



Tamarack Tales

Tamaracks Resort, Seeley Lake, Montana

Introducing... As the summer season draws near, we at the Tamaracks Resort wanted to take a few minutes to let you know a little about us and the activities we are planning for the season. This *Tamarack Tales* is a sample of a weekly newsletter that the Tamaracks Resort publishes during the summer to inform guests about special events and activities happening in the area during their stay. ENJOY!



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We have remodeled the former log recreation building into our beautiful new **Seeley** rental cabin which sleeps six people. The big log home, formerly the office and owner's residence, has also been remodeled into our **Lakeside** rental cabin which sleeps 10 people. We have put up a **temporary office** building, which is located next to the Bathhouse/Laundry, and we have plans this fall to start the construction of our new guest facility which will house our office, gift shop, bathhouse, and guest laundry. Plans are also in the works for a new guest use/group gathering building which we hope to start next spring.

bits & pieces

- ☛ The Tamaracks Resort wishes to welcome all of our summer guests. Lots of changes this year. Please bear with us while we try to get used to them ourselves!
- ☛ Welcome back Pro Fun!!
- ☛ Watch out when you drive in... Yep, we did add those speed bumps to slow your life down and keep the kids safe. Don't forget to look for our temporary office.
- ☛ Happy 13th birthday to Cody!
- ☛ Welcome Chris and Carol, our first guests of the new Seeley cabin. They may not want to go home!
- ☛ Happy 22nd birthday to Jeff!
- ☛ A big thank-you to Mom & Dad for all your help with our giant Spring projects this year!
- ☛ Welcome back to all our seasonal summer campers. We sure are looking forward to those campfires & BBQ's.
- ☛ Road construction on Hwy 83 could slow you down through Seeley Lake this year... if they ever get started.

Bits & Pieces is a column that we have in our newsletter every week. If you have a special announcement for a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or other special occasion that you would like us to publish in an issue of Tamarack Tales, please give us a call at 1-800-477-7216 or e-mail us at heagy@aol.com.

MOON PHASES

MAY 12 MAY 15 MAY 18



the Official Packing List



- ☑ Wallet and cash/traveler's checks
- ☑ Credit & telephone cards
- ☑ Tickets
- ☑ Maps
- ☑ Summer clothes
- ☑ Warm clothes for that unpredictable Montana weather
- ☑ Swimming suit
- ☑ Sandals and water shoes
- ☑ Hiking shoes
- ☑ Jacket/coat
- ☑ Beach towels
- ☑ Sun screen
- ☑ Insect repellent
- ☑ Toiletries
- ☑ Flashlight
- ☑ Small first aid kit
- ☑ Umbrella
- ☑ Video camera/camera & film
- ☑ Food - Seeley Lake has a full-service grocery store just 3 miles from the resort
- ☑ AND IF YOU ARE CAMPING.....
- ☑ Sleeping Bag
- ☑ Tent
- ☑ Tarps
- ☑ Dishes, cookware & utensils
- ☑ Matches
- ☑ Lantern
- ☑ Pocket knife
- ☑ Trash bags
- ☑ Towels & washcloths
- ☑ Chairs



Announcing

The 2nd Annual Tamaracks Resort Fishing Contest

This summer, we will be awarding prizes to some lucky fishermen out there. So don't forget your poles!! Categories: Largest fish by weight & smallest fish by size. Contest Rules: The fish must be caught on Seeley Lake. The fisherman must bring the fish to the office during normal office hours to be weighed and photographed. The contest will run from May 27th through September 4th. Prizes: The winners will each receive a free t-shirt and have their photograph published in an issue of Tamarack Tales. GOOD LUCK!

Congratulations to Dana Sprague, last year's winner with a 12 pound pike. Harry Weissman snagged the smallest perch... 1 1/4 inch! He did throw it back so it could grow up!!



Plan Ahead For....

The following are a few activities that you might want to make arrangements for before your arrival in Seeley Lake:

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Seeley Lake Fun Center - 406-677-2287 - personal watercraft, motorized fishing boats, pontoon boat, rafts, mountain bikes
Kurt's Polaris - 406-677-2833 - personal watercraft

HORSEBACK RIDING

Rich Ranch - 406-677-2317
Double Arrow Resort - 406-677-2777

WHITEWATER RAFTING

10,000 Waves - 406-549-6670 - located near Missoula - approx 1 hour drive from Seeley Lake
Montana River Guides - 406-273-4718 - located near Missoula - approx 1 hour drive from Seeley Lake
Great Northern Whitewater - 800-735-7897 - located near West Glacier - approx 2 hour drive from Seeley Lake
Glacier Raft Company - 800-235-6781 - located near West Glacier - approx 2 hour drive from Seeley Lake

GOLF

Double Arrow Golf Course - 406-677-3247

THEATER

Bigfork Summer Theater - 406-837-4886

Wildflower of the Week



Harebell

Size: 4 to 20 inches tall, flower 3/4 inches wide
Habitat: fields, prairies, cliffs, rocky banks, dry open woods
What to look for: flowers blue to lavender, bell-shaped, on hairlike stalks from tops of stems; leaves slender, scattered along stems
In bloom: May through October

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 Highway 83, Mile 17
 Seeley Lake, MT 59868



Learn a bit about Loons



Size: 28 to 30 inches long

What to look for: large, heavy body; pointed bill, dark head, prominent neck ring, and black and white pattern on back; upper parts dark gray in winter

Habitat: forest-edged lakes, rivers, coasts

Every year we at the Tamaracks anxiously await the arrival of our friends the loons, for with them comes the spring. The best time to see a loon is early in the morning while the lake is still calm and quiet. In the evening, listen for the loon's haunting calls drifting across the lake.



Gift Shop

Smaller, but still here! We've spent the winter expanding and building but the new gift shop/office won't be done until 2001. But, never fear, we still have a few new items in our little temporary store. Please come check us out. We carry a variety of gifts, including huckleberry products, t-shirts, sundry items and much more. The office/gift shop will be open daily from 9 AM to 8 PM.



Seeley Lake

Guest check-in is between the hours of 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM. If you will be arriving later than 8:00 PM, please let us know and we will make arrangements for a late check-in. All guests must check-in at the office upon arrival.

Don't forget our office has moved! It is now located in a temporary building near the bathhouse/laundry.

The Tamaracks Resort no longer allows pets on the resort property. Please make other arrangements for your pets if you will be taking them on vacation with you.

If you have any questions or require any special arrangements, please give us a call at 1-800-447-7216.

Temperature: Average Summer: 78F; Average Winter: 17F

Precipitation: Rainfall: Average Yearly: 10 inches; Snowfall: Average Yearly: 140 inches

Elevation: Seeley Lake: 4000 feet; Highest Peak - Swan Range: Holland Peak - 9356 feet; Highest Peak - Mission Range: McDonald Peak - 9868 feet

Population: 2,400 year-round, 4,500 summer season

Can't get enough of Tamarack Tales? Visit us on the web at www.tamaracksresort.com and see all the issues of our newsletter!

event horizon

Seeley Lake Loon and Fish Festival - May 27 & 28

A celebration of area wildlife. Events include a craft fair, interpretive walks, demonstrations from area artisans, and more.

Seeley Lake Fourth of July Celebration - July 3 & 4

Activities include kid's games, parade, bed races, craft fair, fireworks on the lake, and more.

US Forest Service Interpretive Programs - Twice a week, all summer

Representatives from the Forest Service lead guided hikes, fireside chats, slide presentations, and more. A schedule of programs will be posted in the office.