



Tamarack Tales

Tamaracks Resort, Seeley Lake, Montana

Kid's Corner

Fun with nature
For kids of all ages

Activity: Hang a Squirrel Nut-Ball

Things you will need:

- About 2 cups of nuts of all sizes; nuts can be in the shell or shelled
- Peanut butter
- Wax paper
- A piece of thin wire about 12 inches long
- A piece of string about 5 feet long

Here's what to do:

Roll the larger nuts in a thin coat of peanut butter. Place each nut on the wax paper. Make little balls of nuts by sticking the smaller nuts together with peanut butter. When you have about 10 nut clusters, stick them all together in one big ball. The nut-ball should be about 6 inches across. Set the ball aside on wax paper for a couple of days to harden. Push the wire through the center of the nut-ball, so half is sticking out each side. Twist the ends of the wire together at the top of the ball. Tie one end of the string to the wire loop. Tie the other end of the string to the branch of a tree. Make sure the ball hangs so it is not resting against the tree trunk, but will swing in all directions. Have fun watching the squirrels try to catch the nut ball, and even swing from it!!

Dits & Pieces

% "Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.

(Welcome Denning Family Reunion.

! "E" is the most frequently used letter in the English alphabet, "Q" is the least.

Welcome McDonnell Family Reunion.

4A "clue" originally meant a ball of thread. This is why one is said to "unravel" the clues of a mystery.

? A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time. It is 1/100 of a second.

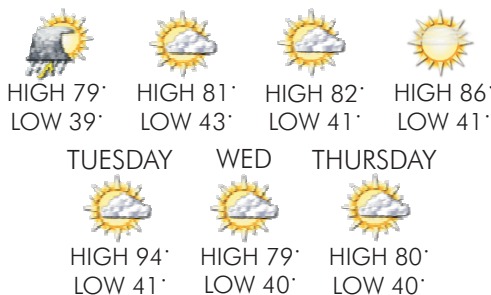
= Welcome Cole Family.

WA 45-letter word connoting a lung disease, pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis is the longest word in Webster's Third New International Dictionary.

T Welcome Cockburn Family.

y Levan, Utah is "navel" spelled backwards. It was so named because it is in the middle of Utah.

This Week's Weather



Seeley Lake Water Temperature: 75°

Seeley Lake Interpretive Programs

► Friday, August 11 - Seeley Lake Fire Crew - Fire on the Mountain - 7:30 PM @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area

Wednesday, August 16 - The Bull Trout of the Seeley-Swan with Barry Cummings - 7:30 PM @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area

Thursday, August 17 - Fireside Chat with David Freiberg - 7:30 PM @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area

Friday, August 18 - Fire Ecology with Bob Keane - 7:30 PM @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area

All programs are free to the public. You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and insect repellent. For more information, please visit us at the office or contact the Seeley Lake Ranger Station at 677-2233. The interpretive programs will continue to be held at Big Larch Campground as long as it remains open to the public.

Fire Restrictions in Effect

- ◆ No campfires, barbecues, propane or gas lanterns or stoves, or open flame of any kind.
- ◆ No smoking except in an enclosed vehicle.
- ◆ All public lands are closed to the public with the exception of the campgrounds and resorts around Seeley Lake.

Visit the office for more information.

Moon Phases



Learn a bit about Coyote



Size: head and body, 32 to 40 inches long; tail, 12 to 15 inches

What to look for: gray on back, with red on flanks; tawny legs, feet, and ears; tail held between legs when running

Habitat: prairies, open forests, brush

Comments: Coyotes have frequently been condemned as livestock-killers, but they are primarily predators of rodents, rabbits, and other small animals.

Wildflower of the Week



Wild Onion

(Allium drummondii)

Size: 4 to 12 inches tall; flower ¼ to ½ inch wide

Habitat: dry prairies, plains

What to look for: flowers rose-purple to white, in loose cluster atop leafless stem; leaves grasslike, arising from base of stem

In bloom: July through September