



Tamarack Tales

Tamaracks Resort, Seeley Lake, Montana

Kid's Corner

Fun with nature
For kids of all ages

Chipmunks

If you have been outside at all during your stay here, you have probably seen a chipmunk. They are everywhere! And you have most likely heard a chipmunk too. They make a sound like chip, chip, chip which is where their name comes from. Chipmunks are actually a kind of ground squirrel. They make their homes in tunnels under the ground. Chipmunks are fun to watch as they scamper around looking for food and other goodies.

Activity: Make a Chipmunk Swimming Pool
Things you will need:

- A shallow flat-bottomed bowl, basin, or tub at least 18 inches across and 2 to 4 inches deep
- Water from a hose or bucket
- A peanut in the shell, or another type of nut that will float

Here's what to do:

Pick a spot on the ground where you want to set up your swimming pool. Put it in a place where you have seen chipmunks running around. Scrape the ground to make it flat so the bowl will not wobble. Put 2 or 3 inches of water in the bowl. Let it stay there for a day so the chipmunks get used to it. After a day, float a peanut in the bowl and watch from a distance. The chipmunks will want the peanut so much, they will swim for it.

Bits & Pieces

A cosmic year is the amount of time it takes the sun to revolve around the center of the Milky Way, about 225 million years.

Welcome Tieken Family Reunion.

Welcome VanDohla Family Reunion.

About 27 tons of dust rains down on the Earth each day from space, making a total of almost 10,000 tons each year.

Welcome Back Ed and Laurie Rice.

Light from the moon takes about a second and a half to reach Earth.

Welcome Hoover Family Reunion.

The Earth travels through space at 660,000 miles per hour.

Welcome back Denning Family Reunion.

On Venus, the Sun rises in the west and sets in the east, the opposite of the Earth.

Welcome back Helman Family.

The Sun provides our planet with 126,000,000,000,000 horsepower of energy every day.

This Week's Weather

| FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | |
| HIGH 87° LOW 47° | HIGH 85° LOW 47° | HIGH 83° LOW 46° | HIGH 88° LOW 45° |
| TUESDAY | WED | THURSDAY | |
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| HIGH 90° LOW 45° | HIGH 89° LOW 45° | HIGH 84° LOW 43° | |

Seeley Lake Water Temperature: 72°

Seeley Lake Interpretive Programs

Friday, August 4 - Smokejumper Tim Eldridge talks about Montana's most exciting career 7:30 pm @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area

At the time of printing, we had not yet received the full week's schedule of programs. Please visit the office or contact the Seeley Lake Ranger Station for the full schedule.

All programs are free to the public. You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket, insect repellent, and marshmallows for roasting by the fire. In case of bad weather, programs will be held at Seeley Creek Trailhead Shelter. For more information, please visit us at the office or contact the Seeley Lake Ranger Station at 677-2233.

Level III Fire Restrictions In Effect:

- *No Campfires
 - *No Smoking
 - *No Briquettes
 - *No Barbeques
- Except Propane or White Gas

Our Hungry Visitor

Please be aware that we have a black bear roaming the camp. Do not leave trash or food items outside your cabin or camper at night.

Moon Phases



Learn a bit about Painted Turtle



Size: shell length: 4 to 9 3/4 inches
What to look for: carapace smooth, olive to black, with red bars or crescents along edge; plastron (bottom of shell) yellow, sometimes with markings
Habitat: shallow, weedy freshwater areas
Comments: The Painted Turtle is a member of the Basking Turtle family. You often find these turtles sunbathing on a favorite log.

Wildflower of the Week



Marsh Cinquefoil
(Potentilla palustris)

Size: 4 to 24 inches tall; flower 3/4 to 1 inch wide

Habitat: wet meadows, swamps, marshes

What to look for: flowers crimson, star-shaped, scattered on slender stems; leaflets toothed, in groups of 5 to 7

In bloom: June through August

Comments: The name cinquefoil means five-leaf. The leaves of many species are divided into five leaflets.