

## **Welcome to Camp Big Sky**

*This year we introduce a new concept in our camps: The Best of Big Sky Camps. These Monday through Thursday 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.*

*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 Thursdays for only \$30 a day (if you enroll your child full-time). Offering a combination of the most popular traditional Camp Big Sky programming, kids 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 Multi-Day Camps, which will provide all ages 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.*

*It is our hope that all families will find that these two options or a combination of both of them will provide their kids 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 Thursday program** at the Big Sky Community Park , Golf Course, and Tennis Courts, 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 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.

### **THE BEST OF BIG SKY SCHEDULE**

**Monday:** Golf 9-12:30/Tennis 12:30-4:00

*Learn these life-long sports from the pros at the Big Sky Golf Course and the Meadow Village Tennis courts.*

**Tuesdays:** Art or Music 9-12:30/Tumbling 12:30-4:00

*Artsplot and Rhythms Drum and Dance offer creative expression opportunities and skills building every Tuesday morning; Jolene Budeski will have your child cartwheeling and doing round-offs across the yard by summer's end.*

**Wednesdays:** Sports:9-12:30/Nature/Climbing 12:30-4:00

*Lacrosse, hiking, Big Sky Institute Classes, and hanging out on the Geyser climbing wall are offered on Wednesdays throughout the summer.*

**Thursdays:** Tennis: 9-12:30/Golf 12:30-4:00

*More practice with your swings and strokes at the Big Sky course and courts.*

Best of Big Sky camps begin operation on June 22 and the final week is August 24-28. Please note that during the one week of July 13 -17 when Vacation Bible School is offered in the morning and AFTERNOON CAMP TO BE DETERMINED, the Best of Big Sky Camps will not be offered. For specific details about exactly what will be offered on specific days in terms of sports, art, or nature, please see the schedule on the back of this page, visit the downloadable forms section on our website, [www.bigskymt.org/bscc/](http://www.bigskymt.org/bscc/), titled Best of Big Sky Schedule, email Katie at [kc Coleman@3rivers.net](mailto:kc Coleman@3rivers.net) or call 406-995-3194.

### **THE BEST OF BIG SKY PRICING**

Option 1:	1/2 day (9:00-12:30)	\$35
Option 2:	1/2 day all week (Monday-Thursday)	\$115
Option 3:	1/2 day all week for 5 or more weeks	\$100
Option 4:	Full day (9:00-4:00)	\$55
Option 5:	Full day all week (Monday-Thursday)	\$165
Option 6:	Full day for 5 or more weeks	\$120

THERE IS A 10% DISCOUNT FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD!!!

## **CAMP BIG SKY MULTI-DAY AND SPECIAL CAMP EXPERIENCES**

In addition to the Best of Big Sky Camp program, the following five-day, four-day, three-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 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.**

### **Pre-K**

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

#### **TUMBLING ON FRIDAYS**

In this morning class offered at the Glass House behind the Golden Eagle Lodge (and in the surrounding lawns) your four and five-year-old child can put all that energy to good use during four mornings of warm-up games, stretching and tumbling as kids learn to work toward somersaults, handstands, headstands, cartwheels and round-offs. Jolene Budeski, a local Pilates and aerobics instructor and personal trainer instructs; class size is small, so register early.

**Dates:** June 26, July 3rd 10th, 17th, 24th, August 14th, 21st and 28th (NO CAMP ON JULY 31ST AND AUGUST 7TH)

**Time:** 9:30-11:30

**Cost:** \$20 per Friday

**Location:** Glass Building behind Golden Eagle

**Ages:** 4 and 5 year olds

#### **\*NATURE DETECTIVES WITH MOSS**

What is that? Where did it come from? What does it do? How does it survive? Is it icky? Search for nature's clues using all of your senses and earn your very own Nature Detective Badge.

**Dates:** June 29-July 2

**Time:** 9:30-1:30

**Cost:** \$130

**Location:** Meet at Big Sky Park Pavilion

**Ages:** 4 and 5 year olds

**To register, call Montana Outdoor Science School at: 406-582-0526**

#### **\*MOSS SPLASH BASH**

Splash your way along a stream and use your five senses to explore stream life and investigate the role water plays in our world.

**Date:** August 3-6

**Time:** 9:30-1:30

**Cost:** \$130

**Location:** Meet at Big Sky Park Pavilion

**Ages:** 4 and 5 year olds

**To register, contact MOSS at: 406-582-0526**

### **Entering First Grade to Entering Third Grade:**

#### **\*MOSS BONE DETECTIVES**

Discover how animals adapt to their environment by examining their skulls and other bones. Compare the differences between human and animal bones and their basic skeletal functions. Meet a detective and go on a bone hunt in search of clues. Conduct an investigation, dissect owl pellets, and solve the mystery of *who was it?*

**Dates:** June 15-18

**Time:** 9:30-3:00

**Cost:** \$185

**Location:** Meet at Big Sky Park Pavilion

**Ages:** Entering 1st through 3rd Grades

**To register, call Montana Outdoor Science School at: 406-582-0526**

#### **\*BSI YOUNG NATURALIST**

Get ready for a summer of natural exploration! The Big Sky Institute's Katie Alvin will teach campers how to experience the natural world around them through observation, art, games and more. They'll also learn how to record their discoveries in a nature journal.

**Dates:** June 22, 24 and 25 NOTE: **There is no BSI camp on TUESDAY JUNE 23rd!!!**

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

**Cost:** \$75

**Location:** Meet at Big Sky Park Pavilion

**Ages:** Entering 1st through 3rd Grades

**To Register, Call Big Sky Institute at : 406-993-9355**

## **SUMMER READING CAMP**

Stop the well documented summer learning loss with this great program taught by Ophir School's Reading Specialist, Robin Kellogg, and Speech Specialist, Lisa Goodrich! This program is a fun and interactive approach to maintain and improve your child's fundamental reading skills. Theme based activities will focus on reading fluency and reading comprehension to help your child become a more successful and confident reader.

**Dates:** TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM JUNE 29-JULY 30

**Time:** 9:30-11:30

**Cost:** \$20

**Location:** Ophir School

**Ages:** Entering 1st through 3rd Grades

### **\*MOSS ROCK JOCKS**

How did sea creatures get stuck in rocks on that mountain? Explore the three basic rock kingdoms. Discover what rocks are made of and how they are formed. Collect, inspect, and identify cool rock and mineral specimens. Become a Rock Jock as you fossil hunt and have fun.

**Dates:** July 6-9

**Time:** 9:30-3:00

**Cost:** \$180

**Location:** Meet at Big Sky Park Pavilion

**Ages:** Entering 1st through 3rd Grades

**To Register, Call MOSS at : 406-582-0526**

### **\*MOSS SPINELESS WONDERS**

Put your nose to the ground and watch a beetle walk. Follow a butterfly to nectar. Look a spider in the eyes (all eight of them!). We will search high and low for these spineless creatures, discovering how they are what they do and how they live with their bodies inside out. You'll also meet an insect expert and examine live specimens.

**Date:** August 17-20

**Time:** 9:30-3:00

**Cost:** \$180

**Location:** Meet at the Big Sky Park Pavilion

**Ages:** Entering 1st through 3rd Grades

**To Register Contact MOSS at: 406-582-0526**

## **Entering Third Grade and Up**

**TENNIS- For tennis details, see the Entering 5th and Up section**

**Dates/Times:** June 30-July 2 (TWTh) from 1-4p.m., August 11-13 (TWTh) from 1-4p.m.

## **SKATEBOARDING**

Long time local Chad Peterson, a competitive snowboarder and surfer for over 20 years brings his expertise with ramps and pipes to local kids again this summer. You'll learn care of equipment, history of the sport, basic techniques, safety and etiquette, and get lots of time riding. Participants must have skateboard and elbow/knee pads and helmet. Space is limited.

**Dates/Times:** June 22-25, 1-4p.m. and July 20-23, 1-4p.m.

**Cost:** \$85

**Location:** Skate Park at Big Sky Community Park

**Ages:** Entering 3rd to entering 6th grades

### **\*HARMONICA WORKSHOP**

Crail Ranch is offering this FREE harmonica workshop with Ric Steinke and Linda Hausler of the Open Range Band. After learning to play single notes and the blow-and-draw playing technique, students will master two folk songs such as Down on the Valley or You Are My Sunshine. Harmonicas will be provided at no cost to each participant. If there is the demand, a second session will be offered.

**Date:** THURSDAY ONLY, July 16th

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. AND 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE!!

**Location:** Crail Ranch

**Ages:** Entering 3rd to entering 7th grades

**To Register contact Kate Evans after June 1st at 995-4018**

### **\*PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

Crail Ranch is offering this FREE photography workshop led by Tina Buckingham, who began taking pictures as a location scout for the film industry. Tina will provide instruction in the use of the camera and the selection of subject matter. Students will have an opportunity to take pictures of historic objects and scenery at Crail Ranch. Children must provide their own cameras. Any type of camera is welcome from digital to disposable.

**Date:** WEDNESDAY ONLY, AUGUST 12th

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE!!

**Location:** Crail Ranch

**Ages:** Entering 3rd to entering 7th grades

**To Register contact Kate Evans after June 1st at 995-4018**

**\*DIG IN!**

Big Sky Institute's Katie Alvin is back with her popular soil science camp which hits kids right where they want to be—in the dirt...er, soil, that is! Join her to explore the surprisingly fascinating world of soil. Explore what lives beneath, what grows above, and why it all matters. As always, we'll learn through science, art, games and more. Put on your play clothes and mud boots and come Dig In!

**Date:** August 17-20

**Times:** 1p.m.-4p.m.

**Cost:** \$100

**Location:** Big Sky Community Park Pavilion

**Ages:** Entering 3rd to entering 5th grades

**To Register contact Big Sky Institute at: 406-993-9355**

**Entering Fourth Grade and UP**

**TENNIS- For tennis details, see the Entering 5th and Up section**

**Dates/Times:** June 30-July 2 (TWTh) from 1-4p.m., July 7-9 (TWTh) from 1-4p.m., August 11-13 (TWTh) from 1-4p.m.

**\*COWBOY UP**

More than just riding (though we'll take two three hour rides) this course at Jake's Horses will offer you instruction on how to handle horses, groom them, saddle them and the whole nine yards!

Please remind parents that it is necessary that children are dressed appropriately. We recommend that children wear clothing that will not matter if it gets dirty or ripped. Please make sure that children are wearing closed toe shoes and pants to ride in (like jeans!). Parents may want to send children with water and sunscreen.

ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR A HELMET and ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE A RELEASE FORM SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

**Date:** June 22nd-24th and August 24th-26th \*\*PLEASE NOTE, we have consolidated this camp into 3 days with longer riding time!

**Cost:** \$165

**Time:** 9:30a.m.-11a.m. on the first day of camp and 9:30-12:30 on the second and third days. The first day of camp is on the ground.

**Location:** Jake's Horses

**Ages:** Entering 4th through 6th grades

**To Register Call: 406-995-4630**

**\*ROCK CLIMBING WITH 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, June 29

**Cost:** \$85, including lunch.

**Time:** 10:00-4:00

**Location:** 35 mph bridge turn out on Highway 191.

**Register:** 406-586-8430 or for more Info: [www.adventuremontana.com](http://www.adventuremontana.com)

**\*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:** July 6-9 and July 13-16

**Time:** 9-Noon

**Cost:** \$165

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

**Ages:** Entering 4th grade and up

**To Register Call: 406-995-4989**

**GOLF CAMP**

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.

**Dates/Times:** August 3-5

**Cost:** \$75

**Location:** Big Sky Golf Course

**Ages:** Entering 4th grade and 5th grade

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**Dates/Times:** June 22-25, July 20-23 and August 24-27, 1-4p.m.

**Cost:** \$85

**Location:** Skate Park at Big Sky Community Park

**Ages:** Entering 4th to entering 6th grades

### ***Entering Fifth Grade and Up***

**SKATEBOARDING-see Entering 4th and Up for details**

## TENNIS CAMP

In this tennis camp specifically designed for older kids, campers will get plenty of time on the courts and the instruction they need to play all summer on their own.

**Dates/Times:** July 7-9 (TWTh) from 1-4p.m., August 11-13 (TWTh) from 1-4p.m.

**Cost:** \$75

**Location:** Meadow Village Tennis Courts

**Ages:** 5th grade and UP

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**Cost:** \$75

**Location:** Big Sky Golf Course

**Ages:** 5th grade and UP

## \*DANCE CAMP

For Hatton Littman (Aka: Director of the Interim High School in Big Sky), 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:** July 13th through July 16th

**Cost:** \$180

**Time:** 9:30-12:30

**Location:** Under the big white tent at the Big Sky Community Park

**Ages:** Entering 5th through 8th grades

## \*FILM CAMP

This camp 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!!!!

**Date:** July 20th through July 23rd

**Cost:** \$180

**Time:** 9:30-12:30

**Location:** Ophir School

**Ages:** Entering 5th through 8th grades

## BASKETBALL CAMP WITH AL MALINOWSKI

This camp is not for the beginner! It is for those who know that they have an interest in the game and want to improve their skills.

**Date:** July 27-30 **MORE DETAILS TO COME!!!**

**Time:** **TO COME!!**

**Cost:** **TO COME!!**

**Location:** The Gym at Ophir School

**Ages:** Entering 5th to entering 8th grades

### **MOUNTAIN BIKING**

Join camp director, Katie Coleman, as she bikes some of Big Sky's favorite trails. Your camper will learn basic bike maintenance, technique and get lots of riding time.

**Date:** July 27, 29 and 30 (M,W,Th)

**Cost:** \$75

**Time:** CO COME!!

**Location:** TBD

**Ages:** Entering 5th through 8th grades

### ***NEW! ART IN AUGUST WITH AMANDA***

The following art camps will be taught by Amanda Hellenius the new art teacher at Ophir and Lone Peak High School. Miss Hellenius (you can just call her miscellaneous) is excited to get to know area kids in these exciting three camps, offered during the first three weeks of August.

### **ART AND NATURE**

Artists and nature go together. Some artists were so exact in their drawings that scientist are able to study extinct species from their paintings and drawings. During this camp, participants will make handmade hand bound journals with waterproof paper inside, learn how to draw leaves and petals, go on a nature drawing treasure hunt, and even turn our exact drawings into a painting as we learn about color and light—just like real scientific illustrators do!

**Date:** August 3rd through 6th

**Cost:** \$100

**Time:** 9a.m. to Noon

**Location:** Big Sky Community Park

**Ages:** Entering 5th grade and up

### **MAKING FACES**

Learning how to represent faces is a common artistic wish. In this class, we'll learn how to make faces as well as the expressions faces make. We'll make plaster masks of our own faces and paint them, after studying the expressions each person makes. We'll also create jumbo size self-portraits in charcoal, and, after studying the impressionists, use wool felt to make our own, velvety feeling portraits.

**Date:** August 10th through 13th

**Cost:** \$100

**Time:** 9a.m. to Noon

**Location:** Big Sky Community Park

**Ages:** Entering 5th grade and up

### **AH, MONSTERS!**

Artists have always imagined and created monsters. Now is your chance to follow in their footsteps in this camp, where we will make collaged sketchbooks after studying ancient Egyptian monsters. We will also design monster parts and then use these designs to make our own rubbers stamps—then share them with each other to make our own unique monsters. We'll also make gargoyles out of air-drying clay, and create a gigantic map of Big Sky that includes watercolor monsters around every turn!

**Date:** August 17th through 20th

**Cost:** \$100

**Time:** 9a.m. to Noon

**Location:** Big Sky Community Park

**Ages:** Entering 5th grade and up

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

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**Ages:** 6th grade and UP

**SPECIAL CAMPS THE WEEK JULY 11-17**

**\*OLD FASHIONED GAMES**

Craill Ranch is offering this FREE afternoon of old fashioned games. Kids of all ages will be able to play an assortment of old fashioned games and races. The whole family, including parents and grandparents, is invited to attend and join in the fun.

**Date:** SATURDAY ONLY, July 11th

**Time:** 1p.m.

**Cost:** FREE!!

**Location:** Craill Ranch

**Ages:** All ages!!

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.**