



Tamarack Tales

Tamaracks Resort, Seeley Lake, Montana

Kid's Corner

Fun with nature
For Kids of all ages

Trees Step outside for a moment and take a look around you. What do you see? Green grass, the shimmering lake, and hundreds and hundreds of towering trees. So many trees, you can't even count them.

Trees have three parts: The **crown** is the top of the tree where the leaves, branches, seeds, and flowers are found. The **trunk** is the stem of the tree. It is covered in bark to protect it. The trunk holds the branches up toward the sunlight, and food travels up the trunk to the branches and leaves. The **roots** are underground. They hold the tree in place and pull up water and food from the soil.

Activity: Make a Bark Rubbing

Things you will need:

- qThin drawing paper or tracing paper
- q4 thumbtacks
- qAssorted crayon stubs with the paper peeled off

Here's what to do:

Use the thumbtacks to pin a piece of paper against the tree trunk at eye level. Rub the flat length of the crayon across the paper. As you rub, the pattern of the bark will appear. You can change the crayon color as often as you like. See how many different kinds of trees you can find by comparing the patterns on your bark rubbings. Remember to remove the thumbtacks from the tree and take them home with you when you are done.

Bits & Pieces

- ☺Welcome Burbridge Family Reunion.
- ☺A big welcome back to the Cohen Family: Clarita, Debbie, Susie & Danny!!!!
- ☺Welcome back Romera Family.
- DDid you know...To make a one pound comb of honey, bees must collect nectar from about two million flowers.
- ☺Welcome back Dick and Carol Smith.
- !Did you know...Although it is one of the rarest metals, gold was the first to be discovered.
- ☺Welcome back Knobel Family.
- ☺Welcome back Jean Poirier.
- jDid you know...The plant life of the oceans makes up about 85 percent of all the greenery on the planet.

This Week's Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH 72° LOW 44°	HIGH 72° LOW 44°	HIGH 72° LOW 42°	HIGH 75° LOW 43°
TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	
HIGH 80° LOW 45°	HIGH 84° LOW 46°	HIGH 83° LOW 44°	

A Visit To Mt. Morrell Lookout

Fire lookouts play an important roll in the early detection of wildfires, saving time and a substantial amount of money by warning the fire protection agency when the fire is still small and can be put out as quickly as possible. Mt. Morrell Lookout has been in operation for almost 80 years, located on Morrell Mountain with a view of the west side of the Swan Valley including Seeley Lake, Placid Lake, Ovando, Helmsville, and Grenough. To get to the lookout, take Hwy 83 south towards Seeley Lake. Turn east on Cottonwood Lakes Rd #477 for 7.7 miles and then turn north onto Morrell Lookout Rd #4365 for 8.3 miles to the gate. It is a ¼ mile walk to the lookout from the gate. The road the to the lookout is a narrow, single lane mountain road with few turnouts, so please drive carefully. Visiting hours are between 9:00 am and 1:00pm.

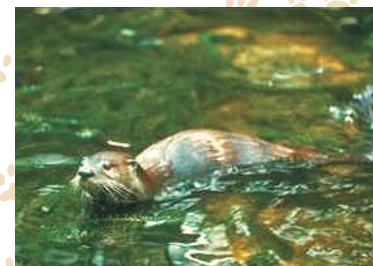
Event Horizon

Seeley Lake Ranger District Interpretive Programs:
Friday, July 7 - Mountain Lions Among Us
 7:30 pm @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area
 For more information, please visit us at the office or contact the Ranger Station at 677-2233

Moon Phases



Learn a bit about River Otter



Size: head and body, 20-35 inches long; tail, 10 to 18 ½ inches long
What to look for: weasel-like shape; dark brown fur, often with golden gloss on head and shoulders; thick, furry tail, tapering toward tip
Habitat: rivers, streams, lakes, and neighboring areas; occasionally in costal areas

Wildflower of the Week



Twinflower
(Linnaea borealis)

Size: vine up to 3 feet long; stems 2 to 3 inches tall; flower ½ inch long
Habitat: dense moist woods, peat bogs
What to look for: vine slender, trailing; flowers pink, bell-shaped, nodding in pairs atop slender, downy stalks; leaves in pairs, round to oval, thick.
In bloom: June through August
Comments: This smallest member of the honeysuckle family was named for Carl Linnaeus, father of modern botanical taxonomy.