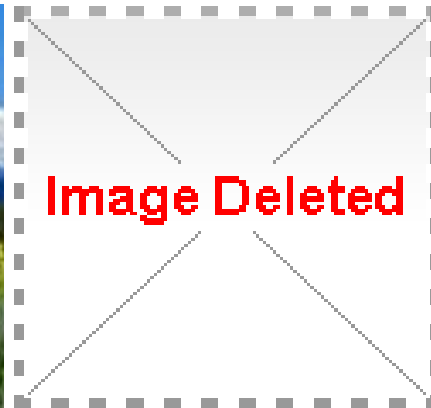


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## MOSS Guided Nature Walks

*New MOSS nature walks throughout Gallatin County will provide families opportunities to explore the great outdoors*

Help Get Children Outdoors!

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The mission of Montana Outdoor Science School (MOSS) is to promote an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural world through quality educational experiences. Founded in 1994 by three inspired women with an extraordinary vision, MOSS has been getting kids outside, exploring nature, and engaging students in place-based inquiry activities.

**Help MOSS reach our goal of serving more than 5,000 students in Gallatin County through an online or mail-in contribution.**

**You hike the trails here regularly. Perhaps you hear a bird call and aren't quite sure of the identity of the incredible music-maker. Maybe it's a Yellow Warbler or perhaps a Vesper Sparrow?**

**You see a flower and notice its spectacular yellow petals, and you immediately identify it as Arrowleaf Balsamroot. Did you also know this plant was a key part of the diet of Native American Tribes in Montana? By baking and steaming the roots, oil-rich seeds, and flower stems, the plant could be used as a nutritious food source and even a wound healer. The sticky sap produced a topical ointment to help aid cuts and scrapes.**

**Maybe you're comfortable with bird and flower identification, but what about herpetology? What would you do if a Gopher snake crossed your path? What should you do? Enjoy its graceful movements or hightail it out of there?**

**At Montana Outdoor Science School, we love finding new discoveries and we are excited to offer free-to-the-public nature hikes. These family-fun, casual strolls will take place on Saturdays from various starting points and times around Gallatin Valley. Just visit our website and click on the calendar tab for more information about the time and date of our next nature walk. We hope to see you there so we can explore our beautiful state together!**

Sincerely,

**Steve Eshbaugh, Executive Director of Montana Outdoor Science School**

***WORLD-RENOWNED PIANIST***



# ~Peter Duchin~

*Invites you to an exclusive  
Summer Soiree Benefiting  
Montana Outdoor Science School*

**Friday, August 12th at 7 o'clock**

*Extraordinary music, great wine, and a cocktail buffet. Space is limited and we encourage you to reply early. Please call MOSS offices for more information and ticket pricing.*

## MOSS Save the Date

Support MOSS and our neighboring organizations at any of these upcoming events:

July 14--6:30-8:00

**Music on Main**

Join MOSS at Music on Main! Featuring family-fun activities, mystery boxes, and animal face masks!

July 16--10:00-12:00

**Nature Walk**

MOSS Nature Walk at Drinking Horse Trail guided by Carolyn Hopper & Steve Eshbaugh (meet in the Drinking Horse Trail parking lot).

July 26--5:00-8:00

**Bogert Farmer's Market**

Join MOSS at the Bogert Farmer's Market! Featuring family-fun activities, mystery boxes, and animal face masks!

July 30--10:00-12:00

**Nature Walk**

MOSS Nature Walk at Drinking Horse Trail guided by Carolyn Hopper & Steve Eshbaugh (meet in the Drinking Horse Trail parking lot).

July 27--8:00-9:00am



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*e-mail: [kvalentine@outdoorscience.org](mailto:kvalentine@outdoorscience.org)*

*phone: (406) 582-0526*

*At the Bozeman home of Robert and Sally Uhlmann.*

**Are you ready  
for *your* adventure?**

### Discovery Days

MOSS invites you to attend Discovery Days to learn about the mission, vision, and future planning of MOSS. Discovery Days are held at the MOSS offices on the last Wednesday of each month.

**August 12--7:00pm**

#### Peter Duchin Concert

Join MOSS and world-renowned pianist, Peter Duchin, for extraordinary music, great wine, and a cocktail buffet. Tickets are available by calling 406-582-0526 or e-mailing at [kvalentine@outdoorscience.org](mailto:kvalentine@outdoorscience.org).

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### MOSS Volunteer Force: We Need You!

Join the MOSS team as a volunteer! We are looking for enthusiastic, dedicated, and passionate volunteers to help serve our mission, reach hundreds of students and campers through inquiry-based scientific learning, and promote the natural outdoors.

#### MOSS Teen Lead Explorers

Encourage your teenager to join MOSS this summer as a volunteer Teen Lead Explorer! Teens will explore their natural surroundings in leadership and service-oriented projects!

Please call  
406-582-0526 or e-mail us at



## Summer Camp Registration Still Open!

Featuring more than **20 outdoor science summer camps** in Gallatin Valley and beyond!

From bug netting and exploring spineless creatures to backpacking and searching for the fastest animal alive, a MOSS Summer is always filled with **adventure, fun, friendship, and learning.**

### REGISTER TODAY!

406.582.0526

[www.outdoorscience.org](http://www.outdoorscience.org)

**Please call our offices for additional information at  
406.582.0526**

**Scholarship opportunities are available.**

**Montana Outdoor Science School proudly presents:**

***Discovery Days***

[admin@outdoorscience.org](mailto:admin@outdoorscience.org).  
We'd love to hear from you!

### MOSS Science Lessons at Home

Love MOSS programs so much and want to try something fun at home with your family? Here's our MOSS Science Lesson at home for July!

Challenge friends or family members to a game of "sound mapping". Ask family members or friends to go to an area in your backyard or nearby park, with equal distances between each participant. Take along a piece of paper and pencil for each person to record observations. Instruct each person to close their eyes, and mark an "x" on their paper for different sounds they hear. After several minutes of quiet observation, ask members to open their eyes and explore the location sounds without moving from their spot. Record as many evidences of interactions among plants and animals, and share with your family and friends. What did you hear? What did you see? How many different sights and sounds did you experience from a different area in your backyard?

This is a great way to explore your daily surroundings with a new lens!

MOSS invites you to attend Discovery Days on  
Wednesday, July 27th from 8:00-9:00am and  
*discover* a lasting impression.

Learn the mission, vision and future planning of MOSS  
Hear our exciting *new* outdoor adventure K-12  
programs for 2012  
Connect through inquiry-based learning  
Explore how *you* can make an impact

Contact MOSS offices at 406-582-0526 or e-mail  
[kvalentine@outdoorscience.org](mailto:kvalentine@outdoorscience.org) to learn more and RSVP.

### MOSS Turtle Naming Contest

If you haven't met our newest family members, stop in the MOSS offices to meet our newest turtles, a red-eared slider and a yellow map turtle! They would love to meet you!

We started a turtle naming contest in June and we decided to continue the contest throughout July. We have received several great name submissions, and look forward to receiving even more over the next several weeks!

Submitting names for our turtles couldn't be easier...simply call, e-mail, or mail in your submission with a sentence or two about why you have chosen the name. Please make sure to include your contact information.

Winners receive a MOSS "Montanimals" sweatshirt!

#### **Please call, e-mail, or mail submissions to:**

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Bozeman, MT 59771  
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