir School Students pay \$100

Location: Geyser Whitewater next to Buck's T-4

Ages: Entering 4th grade and up

To Register Call: 406-995-4989

BIG SKY WRITER'S CLUB

Get wild, crazy, and creative as we learn the art of writing and storytelling through journaling, reading, writing, and playing games! Campers will get imaginative as they write, re-write, and learn the tools they need to become great creative authors.

Campers will pen everything from poems to short stories, and pick their best pieces to publish in our beautifully bound writing camp anthology. Camp will culminate with a public reading from the anthology, followed by a books signing party with our young authors at the end of the summer Campfire on August 27th. Books will be donated to the library at Ophir School for the community's enjoyment.

Instructor Bio: Freelance writer Greer Schott runs this fun creative writing camp. Greer graduated from Colorado College in 2009 with a B.A. in Comparative Literature and Journalism. She has written for many publications, including National Geographic Adventure magazine, and has spent eight summers as a camp counselor.

Date: Fridays, July 16-August 20 OR an intensive week August 16-20th(M-F)

Time: 9-12:30 (NOTE: August 16th is an all day session 9-4)

Cost: \$270

Location: The BIG WHITE TENT at the Community Park

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***ROCK CLIMBING WITH MAG, (MONTANA ALPINE GUIDES!)**

Join Montana Alpine Guides on a ¾ day climb where your child will learn knots, tying in, belaying, and then climb the Gallatin Tower. Your child will gain a huge sense of accomplishment when they are done with this amazing climb. Get a group of friends together and register; a minimum of four campers are required for this one to go.

Date: Monday, July 26

Cost: \$85, or \$95 includes lunch

Time: 10:00-4:00

Location: 35 mph bridge turn out on Highway 191.

Ages: Entering 4th and 5th grades

Register: 406-586-8430 or for more Info: www.adventuremontana.com

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Location: Skate Park at Big Sky Community Park

Ages: Entering 3rd to entering 6th grades

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Date: June 14, 15, 16 (MTW)

Cost: \$175

Time: See description for times as they change.

Location: Jake's Horses

Ages: Entering 4th through 5th grades

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CERAMICS FOR KIDS!

This camp is designed for children who want to discover the process of creating a ceramic art piece. Children will be introduced to how a ceramic artist works by learning the process themselves. Students will engage in creating wet work, glazing and learning about the role of the kiln in the studio. The theme of this camp will focus on nature and our Big Sky landscape that surrounds us. Each student will have the opportunity to create more than one art piece which will be available to pick up after the glaze firing.

Dates: Session I: June 14, 15 and 18(MTuF)

Session II: August 9, 10 and 13 (MTuF)

Time: 9:30-12:00

Cost: \$110

Location: Beaver Creek Clay Studio

Ages: Entering 1st through 5th Grades

INTERACTIVE SPANISH I and II

Join local spanish enthusiast Ms. Vivi for this 5 session Tuesday camp! Children will learn songs, greetings, ABC's, the names of food and fruit and how to communicate basic important phrases in Espanol. This program is taught with original spanish material!

Dates: Session I: Tuesdays from June 15th through July 13th

Session II: Tuesdays from July 27th through August 24th (This session will only run if there is demand, so please contact Katie to indicate intentions.)

Time: 9:00-12:30

Cost: \$175 for 5 Tuesdays

Location: Big Sky Community Park Pavilion

Ages: Entering 3rd through 5th Grades

FIDDLE CAMP

Fiddle around this summer with a beginners fiddle camp led by local music teacher Connie Downer! This camp will cover basic fiddle techniques, how to care for your instrument and how to play with a groups!!You will learn to play and recognize country fiddle tunes as well as some bouncy celtic fiddle tunes and, of course, you will become and expert when it comes to tapping your feet! We'll bring your playing as far along as we can during these fun and constructive weeks, but most importantly, we'll help expand your listening skills and your understanding of fiddle to help you grow musically this summer!

Dates: June 23rd and 24th, June 30th and July 1st, July 28th and 29th (All Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Times: 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Cost: \$75

Location: Ophir School Music Room

Ages: Entering 3rd to entering 5th grades (please contact camp director if your child has a serious interest and does not fit in this age range)

PARENT CHILD YOGA WITH DEBBY GREENE

DESCRIPTION TO COME

Date: Wednesdays June 30th, July 7, 14, 21

Time: 10:15a.m.-11:30a.m.

Cost: \$15 per couple

Location: The BIG WHITE TENT

Ages: Entering 5th and UP

DANCE CAMP

For Hatton Littman (Aka: the Technical Education Teacher at Lone Peak High), dance is all about having fun and getting to know yourself inside of your own skin. In this class, you can expect to become more supple, strong and joyful as we explore dance forms from African Dance and Nia, to Jazz and Hip Hop. Traditional preparation for dance (Pilates, Yoga and Floorwork) will also be a part of every class. Participants should bring snacks, water bottle, yoga mat if they have one and dress in layers. Some days we will dance barefoot and some days in sneakers or jazz shoes.

Date: June 28th-July 1st (M-Th)

Cost: \$180

Time: 12:30-3:30

Location: The Glass House at the Golden Eagle Lodge

Ages: Entering 5th through 8th grades

FILM CAMP I and II

Back by popular demand!! Join Hatton Littman again this summer in a camp that is designed to teach students a basic introduction and overview of film and video techniques used to make the content that we see in the movie theaters, television and the Internet. Campers will learn the basics of visual storytelling and the tools used to create their own content. Get ready to dive in because we will be making our own short films by the end of the four day camp!!!! Class size is small, so make sure to reserve your spot early!

Date: Session I: July 12-15 (M-Th)

Session II: July 19-22 (M-Th)

Cost: \$190 per week

Time: 12:30-3:30

Location: Ophir School Technology Lab

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Ages: Entering 5th through 8th grades

***ADVANTAGE BASKETBALL- July 19-23rd-CONTACT ED RAMIREZ WITH QUESTIONS AT 406-539-9891. TO REGISTER CALL 425-670-8877 OR VISIT www.advantagebasketball.com**

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Date: Monday, July 26

Cost: \$85, or \$95 includes lunch

Time: 10:00-4:00

Location: 35 mph bridge turn out on Highway 191.

Ages: Entering 4th and 5th grades

Register: 406-586-8430 or for more Info: www.adventuremontana.com

***ARTSPLOT**

With the use of a wide variety of media, self expression and creative responses will be emphasized. The teaching style is individualized, friendly, and very supportive of the value as well as the delight in doing artwork. The climate is relaxed and conducive yet instructive and visually aware of the relationship between individuals and their connection to the natural world. We look forward to having another summer filled with enthusiastic students actively participating in 'The Arts.' Sincerely, Chelsea Smith

Dates: July 26-29

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Cost: \$120

Location: Big Sky Community Park Pavilion (near the playground)

Ages: 7 - 12 years old

TO REGISTER CONTACT CHELSEA AT 406-581-1224 For details visit www.artspilot.com

BIG SKY WRITER'S CLUB

Get wild, crazy, and creative as we learn the art of writing and storytelling through journaling, reading, writing, and playing games! Campers will get imaginative as they write, re-write, and learn the tools they need to become great creative authors.

Campers will pen everything from poems to short stories, and pick their best pieces to publish in our beautifully bound writing camp anthology. Camp will culminate with a public reading from the anthology, followed by a books signing party with our young authors at the end of the summer Campfire on August 27th. Books will be donated to the library at Ophir School for the community's enjoyment.

Instructor Bio: Freelance writer Greer Schott runs this fun creative writing camp. Greer graduated from Colorado College in 2009 with a B.A. in Comparative Literature and Journalism. She has written for many publications, including National Geographic Adventure magazine, and has spent eight summers as a camp counselor.

Date: Fridays, July 16-August 20 OR an intensive week August 16-20th(M-F)

Time: 9-12:30 (NOTE: August 16th is an all day session 9-4)

Cost: \$270

Location: The BIG WHITE TENT at the Community Park

Ages: Entering E4th through 8th grades

GOLF FOR THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADES!

Join the famous Mark Savoy, Big Sky's local golf pro, and Kevin Thompson, assistant pro, for three days of Golf skills enhancement. Class size will be kept to 8 campers in order to get the most from the experts AND campers will play the course!!

Dates: August 2, 4 and 5 (MWTh)

Time: 12:30-4:00

Cost: Regular cost \$120

Ophir Students \$100 Thank you Montana LIFT Grant

Location: Big Sky Golf Course

Ages: Entering 3rd through 5th Grades

SCIENCE FAIR PREP CAMP WITH BIG SKY INSTITUTE

Learn the thrill of science while exploring the outdoors and designing and conducting experiments! Even take the opportunity to get started on next years science project.

Dates: August 2nd- 23rd (Mondays ONLY)

Time: 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Cost: \$100 for 4 Mondays

Location: TBD

Ages: Entering 5th through 8th Grades

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CAMPFIRE SONGS AND GAMES

Build fires, eat s'mores, and sing songs in this outdoor music camp! Kids will learn camp, cowboy, and folk songs along to a strumming guitar as they let loose and get silly under Montana's big sky. Playing games, story telling, hiking and belting harmonies will fill the days with classic fireside fun as kids discover Montana's great outdoors through song.

Campers spend the week preparing for parents to join them in an end-of-summer community campfire sing-along. Families gather to roast marshmallows and watch kids perform songs and skits before joining in for campfire classics.

Instructor Bios: Campfire Songs and Games camp is led by singers John Zirkle and Greer Schott. John and Greer hail from Colorado College, where they both sang in an a cappella group and multiple choirs. John earned his B.A. in Music and currently teaches choir at Ophir School. Greer has spent eight summers as a camp counselor, teaching everything from backpacking and camping skills to dance and drama.

Date: August 23-27(M-F)

Time: 9a.m.-2p.m.

Cost: \$200 includes a week of singing fun, daily snacks, and a final campfire sing-along party!

Location: The BIG WHITE TENT at the Community Park

Ages: Entering 1st-5th grades

THE BIG MIDDLE

The Big Middle was designed with Middle-schoolers specifically in mind. We have worked very closely with a number of businesses in the area to be able to offer these fantastic and affordable activities!!!! Big Sky Resort, Geyser Whitewater Expeditions, Montana Alpine Guides, Mark Savoy and the crew at the Big Sky Golf Course, Gallatin Alpine Sports and Grizzly Outfitters have generously donated their time, resources and so much more!! For a downloadable schedule and descriptions see the DOWNLOADABLE FORMS SECTION.

MOUNTAIN BIKING WITH GRIZZLY OUTFITTERS

Join the fantastic Ben Mach for an introduction to bike maintenance, safety and cross country mountain biking. The trail choice will depend on the skill level of the group. Once you get the hang of it join Grizzly for their weekly bike ride! Contact Grizzly Outfitters for details on their weekly ride at 995-2939. Campers should bring a helmet that FITS, water, a lunch AND lots of energy!

Date: June 16th (Wednesday)

Cost: \$45 regular plus bike rentals (Please indicate in registration whether rental is needed)

\$35 Ophir School Students (Bike rental is free to Ophir students. Please indicate in registration whether rental is needed)

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon (End time is approximate and depends on skill level of group and trail chosen)

Location: Grizzly Outfitters

Ages: Entering 6th grade and up

ZIPLINE!!

Have you ever wanted to sail through the trees like an Ewok, a Clark's nutcracker or how about a sparrow? Then come ride the NEW Zipline at Big Sky Resort!

Date: June 23rd (Wednesday)

Cost: \$30 regular

\$25 Ophir School Students

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Location: Base Camp at Big Sky Resort

Ages: Entering 6th grade and up

HIGH ROPES COURSE!!

For a thrilling personal or team challenge, try Big Sky's NEW ropes course. It has eight elements suspended 20-30 feet above the ground. You are safely harnessed in while you attempt features such as the Spaghetti Walk or Wild Woozey under the supervision of a skilled guide.

Date: June 30th (Wednesday)

Cost: \$30 regular

\$25 Ophir School Students

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Location: Base Camp at Big Sky Resort

Ages: Entering 6th grade and up

PAINTBALL!!

Put on some camo and load up on ammo, you and your friends (or enemies) can blast away at each other with harmless paintballs! A referee will keep you honest and safe.

Date: July 7th (Wednesday)

Cost: \$30 regular

\$25 Ophir School Students

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Location: Base Camp at Big Sky Resort

Ages: Entering 6th grade and up

RAFT THE GALLATIN!!

Spend a morning on the Gallatin with the fantastic guides from Geysir Whitewater Expeditions! This is a MUST for your summer in Big Sky, don't miss it.

Date: July 14th (Wednesday)

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Cost: \$45 regular

\$40 Ophir School Students

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Location: Geysir Whitewater Expeditions next door to Buck's T-4

Ages: Entering 6th grade and up

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Time: 10:00-4:00

Location: 35 mph bridge turn out on Highway 191.

Age: Entering 6th grade and up

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DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKING WITH GALLATIN ALPINE SPORTS

Join the guides from Gallatin Alpine Sports in this introduction to Downhill Mountain Biking! Learn basic safety skills, tire changing and bike maintenance. Then hit the lifts for a few hours of riding. Campers will rotate taking laps with the guides with activities such as volleyball, croquette and kickball. Campers should bring a helmet that FITS, water, a lunch AND lots of energy!

Date: August 3rd (Tuesday)

Cost: \$45 regular plus bike rentals (Please indicate in registration whether rental is needed)

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Time: 10:30 a.m. -TBD (End time depends on the number of campers)

Location: Base Camp at Big Sky Resort

Ages: Entering 6th grade and up

FRISBEE GOLF

Join one of the local experts for a trip or two around our fantastic frisbee golf course. For those new to the sport, you will receive an introduction to basic skills and lots of practice.

Date: August 11th (Wednesday)

Cost: \$30 regular

\$25 Ophir School Students

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Location: Big Sky Community Park

Ages: Entering 6th grade and up

GOLF CAMP (SEE THIS CAMP AGAIN IN 6, 7, 8th GRADE CAMP SECTION)

In this golf camp for older kids, campers will learn more advanced techniques for making par on the Big Sky Golf Course with golf pro Mark Savoy. Class size is small, so reserve your spot early.

Dates: August 16, 17 and 18 (MWTh)

Times: 12:30-4:00

Cost: Regular cost \$120

Ophir Students \$100 Thank you Montana LIFT Grant

Location: Big Sky Golf Course

Ages: Entering 6th grade UP

BIG MIDDLE PARTY!

We will wrap up The Big Middle with a lift ride, hike down Andesite and PIZZA party on Lake Lavinsky at Big Sky Resort! More details to come!!

Date: August 25th (Wednesday)

Cost: TBD

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Location: Base Camp at Big Sky Resort

Ages: Entering 6th grade and up

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Entering Sixth, Seventh and/or Eighth Grades and up **please note age range**

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Date: June 21, 22, 23 (MTW)

Cost: \$175

Time: See description for times as they change.

Location: Jake's Horses

Ages: Entering 6th through 7th grades

YOUTH YOGA WITH DEBBY GREENE

Unfortunately we have had to remove this from the calendar due to change in schedule. Please let us know if this is something that your child would be interested in for the future. Thanks!
Katie

COWBOY 101

Overnight trip- minimum of 4 campers. Call your friends!

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Day 1- 2:30-6:00p.m. Participants will learn horse safety, equipment, catching, grooming, saddling, bridling and tying. Participants will be assigned a horse, groom and saddle horse, practice tying, loading, correct reining techniques and riding posture.

Day 2- Participants should eat lunch prior to arrival. 12:00p.m. Check in. Participants will groom and saddle horses, load, review reining techniques and posture. Depart 1:30p.m. Trail ride to camp, arrival 4:40p.m. Take care of horses, unsaddle, grain, release horses to pasture and settle in by 5:30p.m. Settle into assigned tent, unpack duffel, set up sleeping bag, etc. Dinner and campfire time 6:00-9:45p.m. Prepare for bed 9:45, hit the hay at 10:00p.m.

Day 3- Rise and shine at 8:00a.m. Wake up, pack duffel, dress and prepare for day. 8:30 a.m. breakfast and clean up. 9:30 horse time! Catch, groom and saddle. 11:00a.m. departure. Arrive back at Jake's Horses at 1:00p.m. Unsaddle and wrap it up. 2:00p.m. pick up time

Dates: Session I: June 24, 25, 26 (ThFS)

Session II: August 20,21,22 (FSS)

Cost: \$315

Time: THREE DAYS INCLUDING ONE DAY OF PREPARATION AND ONE OVERNIGHT! See description for details

Location: Jake's Horses

Ages: Entering 8th and 9th grades ONLY

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Location: Big Sky Golf Course

Ages: Entering 6th Grades and UP

SPECIAL CAMPS THE WEEK JULY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT THE BIG SKY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Don't miss out on this fantastic program which includes a magician, birds of prey and art and science projects! Make a Splash at your Library is the theme this summer!

Date: Wednesdays from June 16-July 21st

Time: 4:00- until
Cost: FREE!!
Location: Big Sky Community Library
Ages: Entering K-5th grades

SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT THE BIG SKY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Don't miss out on this fantastic program which includes fly fishing, art and MUCH MORE!! The theme this summer is Make Waves at your Library!

Date: Tuesdays from June 15-July 20th
Time: 4:00- until
Cost: FREE!!
Location: Big Sky Community Library
Ages: Entering 6th grades and up!

***KIDS FLY FISHING DAY** (In memory of Pat Allen)- Fly fishing demonstrations, hands on practice, and actual fishing under the guidance of local experts.

Date: FRIDAY ONLY, July 2nd
Time: 10a.m. to Noon
Cost: FREE!!
Location: Crail Ranch
Ages: 8-15 years old. Limit to 30 campers
Registration is required by calling the BSCC office 993-2112. For questions contact coordinator Michele Geppert 995-4166(BSOA Office)

***KIDS HARMONICA CLASSES-** A 1.5 hour class for kids interested in learning how to play the harmonica. Conducted by Ric Steinke and Linda Hamilton Hausler of the *Open Range Band*. Harmonicas will be provided free.

Date: THURSDAY ONLY, July 8th
Time: Session I: 1p.m.-2:30p.m.
Session II: 3p.m.-4:30p.m.
Cost: FREE!!

Location: Crail Ranch
Ages: 8-15 years old. Limit of 12 campers per session. **Registration is required by calling the BSCC office 993-2112. For questions contact coordinator Kate Evans, 406-582-1353**

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***KIDS OLD-FASHIONED GAMES DAY-** Games of yesteryear, with prizes and lots of fun.

Date: SATURDAY ONLY, July 17th
Time: TBD
Cost: FREE!!
Location: Crail Ranch

Ages: No age restrictions, but it is most appropriate for children ages 3-12 years old.
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY. For questions call Barb Hoberecht at 995-4461

***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School, which is always offered at no charge at the Big Sky Chapel, will be offered in the mornings from 9a.m. to Noon again this year from July 13 to the 17. It is open for children ages 4 to 10, however, older campers are welcome as junior leaders. The more the merrier. For more information contact **Krista Boersma at 995-2573**.

***KIDS DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP-** A 2 hour class for children interested in learning how to take better pictures with a digital camera. Classes will be conducted by Tina Buckingham, professional photographer. **STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN DIGITAL CAMERAS.**

Date: FRIDAY ONLY, July 23rd
Time/Ages: Session I: 10a.m.-12p.m. Ages 7-10 years old. Limit of 12 children
Session II: 1p.m.-3p.m. Ages 11-15 years old. Limit of 12 children
Cost: FREE!!

Location: Crail Ranch
Registration is required by calling the BSCC office 993-2112. For questions contact coordinator Jane Lockwood after June 8th 995-7844

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