



# Tamarack Tales

Tamaracks Resort, Seeley Lake, Montana

## The River

One of our favorite trails in the valley is one where



you don't actually have to hike at all - the Clearwater Canoe Trail. This 3 1/2 mile float trip down the Clearwater River north of Seeley Lake is a great way for the whole family to get out and see some wildlife. Among the animals spotted on the trail are white-tailed deer, moose, black bear, turtles, loons, bald eagles, beaver, and much more. The slow moving water is easy for canoers of any level of experience and the trip can take anywhere from 2 to 3 hours. There are many grassy areas to stop and picnic along the bank with an amazing view of the Swan Mountain Range. The Tamaracks Resort offers a canoe trail package which includes a 3



hour canoe rental and portage to the trail head. For more information and maps, please inquire at the office.

## bits & pieces

HCongratulations and best wishes to Stephanie and Jo Buckson, married at the Tamaracks Resort June 4, 1999!

①There are over 170 different nationalities and more than 200 languages and dialects spoken in the former Soviet Union.

👋Welcome back Ken and JoAnne LaPalm!

①The most common name in the world is Muhammad.

👋Welcome Carter family and friends!

①The Pacific Ocean fills nearly a complete hemisphere of the Earth's surface.

👋Welcome back to Montana Harry and JoAnne Weissman!!

## This week's weather

(As if we know!!)

### Five-Day Forecast

- Friday:** High 69, Low 45  
Mostly Cloudy
- Saturday:** High 64, Low 50  
Showers
- Sunday:** High 58, Low 46  
Showers/Sun
- Monday:** High 51, Low 39  
Showers/Sun
- Tuesday:** High 59, Low 40  
Mostly Cloudy

Source: The Weather Channel Online  
www.weather.com

## Let's Go Hunting For... Porcupine Eggs!?!

What is a porcupine egg, you ask? Also known as beaver balls or larch balls, a porcupine egg is a mass of larch needles all stuck together in the shape of a ball. Now where exactly do you find porcupine eggs? Why, in the lake of course!! Porcupine eggs are formed when the larch needles fall off the trees in the fall and sink to the bottom of the lake where the current gathers them behind logs and other debris and rolls them together to form balls. The balls range in size from about 1 inch to 8 inches in diameter. The larger they are, the more rare they are. Porcupine eggs are most easily found early in the morning when the lake is very calm and you can see to the bottom. They are usually found in water that is about 3 to 8 feet deep. Happy Hunting!!

## Moon phases



## Learn a bit about Red Fox



**Size:** head and body, 20 to 30 inches long; tail, 14 to 16 inches

**What to look for:** usually reddish on back and face, white on underparts; tail bushy and white-tipped; black legs and feet

**Habitat:** farmlands; forests with open areas

## Wildflower of the week



Blue Clematis

**Size:** vine 1 to 6 feet tall, flower 2 to 3 inches wide

**Habitat:** open areas and mid elevation woods to near alpine

**What to look for:** short woody vines creep along the ground or climb on shrubs or other supports when available; flowers blue to purple with four or sometimes five pointed sepals; leaves divided into three widely spaced leaflets

**In bloom:** May through July