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January 2011

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#### Ski Day at the B Bar



Each year the [B Bar Ranch](#) hosts a cross country ski day fundraiser for MOSS. In 2011 it will be February 5th from 9 - 4. The B Bar boasts 30 kilometers of groomed trails for cross-country ski enthusiasts of all abilities. We are so incredibly lucky to be able to have this event in such a majestic place. You will not want to miss this rare opportunity to ski in a beautiful setting and enjoy a delicious meal with your MOSS friends, call 406-848-7729 to register today!

#### Job Opportunity

Would you like to become part of the MOSS team? We are now taking applications for [Education Director](#).

I am sad to report that both Marty O'Leary and Sydni Tangaro have left MOSS. Marty worked tirelessly to lead our education programs forward. Her ability to meet the needs of instructors, staff and students will be very difficult to replace. Similarly, Sydni has diligently balanced the books for MOSS for the past couple of years. And then I also have to bid farewell to outgoing board members Jennifer Allain, Jayne Hayward and Sue Higgins.

All the above mentioned made my first few months so much easier than they would otherwise have been. Natalie Gilmer has graciously accepted the position as our new Finance Manager. We are in the process now of conducting a search for a new Education Director. Our challenge is to continue the excellent work started by Marty by expanding our outreach to area schools, and summer camp programs, while also offering more opportunities to adults. It is imperative that we get people outside more. Yes, your children might have received the latest gaming technology for Christmas, but please, make sure they spend an hour outside each day. It will make them (and you) worlds happier.

Sincerely, Steve Eshbaugh, Executive Director

#### January 27 - [Volunteer](#) Orientation & Training

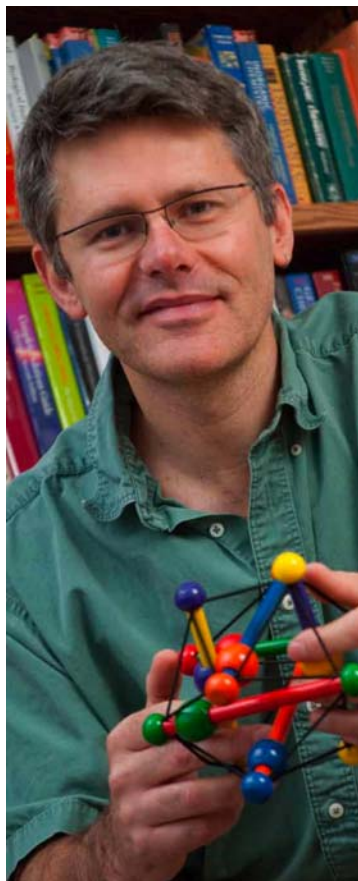
Together, MOSS and the US Fish and Wildlife Service at the Fish Technology Center organize a group of volunteers called Friends of the Fish Technology Center (Friends). The goal of the Friends is to create opportunities for community use of land, trails and outdoor facilities for educational and recreational uses such as hiking, birding, painting, fish-viewing, and sight-seeing. And also maintaining land and property in a healthy and appealing condition for these uses. The center is visited by thousands of people each year and with that many visitors comes many responsibilities. We need your help! MOSS hosts community outreach events, fundraisers, child and family programs year round which also creates volunteer opportunities for the Friends. Please join us for

MOSS Resident Bunny comes out to say "Hello"



**New MOSS Board Member:**

MOSS Welcomes our newest [board](#) member: MSU Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Trevor Douglas, Ph.D.



**Snowflake Branching**

Ever wonder how snowflakes develop their elaborate shapes? [Click here](#) to learn more about

**[Orientation](#) Thursday, January 27, 2011 from 2 - 4 pm.**  
 rsvp at [admin@outdoorscience.org](mailto:admin@outdoorscience.org) or call Teresa Soule at 582-0526

**Register for an Avalanche Course TODAY!**

This course follows the recommended 24 hour curriculum used by the American Avalanche Association. The course covers terrain, weather, snowpack and human factors, all of which contribute to avalanche hazard. During the field sessions students will identify avalanche terrain, practice route finding, dig snow pits, identify weak layers, make stability evaluations and practice avalanche rescue. Space is limited so register today!

Our winter avalanche instructors, Angela & Pascal have 30 years experience between them teaching about snow appreciation and safety. Check out their [bios](#)!

[Click here](#) for detailed class description or to register please contact Montana Outdoor Science School at 582-0526.

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#### **[ADULT AVALANCHE COURSES](#)**

Classes will be a 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday with a combination of lecture & field time.

**AVALANCHE 1 COURSE**, **January 28-30, 2011 SOLD OUT!** or February 11-13, 2011 Cost is \$220 per person.

Call MOSS to register **582-0526**.

#### **[CROSS COUNTRY SKI DAY](#) at [B Bar Ranch](#)**

**Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 9 am to 4 pm**

Fun for the whole family! \$25 adults, \$10 ages 7-12 and under 7 free

To register please call B Bar Ranch Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 406-848-7729.

#### **[SCHOOL'S OUT DAYS](#) with the [Museum of the Rockies](#)**

**SPRING BREAK, Herpetology: Slither and Slide, March 14-18**

Whole week: \$205 for museum members, \$230 for non-members

M/W/F: \$140 for museum members, \$155 for non-members

T/Th: \$95 for museum members, \$105 for non-members

Grades K-5 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Call MOSS to register **582-0526**.

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