



Tamarack Tales

Tamaracks Resort, Seeley Lake, Montana

Seeley Lake Loon and Fish Festival This Weekend

Seeley Lake kicks off summer with the 6th Annual Loon and Fish Festival May 23 and 24. Activities include nature hikes, an art and craft show, wildlife films, and demonstrations by local artisans. For a schedule of events, see the Seeley-Swan Pathfinder, our local newspaper.

See the Morning Star

This month, the brightest star in the morning sky isn't really a star. It is the planet Venus. If you can get yourself out of bed this Saturday, May 23 about an hour before sunrise and get to a place where you are able to see the Eastern horizon (south of the town at the golf course is a good spot) you will see the bright planet Venus shining not far from a beautiful crescent moon.

bits & pieces

- ★ Welcome back Pro-Fun!
- ★ Welcome back summer campers!!
- ★ A big welcome back to the Tamarack Tales!!
- ★ A BIG welcome back to SUMMER!!
- ★ Did you know that lightning strikes the Earth about 100 times every second?

Another Winter Over and Done?

We hate to say it, we might jinx ourselves, but here it is: Goodbye winter, hello summer!! We at the Tamaracks Resort are always ready to welcome the start of summer and the busy season. Though, to be honest, this winter was a piece of cake compared to last year! We were thankful that Mother Nature chose to lay it on lightly this year. LET THE SUMMER BEGIN!

Can you find Seeley's National Champion?

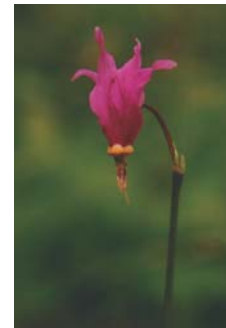
Seeley Lake has a Nation Champion larch tree! This is a must see for everyone. The tree is located in the Jim Girard Memorial Larch Grove. The larch grove is home to many of the largest and oldest (nearly 600 years old!!) trees in the valley. Jim Girard was a Seeley Lake forester who developed a nationwide system of measuring timber for harvest. This is a beautiful place to take a nature walk with the family; there are many trails to explore. To get there from the resort: Take a left turn onto the highway. About halfway through town, take a right turn onto Boy Scout Road. The larch grove is located across the bridge, just past the entrance to Camp Paxson. Keep your eye out for the small parking area on the left, it is easy to miss. To find the National Champion Larch: from the parking area, follow the dirt path to the right. About 10 yards from the parking area, there is a small path off to the right. It will take you right to the giant tree. You can't miss it!

Butterfly Facts

1. Butterflies fly only in the daytime.
2. Butterfly wings are covered with scales, like moths.
3. Unlike moths, butterflies rest with their wings held together vertically over their body.
4. Before butterflies can fly, they must warm their bodies to 81 degrees Fahrenheit or more.
5. Butterflies feed on nectar, tree sap, animal remains, rotting fungi, and honeydew.



Wildflower of the Week



Name: Shooting Star
Size: 4 to 20 inches tall; flower ¾ to 1 inch wide
Habitat: prairies, meadows, open woods
In Bloom: April to June

What to Look For: flower petals white to pink, swept back like trailing flames; leaves spatula shaped at the base of the stalk. This beautiful wildflower looks like a colorful rocket. We have several different species of shooting star in the Rockies including at least one white one.

